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READ the ROOM

In honor of National Book Month, let these eye-catching collections using bold colors, dynamic accessories and unexpected design elements inspire your own curation.

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Make room for (cook)books in the kitchen.

With its mix of colors and patterns, this eclectic corner shows off the homeowners' creativity and their vast collection of books on dining and entertaining. Designer Jessica Davis of JL Design arranged the display to provide the easiest access to their go-to tomes, such as cookbooks by Michael Symon, Frank Stitt and Carla Hall.

Kitchen: Reagen Taylor Photography; designed by JL Design. Staircase: Aimée Mazzenga; designed by Bria Hammel Interiors. Custom bookcase: Sinan Tuncay; designed by Arditi Design. Rotating bookshelf: Troy Thies. Interior design and photo styling: Martha O'Hara Interiors. Builder: John Kraemer & Sons. Architecture: Murphy & Co. Design.

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Add a reading nook below a staircase.

This custom-built bench with a bookcase makes a perfect spot where kids can curl up with a book or play board games. "We wanted to do something to embrace the open, curved space at the bottom of the staircase," says designer Bria Hammel of Bria Hammel Interiors of this nook just off the playroom.

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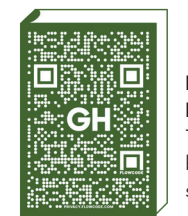
Go all in with built-ins.

Styled with color-coded books and matching accessories, this custom bookcase is the living room's focal point. "This navy color—along with a blend of patterns, bold contrasting colors, finishes and textures—flows throughout the apartment," says Rozit Arditi, principal designer at Arditi Design.



Hide the TV behind a bookshelf.

A custom rotating cabinet holds a television on one side and books on the other, meaning the room can be used for multiple purposes. "Personal mementos are placed alongside white books so as not to distract from the many things often happening in the room," says Kate O'Hara, CEO and creative director at Martha O'Hara Interiors.



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