

## BOOK CLUB #1 2016

- January 28 **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee Classic
- February 25 **Rules of Civility** by Amor Towles Fiction  
A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow.
- March 24 **One Thousand White Women** by Jim Fergus Biographical Fiction  
Based on actual historical events, this novel follows May Dodd as she travels to the Cheyenne, becomes the bride of Little Wolf, chief of that tribe, and struggles with living in and being loyal to two different worlds.
- April 28 **A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman Fiction  
A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.
- May 26 **Leisure Seeker** by Michael Zadoorian Contemporary Fiction  
Recognizing that the final stage of their lives is upon them, John and Ella Robina--the former an Alzheimer's patient, the latter succumbing to cancer--sneak away from their over-protective children and doctors to embark on an RV vacation along Route 66.
- June 23 **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel James Brown History/Biography  
Story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans.
- July 28 **Secret River** by Kate Grenville Fiction ILL  
Moving between the slums of nineteenth-century London and the convict colonies of Australia, a compelling historical novel chronicles the lives and fortunes of the early pioneers of New South Wales, in a volume based on the author's own family history.
- August 25 **The Weight of Blood** by Laura McHugh Thriller/Suspense  
Treated like an outsider by Ozark Mountain neighbors who regard her mother's disappearance years earlier with suspicion, sixteen-year-old Lucy is further haunted by a friend's murder, which compels her to investigate family secrets and sacrifices.
- September 22 **Midwife of Hope River** by Patricia Harman Historical Fiction ILL  
In the 1930s, Appalachian midwife Patience Murphy, who, while dealing with her own secrets, faces seemingly insurmountable conditions--disease, poverty, and prejudice--as she strives to bring new life into a cruel world.
- October 27 **My Name is Mary Sutter** by Robin Oliveira Civil War Historical Fiction  
Traveling to Civil War-era Washington, D.C., to tend wounded soldiers and pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon, headstrong midwife Mary receives guidance from two smitten doctors and resists her mother's pleas for her to return home.
- November 17 **Necessary Lies** by Diane Chamberlain Contemporary Fiction  
Caring for her family on their mid-twentieth-century tobacco farm after the loss of her parents, fifteen-year-old Ivy connects with Grace County social worker Jane Forrester, who strains her personal and professional relationships with her advocacy of Ivy's family.
- December 8 **Fall of Marigolds** by Susan Meissner Historical Fiction ILL  
Two women living one hundred years apart who experience similar tragic losses of love are connected through time by a scarf.

*Book club meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm in the library. Please return books the day after the meeting date if you are unable to attend the scheduled discussion. 641-337-5061 orient.lib.ia.us*