

Keizer Community Library Book Club Kits

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Author	Title	Synopsis	# copies	# pages	Barcode
Brittain, Vera	Testament of Youth	In 1915 Vera Brittain abandoned her studies at Oxford to enlist as a nurse in the armed services. Before the war was over she had served in London, Malta, and close to the Western Front in France--and she had lost all the men she loved. This is a memoir and an elegy for the bright, passionate generation who came of age on the eve of the war and vanished in its trenches.	10	661	45477
Capote, Truman	Breakfast at Tiffany's	The story of a young Southern-born writer, known only to us as Fred, who becomes infatuated with his Upper East Side neighbor: the beguiling, effervescent beauty Miss Holiday Golightly. As Holly pulls Fred into her world of spontaneous parties and luxury, he finds himself increasingly fascinated with this captivating woman	9	157	45466
Carlin, John	Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the game that made a nation	In 1985, Nelson Mandela, then in prison for 23 years, set about winning over the fiercest proponents of apartheid, from his jailers to the head of South Africa's military. First he earned his freedom and then he won the presidency in the nation's first free election in 1994. But he knew that South Africa was still dangerously divided. Mandela picked one of the more far-fetched causes imaginable--the national rugby team, the Springboks, who would host the sport's World Cup in 1995--to unite his country.	11	274	45478
Chamberlin, Holly	The Friends We Keep	Meet Sophie, Eva, and John. In college, they did everything together. Then they drifted apart. Now, twenty years later, they're about to reunite to compare lives, talk about the past, and plan for the future. But will it bring them closer together or tear them apart? What starts as a warm reunion soon gives way to old insecurities, hidden passions, romantic misadventures, new secrets, and shocking betrayal.	10	424	45479

Doctorow, E. L.	Ragtime	Three remarkable families lives' become entwined with Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Theodore Dreiser, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata at the turn of the century.	10	320	45473
Herrera, Yuri	Signs Preceding the End of the World	Yuri Herrera does not simply write about the border between Mexico and the United States and those who cross it. He explores the crossings and translations people make in their minds and language as they move from one country to another, especially when there's no going back. Traversing this lonely territory is Makina, a young woman who knows only too well how to survive in a violent, macho world. Leaving behind her life in Mexico to search for her brother, she is smuggled into the US carrying a pair of secret messages--one from her mother and one from the Mexican underworld.	10	107	45474
Lynch, Sarah-Kate	Dolci di Love	The author of "House of Daughters" delivers an irresistible confection of love, loss, and Italian sweets in the delectable tradition of "Chocolat."	10	305	45467
McCullough, Colleen	Caesar's Women	The story of Julius Caesar on the theme that behind every man there stands a woman. In this case there were several, among them his strong-willed mother, his formidable mistress and his beautiful daughter, whom he married to Pompey in order to cement an alliance. The story is told against the background of everyday life in ancient Rome, detailing the mores and manners of the day.	11	907	45468
McGahan, Andrew	The White Earth	William is eight years old when his father is killed in a farming accident and he is invited, along with his psychologically fragile mother, to live with his great-uncle John McIvor at the decaying homestead of Kuran House. McIvor, a hard and driven man, is organising a rally against the Native Title Act, whilst at the same time testing William as a potential heir of Kuran House. His mother is desperate for the security and wealth she has never had, and the pressures on Will from his mother and uncle are unrelenting. As the past and present of Kuran Station unravel and merge, the price of that inheritance may prove to be the downfall of them all.	10	376	45469
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Nguyen, Viet Thanh	The Sympathizer	The narrator, a communist double agent, is a 'man of two minds', a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the fall of Saigon, and	10	385	45476

while building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam. The sympathizer is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship

Saramago, Jose	The Elephant's Journey	The enchanting tale of an elephant, his keeper, and their journey through sixteenth-century Europe, based on a true story.	10	205	45470
Sendker, Jan-Philipp	The Art of Hearing Heartbeats	When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be--until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the listener's belief in the power of love to move mountains.	9	325	45471
Turgenev, Ivan	Fathers & Sons	This story of two young men and their families "explains just about everything you need to know about families, love, heartache, religion, duels and the institution of serfdom in 19th-century Russia.	9	168	45480
Ulitskaya, Liudmila	The Big Green Tent	An orphaned poet, a gifted pianist and a budding photographer meet in a mid-20th-century Moscow school and eventually embody the heroism, folly, compromise and hope of the Soviet dissident experience.	10	573	45475