

Book Club 2025

January 7, 2025 **Color of Water** by McBride - As a boy in Brooklyn, James McBride knew that his mother was different. But when he asked about it, she'd simply say, "I'm light-skinned". As an adult, McBride finally persuaded his mother to tell the story. Her story was of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled Harlem, married a black man, founded a Baptist church, and put 12 children through college.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 25 hardcopies

Wendy

Biography

February 4, 2025 **Northeaster: a Story of Courage & Survival** by Cathie Pelletier - In 1952 for four days--February 16 to 19—a blizzard immobilized most of New England. Temperatures fell well below zero, and snowdrifts piled 20 feet high. Three dozen people died that week, six from Pelletier's home state of Maine. Available in e-book,

e-audio 2 CDs, 40 hardcopies

Nancy Ives

History NF

March 4, 2025 **Moonflower Murders** by Anthony Horowitz - Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is running a small hotel on a Greek island with her boyfriend Andreas. It should be everything she's always wanted. But then the Trehearnes come to stay with a strange and mysterious story about an unfortunate murder that took place on the same day and in the same hotel in which their daughter was married. When the Trehearnes reveal that their daughter Cecily is now missing, Susan knows that she must return to England and find out what really happened.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 11 CDs, 40 Hardcopies

Maria

Mystery

April 1, 2025 **What Happened to Nina** by Dervla McTiernan - Nina and Simon are the perfect couple. Young, fun and deeply in love. Until they leave for a weekend at his family's cabin in Vermont, and only Simon comes home

Available in e-book, 2CDs, 17 Hardcopies

Nancy Lloyd

Thriller

May 6, 2025 **All the Broken Places** by John Boyne - 1946. Three years after an event which tore their lives apart, a mother and daughter flee Poland for Paris. Nearly eighty years later, Gretel Fernsby lives a life that is a far cry from her traumatic childhood. When a couple moves into the flat below her, it should be nothing more than a momentary inconvenience. However, the appearance of their nine-year-old son Henry brings back memories she would rather forget.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 19 hardcopies

Marilyn Hotch

Historical F

June 3, 2025 **Art Thief** by Michael Finkel - For centuries, works of art have been stolen in countless ways from all over the world, but no one has been quite as successful at it as the master thief Stephane Breitwieser. Carrying out more than two hundred heists over nearly ten years-in museums and cathedrals all over Europe-Breitwieser, along with his girlfriend who worked as his lookout, stole more than three hundred objects, until it all fell apart in spectacular fashion.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 35 hardcopies

Pam

Crime nonfic

July 1, 2025 **Tell me Everything** by Elizabeth Strout - It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in an unfolding murder investigation, defending a man accused of killing his mother. He has also fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer, Lucy Barton, who lives down the road with her ex-husband, William. Together, Lucy and Bob go on walks and talk about their lives, and what might have been. Lucy, meanwhile, is finally introduced to the iconic Olive Kitteridge, now living in a retirement community on the edge of town.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 108 hardcopies, 17 CDs

Ann

Fiction

August 5, 2025 **Women** by Kristen Hannah - Women can be heroes. When nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised on idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different choice for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 40 hardcopies, 20 CDs

Carol

Historical Fic

September 2, 2025 **Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East** by Tolan Sandy - In 1967, Bashir Al-Khayri, a Palestinian twenty-five-year-old, journeyed to Israel, with the goal of seeing the beloved old stone house, with the lemon tree behind it, that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, when he found the house he was greeted by Dalia Ashkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student, whose family fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. On the stoop of their shared home, Dalia and Bashir began a rare friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested over the next thirty-five years in ways that neither could imagine on that summer day in 1967.

Available 25 hardcopies, 4 CDs

Susan

Biography

October 7, 2025 **James** by Percival Everett - A retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view, who decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island after learning he is to be sold to a man in New Orleans.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 79 hardcopies

Diane

Historical F

November 4, 2024 **Story Like the Wind** by Laurens Van der Post - This is a story of an almost vanished Africa; a world of myth and magic in which the indigenous peoples of the continent lived for uncountable centuries before the Europeans came to shatter it. The main character is a boy who has a relationship with this Africa not unlike Kipling's Kim with the antique world of India. François Joubert, whose Huguenot ancestors settled in Africa three hundred years ago, lives as a solitary child on his father's farm, 'Hunter's Drift'. Here, in the far interior of Africa, he experiences the wonder and mystery of an ageless, natural primitive life, his perception of it heightened by the influence of three people in particular - his Bushman nurse, the head herdsman of the local Matabele clan (his father's chosen partners in the pioneering of Hunter's Drift), and a hunter of legendary fame, now the chief ranger of a vast game reserve nearby.

Available Very few copies (maybe 5?)

Linda

Fiction

December 2, 2024 **Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid - Alix Chamberlain is shocked when her babysitter, Emira a black woman, is accused of kidnapping Alix's white child by a security guard. The incident was videotaped and it unearths someone from Alix's past. Both women find themselves on a crash course that will upend everything they think they know about themselves, and each other.

Available in e-book, e-audio, 40 hardcopies, 10 CDs

Christina

Fiction