Simple things to do to keep up with readers’ advisory

1. Expand your reading – read in unfamiliar genres
2. Design a personal reading plan
3. Keep a list of book you have read
4. Talk about books, either to patrons or staff
5. Read reviews, both fiction and non-fiction, and especially in areas you aren’t well read in
6. Keep track of bestseller lists and what is popular in the media
7. Collect a list of “sure bets” books for your patrons
8. Think of similar authors or titles when you are reading a book
9. Practice creating book displays
10. Learn how Novelist can help you with your readers’ advisory needs!

Remember:

You don’t have to read everything

You don’t have to read things to suggest titles

It is important to get readers involved in the process – have them tell you why they like particular books, authors or who else they think they would enjoy

You don’t have to remember plots (see Quick Dips)

You don’t have to like what you suggest

You don’t have to find the perfect book

You are SUGGESTING, not RECOMMENDING