Easy Breezy Summertime Eats Leasa Sieve, Reference Librarian

Summer is here! It's time for lighter meals and recipes that don't require a lot of stovetime. I've found some books in our collection that will help all of us with some new ideas for meals when the temperature soars.

Isn't this a great title? "Eat Cool: Good Food for Hot Days, 100 Easy, Satisfying, and Refreshing Recipes that Won't Heat Up Your Kitchen" by Vanessa Seder (641.564 Seder). This cookbook contains many recipes with minimal or no stove time to get you out of the kitchen and back to enjoying summertime!

"Endless Summer Cookbook" by Katie Lee (641.59 Lee) fits the bill quite nicely when looking for some easy, delicious meals. How about a twist on a summer favorite? Spinach Salad with Pickled Strawberries and Poppyseed Dressing involves pickling the strawberries for 20 minutes to take the classic spinach salad up a notch. Check out this cookbook for all your summertime favorites with slight upgrades to make them feel new and fresh.

I'm all for taking the cooking outside to the grill. If you have jumped on the pellet grill bandwagon, this next cookbook will give you all the information and recipes you need to take full advantage of your grill. "The Ultimate Wood Pellet Grill Smoker Cookbook" by Bill West (641.616 West) will take you from Asparagus to Zucchini, Brisket to Tri Tip and everything in between.

What could be more summer friendly than putting out a beautiful board of grab and go food for everyone to enjoy. "Beautiful Boards: 50 Amazing Snack Boards for Any Occasion" by Maegan Brown (641.53 Brown) has spectacular photos, and the complete lists and amounts of each ingredient to create your own beautiful boards!

And...I haven't forgotten the sweet stuff of summer! I came across "No-Bake Treats: Incredible Unbaked Cheesecakes, Icebox Cakes, Pies and More" by Julianne Bayer (641.56 Bayer). I wish I could include the color picture of Blackberry White Chocolate Truffle Cheesecake from the cover of this book. It looks so cool and delicious!

I hope you are enjoying summer. Stop in at the library and take a look at these summertime cookbooks. See you soon!