



Booked for the Evening

The “Booked for the Evening” book discussion group began March 1999. Over 150 books later we are still reading, discussing, laughing, disagreeing and sharing our favorite titles and authors.

Our selections included fiction, mysteries, science fiction, short stories, biographies, non-fiction, classics, memoirs, “bodice-busters,” historical fiction and young adult books. We’ve been to England, Afghanistan, China, the Dominican Republic, Wales, an unnamed country in South America, Japan, Colombia, the Antarctic, Scotland, a train traveling between Paris and Istanbul, the Netherlands, the Democratic Republic of Congo, India, the oceans of the world, South Africa, the Philippines, Germany, Asia Minor, Australia, France, Spain and Canada. We’ve explored both the past and the future. Many times the books that we disliked the most initiated the most discussion.

Please join us for interesting and lively discussions of books and help us choose upcoming titles. For more information contact the library at (586) 445-5407, ext. 3.

List of Book Discussion Titles

March 1999 – December 2016

1999

- March (Second Meeting), *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day*, Pearl Cleage
- May, *Deep End of the Ocean*, Jacquelyn Mitchard
- June, *Along Came a Spider*, James Patterson
- July, *As I Lay Dying*, William Faulkner
- August, *Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt
- September, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, Arthur Golden
- October, *The Mirror*, Lynn Freed
- November, *The Reader*, Bernhard Schlink
- December, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, John Irving

2000

- January, *Reader's Choice*
- February, *One for the Money*, Janet Evanovich
- March, *Weight of Water*, Anita Shreve
- April, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- May, *The Honk and Holler Opening Soon*, Billie Letts
- June, *The Persian Pickle Club*, Sandra Dallas
- July, *The Virgin Suicides*, Jeffrey Eugenides
- August, *The Custom of the County*, Edith Wharton
- September, *Cider House Rules*, John Irving
- October, *Detroit Women Writers* – Discussion
- November, *The Friendship Cake*, Lynne Hinton
- December, *The Thanksgiving Visitor, A Christmas Memory*, Truman Capote

2001

January, *A Room of One's Own*, Virginia Wolff
February, *Love in the Time of Cholera*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
March, *The Virtuous Woman*, Kaye Gibbons
April, *House of Sand and Fog*, Andre Dubus
May, *Solstice*, Joyce Carol Oates
June, *My Antonia*, Willa Cather
July, *A Patchwork Planet*, Anne Tyler
August, *Icebound*, Dr. Jerri Nielsen
September, *The Cater Street Hangman*, Ann Perry
October, *Portrait of a Lady*, Henry James
November, *The Awakening*, Kate Chopin
December, *Dying for Chocolate*, Diane Mott Davidson

2002

January, *Murder on the Orient Express*, Agatha Christie
February, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Tracy Chevalier
March, *The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver
April, *Open House*, Elizabeth Berg
May, *I Know This Much is True*, Wally Lamb
June, *Sister of My Heart*, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
July, *Snow in August*, Pete Hamill (2002 One Book One Community selection)
August, *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, Anne Tyler
September, *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck
October, *The Lighthouse Keeper*, James Michael Pratt
November, *The Stone Diaries*, Carol Shields
December, *Skipping Christmas*, John Grisham

2003

January, *The Secret Life of Bees*, Sue Monk Kidd

February, *Pillars of the Earth*, Ken Follett

March, *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, D.H. Laurence

April, *The Hours*, Michael Cunningham

May, *Daughter of Time*, Josephine Tey

June, *Ballad of Frankie Silver*, Sharyn McCrumb (2003 One Book One Community selection)

July, *My Cousin Rachael*, Daphne DuMaurier

August, *Brave New World*, Aldous Huxley

September, *Moo*, Jane Smiley

October, *Montana 1948*, Larry Watson

November, *84 Charing Cross Road*, Helene Hanff

December, *Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck

2004

January, *Reader's Choice*

February, *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd*, Larry Watson

March, *Cry the Beloved Country*, Ellen Paton

April, *Ghost Soldiers*, Hampton Sides

May, *Last of the Mohicans*, James Fenimore Cooper

June, *Second Hand*, Michael Zadorian (2004 One Book One Community selection)

July, *Holes*, Louis Sachar

August, *Seabiscuit*, Laura Hillenbrand

September, *The Doll Maker*, Harriett Arnow

October, *The Sound and the Fury*, William Faulkner

November, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, Amy Tan

December, *Whose Body?*, Dorothy Sayers

2005

January, *Same Time Next Year*, Doris Kearns Goodwin

February, *Bel Canto*, Ann Patchett

March, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon (2005 One Book One Community selection)

April, *Rebecca*, Daphne DuMaurier

May, *In the Time of Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez

June, *Ethan Frome*, Edith Wharton

July, *Rosehaven*, Catherine Coulter

August, *Hello, Darkness*, Sandra Brown

September, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Oscar Wilde

October, *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

November, *Life and Death in Shanghai*, Nien Cheng

December, *The Sea Wolf*, Jack London

2006

January, *Heart of Darkness*, Joseph Conrad

February, *Shadow Divers*, Robert Kurson (2006 Everyone's Reading selection)

March, *Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini

April, *Middlesex*, Jeffrey Eugenides

May, *Longitude*, Dava Sobel

June, *The Mermaid Chair*, Sue Monk Kidd

July, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, Philippa Gregory

August, *The Color of Water*, James McBride

September, *Homeless Bird*, Gloria Whelan

October, *The Devil in the White City*, Erik Larson

November, *Anatomy of a Murder*, Robert Traver

December, *Under the Banner of Heaven*, Jon Krakauer

2007

January, *Road from Coorain*, Jill Conway

February, *Arc of Justice, A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age*, Kevin Boyle (2007
Everyone's Reading selection)

