This list of fiction and nonfiction books, compiled by Susan Conlon of Princeton Public Library and Hanna Lee of Batesville Public Library, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the POV documentary Seven Songs for a Long Life.

Hospice care is rarely associated with singing and laughter, but at Strathcarron it’s different. At this remarkable Scottish hospice center, patients face pain, uncertainty and the possibility of life’s end with song and humor. Official Selection of the 2016 SXSW Film Festival.

**ADULT NONFICTION**


McKissock, Nina Angela. *From Sun to Sun: A Hospice Nurse Reflects on the Art of Dying*. Berkeley: She Writes Press, 2015. As Nina Angela McKissock, a highly experienced hospice nurse, goes from home to home and within the residential hospice, she shares her journey of deep joy, humorous events, precious stories, and heartbreaking love.

**ADULT FICTION**

Chiarella, Jessica. *And Again*. New York: Touchstone, 2015. Four previously terminally ill patients grapple with reality to their lives when they are given genetically perfect copies of their former bodies. Given a second chance, what changes will they make?

Coleman, Rowan. *We Are All Made of Stars*. New York: Ballantine Books, 2015. A dedicated nurse, Stella finds comfort at the hospice where she works the late shift, especially since her husband returned from Afghanistan—cold, distant, and shattered by painful memories he refuses to share. The hospice at night is another world, where the dying receive closure by creating the letters that Stella helps them write.

Haruf, Kurt. *Benediction*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. As a cancer patient nears his end with his wife and daughter tending to him, the joys and struggles of life continue in their Colorado town.

**NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS**


**FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS**


Coerr, Eleanor. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. New York: Putnam, 1977. The star of her school’s running team, Sadako is lively and athletic…until the dizzy spells start. Then she must face the hardest race of her life—the race against time. Based on a true story, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes celebrates the courage that makes one young woman a heroine in Japan.

Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars*. New York: Dutton Books, 2012. Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel’s story is about to be completely rewritten.


Lowery, Lois. *A Summer to Die*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1977. Meg has always been jealous of her sister. When Molly is diagnosed with a fatal disease, the sisters find peace and happiness over the summer in a small, remote town.