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## Mysteries and thrillers top the list of most popular books in 2020

Reginans couldn't get enough of their mysteries and thrillers in 2020, according to statistics compiled by Regina Public Library.

Page-turners such as [The Family Upstairs](#) by Lisa Jewell, [The Silent Patient](#) by Alex Michalides, and [The Guest List](#) by Lucy Foley flew off the digital shelf as the pandemic forced us into isolation.

In general, use of fiction eBooks increased by 30 per cent in 2020. "More than ever, people were looking for escape and entertainment in 2020," said Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO. "It was great to see them turning to reading and books to help out."

Reginans also stocked up on books made popular by TV and movies: readers followed Beth Harmon's journey into competitive chess in [The Queen's Gambit](#) by Walter Tevis, witnessed the world of the Richardson family upended in [Little Fires Everywhere](#) by Celeste Ng, and fell in love with Daphne Bridgerton and Simon Basset in *Bridgerton*, based on [The Duke and I](#) by Julia Quinn.

World events also dictated reader interest, such as the Black Lives Matter movement, which inspired interest in books such as [How To Be an Antiracist](#) and [Stamped From the Beginning](#) by Ibram X Kendi, and [Me & White Supremacy](#) by Layla Saad. Books about U.S. politics were also in high demand, most notably Mary Trump's [Too Much and Never Enough](#), and Barack Obama's [A Promised Land](#)."

Closer to home, the top circulating Saskatchewan books included [Five Little Indians](#), a novel about residential school survivors by Michelle Good; [When the Trees Crackle with Cold](#), an illustrated picture book exploring a Cree calendar by Bernice Johnson-Laxdal; and [A Geography of Blood](#) a historical memoir set in the Cypress Hills area by Candace Savage.

Psychological thrillers continue to be in demand in early 2021, and we also expect politics and social justice will be topics of interest. It's also clear that digital resources will continue to be popular.

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