Resources for Readers, Finding Your Perfect Match
How will you decide what to read next?

With new books arriving in our libraries every day, choosing what to read next isn’t always easy! Luckily, KCLS has tools and services to help you select the perfect book. The first stop on your quest for your next favorite read should be BookMatch (kcls.org/bookmatch). Fill out a short survey about your reading preferences and get a personalized list of recommendations created just for you. There’s no request too specialized or too general—whether you’re looking for audiobook versions of lighthearted mysteries set in 1920s England with a female detective or you’ve just finished The Boys in the Boat and want something similar, we’re here to help!

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Thanks to your generous donations in 2016, ideaX is expanding! Librarians are finding new ways to deliver these exciting programs to the community, including adding programs for all ages and increasing the number of mobile ideaX programs to reach kids where they live and play.

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The KCLS Foundation is standing behind KCLS in support of this exciting initiative. In 2017, the Foundation will provide $463,238 of funding to ideaX for the program expansion and anchor site development, with the intention to increase this funding significantly in 2018 and 2019.

You can see the impact of this exciting program during the Xperience! Music & Technology Festival at the Bellevue Library on May 20-21. This ideaX showcase will feature workshops in the many ideaX technologies, performances by ideaX alumni, and discussion on the future of the program. Search “ideaX” on the KCLS events calendar to find more information on this and other upcoming ideaX programs at a library near you.

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