

2023 Last Thursday of the Month Book Discussion Selections
Discussion Begins at 7pm

January 26th

***Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan**
278 Pages-Fiction

Andrew Peardew collects things dropped or left behind by others and writing stories about them. He does this as a tribute to the fiancée who died the day he lost one of her keepsakes. When a dying Andrew bequeaths his estate to his assistant, Laura, she begins to bond with new neighbors while attempting to reunite the objects with their owners.

February 23rd

***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin**
306 Pages-Fiction

When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A. J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life.

March 30th

***Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan**
266 Pages-Non Fiction

Her medical record, from a month-long hospital stay of which she had no memory, showed psychosis, violence, and dangerous instability. Yet, only weeks earlier she had been a healthy, ambitious twenty-four-old. Susannah's astonishing memoir chronicles the swift path of her illness and the lucky, last-minute intervention led by one of the few doctors capable of saving her life.

April 27th

***Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy**
258 Pages-Fiction

Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team of biologists tasked with reintroducing fourteen gray wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but Aggie, too, unmade by the terrible secrets that drove the sisters out of Alaska. Inti is not the woman she once was, either, changed by the harm she's witnessed, inflicted by humans on both the wild and each other. Yet as the wolves surprise everyone by thriving, Inti begins to let her guard down, even opening herself up to the possibility of love. But when a farmer is mauled to death, Inti knows where the town will lay blame. Unable to accept her wolves could be responsible, Inti makes a reckless decision to protect them. But if the wolves didn't make the kill, then is something more sinister at play?

May 25th

***The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle**
276 Pages-Fiction

When Sabrina arrives at her thirtieth birthday dinner she finds at the table not just her best friend, but also three significant people from her past, and well, Audrey Hepburn. As the appetizers are served, wine poured, and dinner table conversation begins, it becomes clear that there's a reason these six people have been gathered together.

June 29th

Reader's Choice-You Pick What You Want to Read!

July 27th

***The Death of Vivek Oji* by Akwaeke Emezi**

248 Pages-Fiction

A tender, potent, and compulsively readable novel of a Nigerian-Indian family and the deeply held secret that tests their traditions and bonds

August 31st

***Tell Me More: Stories about the 12 Hardest Things I'm Learning to Say* by Kelly Corrigan**

226 Pages-Non Fiction

With Kelly's signature candor and good will, each chapter draws from her sometimes ridiculous, sometimes profound struggles with parenting and marriage, career and friendship, illness, aging and mortality.

September 28th

***News of the World* by Paulette Jiles**

212 Pages-Fiction

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an elderly widower and itinerant news reader, is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders, from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.

October 26th

***The Stranger in the Woods: the Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel**

203 Pages-Non Fiction

Documents the true story of a man who endured an isolated existence in a tent in the Maine woods, never speaking with others and surviving by stealing supplies from nearby cabins, for twenty-seven years, and illuminates the reasons behind his solitary life.

November 30th

***And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* by Fredrik Backman**

76 Pages-Fiction

An exquisitely moving portrait of an elderly man's struggle to hold on to his most precious memories, and his family's efforts to care for him even as they must find a way to let go.

December 21st *

Reader's Choice-You Pick What You Want to Read!

****Earlier Date due to the Holidays***