

Friends of the Library Book Club List 2024-25

July 9 - The Rose Code by Rose Quinn. Three very different women answer the call to a mysterious estate where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes in 1940.

August 13 - Facing the Mountain by Daniel James Brown. In the months and days after Pearl Harbor, the lives of Japanese Americans were changed forever. The unforgettable chronicle of war-time American and the battlefields of Europe and portrays the journey of three men who volunteered.

September 10 - The Woman They Couldn't Silence by Kate Moore. Takes a fascinating look at the life of Elizabeth Packard, mother of six, married for 21 years who was wrongfully sent to an Illinois insane asylum by her husband in 1860. He plots against her to put her back in her 'place' because he feels increasingly threatened by her intellect, independence & unwillingness to stifle her own thoughts.

October 8 - The Women by Kristan Hannah. One woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism.

November 12 - Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zeven. Sam and Sadie—two college friends, often in love, but never lovers—become creative partners in a dazzling and intricately imagined world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality. It is a love story, but not one you have read before.

December 10 - A Sharp Solitude by Christine Carbo. A mystery of two damaged souls running from the past. Propulsive and suspenseful, this book shows that we can never outrun our demons, even in the vast, indomitable wild.

January 14 - The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell. Humorous but serious examination of the Puritan emigrants who traveled from England to Massachusetts in 1630, the book revisits leading Puritan figures and the colonial events and ideologies they created while trying to establish the "city upon a hill" in a New World.

February 11 - The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. July 1962 A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at edge of berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come.

March 11 - The Library Book by Susan Orleans. April 28, 1986 a disastrous fire broke out in the Los Angeles Public Library that consumed 400,000 books and damaged 700,000 more. Mystery remains of who did it and if someone purposefully set the fire.

April 8 - Montana Women Homesteaders: A Field of One's Own by Sarah Carter. The author and historian Sarah Carter introduces the voices and images of women who filed on 160 or 320 acre homestead plots in Montana. Single, widowed, divorced, or deserted, women varied in ages, educational levels, and ethnic backgrounds, but all proved up on their homesteads.

May 13 - Horse by Geraldine Brooks. A story about an enslaved man grooming a winning thoroughbred.

June 10 - Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. Murder mystery. A skeleton is found in 1972 in Pottstown, PA during the development of a rundown neighborhood where immigrant Jews & African Americans lived. Long held secrets revealed; love & community (heaven, earth) are what sustain us.