

Friends of the Library Book Club List 2025-26

July 8 - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain. Boyhood adventures along the Mississippi River, of serious underlying themes: "natural" man versus "civilized" society, the evils of slavery, the innate value and dignity of human beings, and other topics.

August 12 - A Woman of no importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WW II, by Sonia Purnell. The story of Virginia Hall—the American Spy who few have heard of. A biography of a masterful spy few have heard of and a reminder of what can be done with a few brave people -- and a little resistance.

September 9 - The Boxcar Librarian, by Brianna Labuskes. Montana based historical fiction circa early 1900s. Based on a true story, the characters involved in putting together a mobile library traveling on a boxcar.

October 14 - The Understory: An invitation to Rootedness and Resilience from the Forest Floor, by Lore Ferguson Wilbert. On this journey, Wilbert shares her story of alienation and disorientation after years of religious and political unrest in the evangelical church. In doing so, she looks to an unlikely place--the forest--to learn how to live and even thrive when everything seems to be falling apart.

November 11 - Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese. A sweeping, emotionally riveting first novel--an enthralling family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home. Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa.

December 9 - The Hare with Amber Eyes, by Edmund de Waal. Edmund de Waal is a world-famous ceramicist of 30 years and has a particular sense of the secret lives of objects. this extraordinarily moving memoir and detective story as de Waal discovers both the story of the netsuke and of his family, the Ephrussi, over five generations.

January 13 - The Frozen River, by Aiel Lawhon. When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors.

February 10 - James, by Percival Everett. In this reworking of the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," Jim, the enslaved man who accompanies Huck down the Mississippi River, is the narrator, and he recounts the classic tale in a language that is his own.

March 10 - The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny & Murder, by David Grann.

Author of Killers of the Flower Moon, Story of a British warship in 1740, story unfolds when a wrecked ship washes up on the coast of Chile.

April 14 - The Wild Inside, by Christine Carbo. A haunting crime novel set in Glacier National Park about a man who finds himself at odds with the dark heart of the wild – and the even darker heart of human nature.

May 12 - The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt & the Fire that Saved America, by Timothy Egan.

Story of August 2010 of wild fire in national forest of Washington, Idaho and Montana. The fight and its aftermath led to national consciousness of public lands and conservation. Dramatic, thrilling account, reads like fiction.

June 9 - The Secret Life of Sunflowers, by Marta Molnar. A Hollywood auctioneer Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary while cleaning out her New York brownstone, the pages are full of surprises.