While underrated and underappreciated from a literary standpoint, the sci-fi and fantasy genres, more often than not, do a better job of examining the human condition from a more complex and metaphorical standpoint than traditional fiction. Check out some of these great selections that are sure to please, no matter what you normally read:

**Storm Front** by Jim Butcher

For Harry Dresden, Chicago’s only professional and openly practicing wizard, business, to put it mildly, stinks. So when the police bring him in to consult on a grisly double murder committed with black magic, Harry’s seeing dollar signs. But where there’s black magic, there’s a black mage behind it. And now that mage knows Harry’s name.

**Ender’s Game** by Orson Scott Card

Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses — then training them in the arts of war... The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of ‘games’... Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games... He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet?

**Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams

It’s safe to say that *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* is one of the funniest science fiction novels ever written. Adams spoofs many core science fiction tropes: space travel, aliens, interstellar war—stripping away all sense of wonder and repainting them as commonplace, even silly while still managing to create one the most beloved series of novels in the genre.

**A Game of Thrones** by George R.R. Martin

Nearing the end of it’s second season run on HBO, Game of Thrones is much more mainstream than it was just a few years ago. However, it has been close to the hearts of epic fantasy fans for close to two decades.

**Miss Peregrine's Home for Extraordinary Children** by Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island, an abandoned orphanage, and a strange collection of very curious photographs all waits to be explored in Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children. In his New York Times best seller, Ransom Riggs has managed to provide an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography to create a thrilling reading experience.
Library Club News

Knitting/Crocheting Group

Tuesday, June 26 at 4:30pm at the Malta Branch

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please come to our monthly meeting. All levels of skill are welcome! We are happy to help with your project or just make a 7”x9” square for charity.

Moderator: Roberta Ambrosino

Dinner and a Movie with the American Movie Club

Friday, June 15 at 6pm at Clark House

Call the Library for Title

Moderator: Kimberley Debus

Please bring a dish to share.

Morning Book Club

Thursday, June 14 at 11am at the Malta Branch

Still Missing by Chevy Stevens

The Space Between Us by Thrifty Umrigar

Moderator: Shirley Ryan

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm at the Malta Branch

In Other Rooms, Other Wonders by Daniyal Mueenuddin

Moderator: Charlene Durham

If you would like to join us for any of our book clubs, call us at the branch where the club is meeting, and we will order a copy of our current book for you. If you would like to join us for our movie club, call Clark House at 899-2285 and let us know you’re coming, and bring a dish to share.

Online Resources—Available only through the Library—Available 24/7!

www.RoundLakeLibrary.org
Electronics Recycling SUCCESS!
Thanks to all who brought electronics for recycling. We donated 12 TONS, every bit of which will be recycled. The Round Lake Library will receive a portion of the proceeds. Thanks!

OUR PIZZA GARDEN IS GROWING!
Already our pizza garden is growing! You can see it outside the back porch of Clark House.
You can help us tend our garden—we’ll gather certain Wednesdays in June to weed, fertilize, and water, and help the ingredients for a delicious home grown pizza grow!
Please call Clark House for details.

Third Annual Ice Cream Social
Thursday, June 28 at 2pm
at Clark House
Friday, June 29 at 6:30pm
at the Malta Branch
Everyone’s invited to make their own sundaes as we celebrate the end of the school year and the start of summer. Bring your sweet tooth!

THE BEST VALUE OF THE SEASON!
TICKETS TO
THE GREAT ESCAPE & SPLASHWATER KINGDOM!
⇒ Many days to choose from – 6/1 – 6/3, 6/6 – 6/10, 6/13 – 6/30
⇒ A full day of unlimited rides, spectacular shows, and incredible attractions for just $22.50
⇒ Opportunity to upgrade your Coasters for a Cause ticket to a season ticket or a special C’Mon Back ticket to revisit the park any day during our 2012 season
⇒ The Round Lake Library receives $5 for every ticket sold!
Purchase your tickets at both Library locations!
Teen Movie and Wedding Party!
Monday, June 4 at 6pm at Clark House
Friday, June 8 at 6pm at the Malta Branch
Join us for a classic fairy tale with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess, and yes, some kissing!
Celebrate this happy Hollywood ending with white wedding cupcakes and punch.
Due to licensing restrictions, please call the library for exact film title.

Teen Legos Club
Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30pm at the Malta Branch
Thursday, June 14 at 4:30pm at Clark House
Join the Library’s Legos Club, get a membership card and build great things!

Teen Talk: Bullying
Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30pm at Clark House
Bullying hurts—physically and emotionally. Join Molly Shapiro for a discussion on how to deal with bullying, how to address what—and who—is bothering you, and share some tips for dealing with bullying. For tweens and teens in grades 6-8

Beginning Sign Language
Thursday, June 7 at 4:30pm at Clark House
Learn one of the most popular languages in use today. Molly Shapiro will teach you the American sign language alphabet, words, names, and some basic sentences. It’s easy, fun, and useful!

Programs for Young Children

Toddler Story Time
Tuesday, June 12 at 10:30am at Clark House
Thursday, June 14 at 10:45am at the Malta Branch
A story time for children ages 2-3 years old.

Preschool Story Time
Wednesday, June 13 at 2pm at Clark House
Thursday, June 14 at 11:30am at the Malta Branch
A story time for children ages 3-5 years old.

Baby & Me
Tuesdays, June 12 and 26 at 11:15am at Clark House
Stories, music and movement for babies 3-24 months and a caregiver.

Preschool Movie
Tuesday, June 26 at 2pm at Clark House
Join us for a preschool movie with loveable character Angelina Ballerina. Learn how Angelina follows her dreams on stage and off. Due to licensing restrictions, please call the library for exact title.

Unless otherwise indicated, please register for the programs you plan to attend! You can call, stop by, or register on our calendar.
Summer Reading Sign Up Celebration

Thursday, June 21 at 1pm at Clark House  Friday, June 22 at 1pm at the Malta Branch

Join as we kick off our Summer Reading Program with crafts, activities and prizes. Sign up for summer reading and enjoy summer activities, programs, movies and much more!

Family PJ Movie Night

Wednesday, June 27 at 6pm at Clark House

Help us kick off Summer Reading with a classic movie about a fantastic dream! Come in your pj's and join us for the classic story of a young girl from Kansas who finds herself dreaming about a dancing scarecrow, singing lions, a tin man and a yellow brick road. Due to licensing restrictions we cannot post the movie title. Please call the library for exact title.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

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**Magic Tree House Club**

**Friday, June 15 at 4:30pm at Clark House**

Come explore the world of Jack and Annie! Our Magic Tree House Club is designed for children in grades 1-4.

At each meeting we will introduce and explore one of the many stories in the series. Through activities and crafts children will learn about the many different places Jack and Annie visit. Extra copies of the month’s book will be available for check out at Clark House.