

Maine Calling “ReadME & Summer Reads” (June 5, 2026) — Recommended Books

Panelists:

Lewis Robinson, author of *The Islanders* — 2026 selected ReadME novel

Margot Anne Kelley, author of *A Gardner at the End of the World* —2026 selected ReadME nonfiction

Samaa Abdurraqib, executive director, Maine Humanities Council, author of *Towards a Retreat*

2026 ReadME Young Adult/Children’s Book selections:

Lucy: How Lucille Ball Did It All: by Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville, Illustrated by Brigette Barrager

Monster Locker by Jorge Aguirre & Andres Vera Martinez

Book Recommendations —suggested by listeners and panelists:

Murderbot Diaries (All Systems Red, 1st in the series) by Martha Wells

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Baby in a Box: Stories by Sarah Braunstein

We Will See You Bleed by Ron Currie (coming out in 2027)

Strata: Stories from Deep Time by Laura Poppick

Permission: The New Memoirist and the Courage to Create by Elissa Altman

A Year with Seals: Unlocking the Secrets of the Sea's Most Charismatic and Controversial Creatures by Alix Morris

The Architects of Control by Harold Greene

Notes on Infinity by Austin Taylor

If Anyone Builds it, Everyone Dies: Why Superhuman AI Would Kill Us All by Eliezer Yudkowsky & Nate Soares

Bitten: The Secret History of Lyme Disease and Biological Weapons by Kris Newby

All Honorable Men: The Story of the Men on Both Sides of the Atlantic Who Successfully Thwarted Plans to Dismantle the Nazi Cartel System by James Stewart Martin

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Women, Life, Freedom by Marjane Satrapi

The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

Let There Be Light: The Real Story of Her Creation by Liana Finck

The Martian by Andy Weir

Project: Hail Mary by Andy Weir

Books by Octavia Butler

Books by N.K. Jemisin

The Footstool by Kit Remsen

The Gourmet Cookbook for Astrology Lovers by Peter Marks

Living Twice: Essays on Poetry and Life by Wes McNair (not yet available)

Three Things I know Are True and other books by Betty Culley

Books by T J Klune

Books by Lee Mandelo

Ring Shout by P. Djèlí Clark

Sailing at the Edge of Disaster: A Memoir of a Young Woman's Daring Year by Elizabeth W. Garber

Trees of Acadia: The Past, Present, and Future of Park Forests by Catherine Schmitt

Cool, Hard News by Maureen Milliken

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Paranoid Story Telling by Judson Merrill