



BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

The Bookworms Book Club is a reading group for adults that meets at 1:00 on the **second Wednesday of each month**. All are welcome to read along with us and attend our discussions in the library meeting room. No registration is required.

2017 BOOK CLUB READING LIST

Wednesday, January 11th

The Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community and War
by Nathaniel Philbrick 973.22 P534M

A history of the Pilgrim settlement of New England challenges popular misconceptions, discussing such topics as the diseases of European origin suffered by the Wampanoag tribe, the fragile working relationship between the Pilgrims and their Native American neighbors, and the devastating impact of the King Philip's War. Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history and a New York Times Book Review Top Ten books of the Year.

Wednesday, February 8th

The Nest by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney F SWE

Gathering to confront an older sibling who has been recently released from rehab after a drunk driving accident, the Plum siblings watch as the trust fund left by their father rises and falls according to self-inflicted problems. This is a story about the power of family, the possibilities of friendship, the ways we depend upon one another and the ways we let one another down.

Wednesday, March 8th

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly F KEL

The lives of three women converge at the Ravensbruck concentration camp as Caroline Ferriday resolves to help from her post at the French consulate, Kasia Kuzmerick becomes a courier in the Polish resistance, and Herta Oberheuser takes a German government medical position. A USA Today "New and Noteworthy" Book and a LibraryReads Top Ten Pick.

Wednesday, April 12th

Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben F COB

Horrified when she spots her husband--who was reported dead weeks earlier--playing with their toddler on her nanny cam, former special ops pilot Maya confronts deep secrets and deceit in her own past in order to discern the truth. The provocative question at the heart of the mystery: Can you believe everything you see with your own eyes, even when you desperately want to?

Wednesday, May 10th

The Renegade Queen by Eva Flynn

It's 1869 and Victoria Woodhull has a choice to make. She can stay in an abusive marriage and continue to work as a psychic, or she can take the offer of support from handsome Civil War general James Blood and set about to turn society upside down. Victoria chooses revolution.

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Wednesday, June 14th

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead F WHI

After Cora, a slave in pre-Civil War Georgia, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade the slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South. 2016 National Book Award Finalist, longlisted for the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence and an Oprah Book Club 2016 selection.

Wednesday, July 12th

Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution by Nathaniel Philbrick 973.3 PHI

A complex, controversial, and dramatic portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation. The focus is on loyalty and personal integrity, evoking a Shakespearean tragedy that unfolds in the key relationship of George Washington and Benedict Arnold. Arnold is an impulsive but sympathetic hero whose misfortunes at the hands of self-serving politicians fatally destroy his faith in the legitimacy of the rebellion.

August - No meeting

Wednesday, September 13th

The Finest Hours: the True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue by Michael J. Tougias

A dramatic rescue-at-sea account traces the 1952 coast guard attempt to save the crews of two oil tankers caught in a violent nor'easter off the coast of Cape Cod. The mission is recounted by first-hand survivors and describes the heroic undertakings of the teams aboard small crafts that came to their aid.

Wednesday, October 11th

Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese F VER

The twin sons of a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon in Addis Ababa, Marion and Shiva Stone are orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and father's disappearance, coming of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution, bound together by a shared interest in medicine and forever divided by their love for the same woman.

Wednesday, November 8th

An Invisible Thread: the True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting With Destiny by Laura Schroff B SCH76I

Presents the true story of a friendship that has spanned three decades, recounting how the author, a harried sales executive, befriended an eleven-year-old panhandler, changing both of their lives forever.

December - No meeting