March, *Friends, Lovers, Chocolate*, Alexander McCall Smith

April, *An Inconvenient Wife*, Megan Chance

May, *Bleak House*, Charles Dickens

June, *The March*, E.L. Doctorow

July, *The Buccaneers*, Edith Wharton

August, *The Sun Also Rises*, Ernest Hemingway

September, *Isaac's Storm*, Erik Larson

October, *In the Lake of the Woods*, Tim O'Brien

November, *The Lone Star Rangers*, Zane Grey

December, *The Christmas Train*, David Baldacci

2008

January, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, Thomas Hardy

February, *Them*, Joyce Carol Oates

March, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, Lisa See

April, *Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen

May, *The Nick Adams Stories*, Ernest Hemingway (*State-wide selection for the "Great Michigan Read"*)

June, *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho

July, *The Welsh Girl*, Peter Ho Davies

August, *Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, James L. Swanson

September, *Larry's Party*, Carol Shields

October, *A Cold Day in Paradise*, Steve Hamilton

November, *Thunderstruck*, Eric Larson

December, *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*, Marina Lewycka

2009

January, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*, John Steinbeck

February, *The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, Timothy Egan

March, *Hannah's Dream*, Diane Hammond 10th Anniversary Celebration!

April, *Widow's War*, Sally Gunning

May, *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*, Candice Millard

June, *Blood and Thunder: The Epic Story of Kit Carson and the Conquest of the American West*, Hampton Sides

July, *The Union Club Mysteries*, Isaac Asimov

August, *The Ghost Map: the Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic and How it Changed Science, Cities and the Modern World*, Steven Johnson

September, *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak

October, *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen (One Book, One Community title)

November, *Michigan: A Bicentennial History*, Bruce Catton

December, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, David Wroblewski

2010

January, *Flowers for Algernon*, Daniel Keyes

February, *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*, Stephen Ambrose

March, *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, Bich Minh Nguyen (Great Michigan Read title)

April, *Angle of Repose*, Wallace Stegner

May, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, Mary Ann Shaffer

June, *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*, Eric Weiner

July, *Notes from a Small Island*, Bill Bryson

August, *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe

September, *Olive Kitteridge*, Elizabeth Strout

October, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie

November, *Life on the Mississippi*, Mark Twain

December, *Stones for Ibarra*, Harriet Doerr

2011

January, *The Flyers: In Search of Wilbur and Orville Wright*, Noah Adams

February, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ken Kesey

March, *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell

April, *Madame Bovary*, Gustave Flaubert

May, *Consequences*, Penelope Lively

June, *The Northern Lights*, Lucy Jago

July, *Around the World in 80 Days*, Jules Verne

August, *Affliction*, Russell Banks

September, *Winesburg, Ohio*, Sherwood Anderson

October, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, Rebecca Skloot

November, *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett

December, *Billy Budd*, Herman Melville

2012

January, *Walden: Or, Life in the Woods*, Henry David Thoreau

February, *Gentlemen & Players*, Joanne Harris

March, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

April, *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas*, Jerry Dennis

May, *Death of a Red Heroine*, Xiaolong Qiu

June, *City of Thieves*, David Benioff

July, *Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves*, Adam Hochschild

August, *The Hearts of Horses*, Molly Gloss

September, *The World Without Us*, Alan Weisman

October, *Crossing to Safety*, Wallace Stegner

November, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Helen Simonson

December, *The Power and the Glory*, Graham Greene

2013

January, *Sula*, Toni Morrison

February, *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare

March, *Unto the Daughters*, Karen Tintori

April, *State of Wonder*, Ann Patchett

May, *The Shipping News*, Annie Proulx

June, *Resistance*, Anita Shreve

July, *Sacre Bleu: a Comedy d'art*, Christopher Moore

August, *Room*, Emma Donoghue

September, *Defending Jacob*, William Landay

October, *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*, Steve Luxenberg

November, *The Light Between Oceans*, M.L. Stedman

December, *The Uncommon Reader*, Alan Bennett

2014

January, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, Immaculee Ilibagiza

February, *1984*, George Orwell

March, *Hamlet*, William Shakespeare

April, *The Good Thief*, Hannah Tinti

May, *Before I Go To Sleep*, S.J. Watson

June, *The Snow Child*, Eowyn Ivey

July, *Tallgrass*, Sandra Dallas

August, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, Katherine Boo

September, *The Casual Vacancy*, J.K. Rowling

October, *Unbroken: a World War II Airman's Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* Laura Hillenbrand

November, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston

December, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Jamie Ford

2015

January, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, Cheryl Strayed

February, *Cutting for Stone*, Abraham Verghese

March, *The Widower's Tale*, Julia Glass

April, *One Summer: America 1927*, Bill Bryson

May, *The Rosie Project*, Graeme Simsion

June, *The Lifeboat*, Charlotte Rogan

July, *I Am Malala*, Malala Yousafzai

August, *Readers Choice*

September, *The Kitchen House*, Kathleen Grissom

October, *Station Eleven*, Emily St. John Mandel

November, *Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck

December, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, Wes Moore

2016

January, *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, Gabrielle Zevin

February, *The Evolution of Jane*, Cathleen Schine

March, *Founding Mothers*, Cokie Roberts

April, *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, Robin Sloan

May, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, Rachel Joyce

June, *Eleanor of Aquitaine*, Alison Weir

July, *Readers Choice*

August, *Me Before You*, Jojo Moyes

September, *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*, Rachel Joyce

October, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams

November, *The Age of Innocence*, Edith Wharton

December, *Cleopatra: A Life*, Stacy Schiff