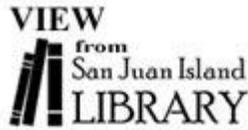


Giving Thanks

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It's that time of year, and I don't need long to think about two things I'm most thankful for: I'm thankful for books and libraries because I believe in the power of books and libraries to change lives for the better.

I'm thankful I can read any book that I choose and share that freedom with others.

I'm thankful for talented authors and illustrators who share their amazing visions.

I'm thankful for the power of imagination that allows me to melt into other worlds artfully created.

I'm thankful for examples set by characters that help shape my beliefs and actions.

I'm thankful for the powerful emotions books produce in me.

I'm thankful that books can help me understand other people better and change the way I see things around me.

I'm thankful books can be read in so many different formats because I like to have options.

I'm thankful for the smell and feel of paper.

I'm thankful for the ease and portability of ebooks.

I'm thankful for audiobooks to keep me company on commutes.

I'm thankful to read books I fall in love with.

I'm thankful for classics that contain complex truths or lessons which bond us together by shared reading, discussion and cultural knowledge.

I'm thankful for cozy nooks, comfy chairs and warm fires that make reading a relaxing experience.

I'm thankful for books that keep my on the edge of my seat or my pillow.

I'm thankful for books that make me wish they would never end.

I'm thankful for books I finish and immediately want to recommend to someone else.

I'm thankful when I discover a new author and know I have many more books to read after the first is finished.

I'm thankful for bedtime stories and a granddaughter who affords me the joy of reading aloud to a child.

I'm thankful to know I'll never run out of books that I'm dying to read because my TBR (To Be Read) list continues to grow.

I'm thankful for books because I believe they can lead to powerful, positive changes in ourselves and in our world.

So tell me . . . what are you thankful for?