

ADULTS

BOOK CLUB SUGGESTIONS



"FOR MOST PEOPLE, WHAT IS SO PAINFUL ABOUT READING IS THAT YOU READ SOMETHING AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYBODY TO SHARE IT WITH. IN PART WHAT THE BOOK CLUB OPENS UP IS THAT PEOPLE CAN READ A BOOK AND THEN HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH. THEN THEY SEE THAT A BOOK CAN LEAD TO THE PLEASURE OF CONVERSATION, THAT THE SOLITARY ACT OF READING CAN ACTUALLY BE A PART OF THE PATH TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNITY."

-- BELL HOOKS, FROM "ALL ABOUT LOVE: NEW VISIONS"

West Linn Library Book Club Information

Midday Connections Book Club

Midday Connection Book Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 12 PM. This book club selects well-reviewed books of all genres including fiction and nonfiction. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Stop by the Information Desk to check out a copy of the book club title (while copies last).

West Linn Library Book Bundles

Looking to start a book club? Check out our book club bundles. Each book club bundle comes with:

- 7-10 titles per bundle.
- A brief author summary and set of questions to help guide your discussion.
- A plastic bin for convenient transportation.

Bundles check out for 6 weeks. They can be reserved like a regular book.

West Linn Adult Community Center Book Club

Check their newsletter or website for the schedule and book selections.

Where to find these books:

Books are located in their respective sections under the author's last name.

Fiction = fiction section
Reserve Today = the library does not own a copy of this title, but it is available at another library in our system.

Get book recommendations:

westlinnoregon.gov/library/personalized-book-recommendations

Descriptions provided by Novelist Plus, a free book recommendation database accessible through LINCC.org.

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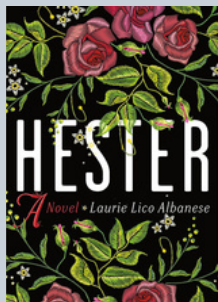
by Mary Beth Keane (Fiction)

A profoundly moving novel about two neighboring families in a suburban town, the friendship between their children, a tragedy that reverberates over four decades, and the power of forgiveness.

The Bandit Queens

by Parini Shroff (Fiction)

Five years ago, Geeta lost her no-good husband. As in, she actually lost him—he walked out on her and she has no idea where he is. But in her remote village in India, rumor has it that Geeta killed him. And it's a rumor that just won't die. It turns out that being known as a "self-made" widow comes with some perks. No one messes with her, harasses her, or tries to control (ahem, marry) her. It's even been good for business; no one dares to not buy her jewelry. Freedom must look good on Geeta, because now other women are asking for her "expertise," making her an unwitting consultant for husband disposal. And not all of them are asking nicely.



Hester

by Laurie Lico Albanese (Fiction)

Arriving in Salem from Scotland in the early 1800s, Isobel, left penniless and alone by her husband in a strange country, is instantly drawn to Nathaniel Hawthorne, and as they grow closer and closer, they are a muse and a dark storyteller; the enchanter and the enchanted.

What Comes After

by Joanne Tompkins (Reserve Today)

In misty, coastal Washington state, Isaac lives alone with his dog, grieving the recent death of his teenage son Daniel. Next door, Lorrie, a working single mother, struggles with a heinous act committed by her own teenage son. Separated by only a silvery stretch of trees, the two parents are emotionally stranded, isolated by their great losses- until an unfamiliar sixteen year-old girl shows up, bridges the gap, and changes everything. Evangeline's arrival at first feels like a blessing, but she is also clearly hiding something. When Isaac, who has retreated into his Quaker faith, isn't equipped to handle her alone, Lorrie forges her own relationship with the girl. Soon all three characters are forced to examine what really happened in their overlapping pasts, and what it all possibly means for a shared future.

A Man Called Ove

by Fredrik Backman (Fiction)

A curmudgeon hides beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior a terrible personal loss while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

A Man Is No Woman

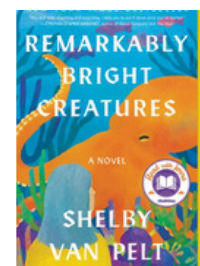
by Etaf Rum (Fiction)

Three generations of Palestinian-American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy, and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.

The Dictionary of Lost Words

by Pip Williams (Fiction)

As a team of male scholars compiles the first Oxford English Dictionary, one of their daughters decides to collect the "objectionable" words they omit.



Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Sydney Van Pelt (Fiction)

A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium-and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

Signal Fires

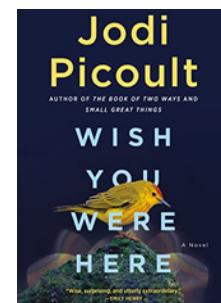
by Dani Shapiro (Fiction)

When the Shenkmans arrive on Division Street, their brilliant, lonely son Waldo, who has a native ability to find connections in everything, befriends Dr. Wilf, who is harboring a dark secret, setting in motion a chain of events that cause the past to come back with a vengeance.

This Is How It Always Is

by Laurie Frankel (Fiction)

A family reshapes their ideas about family, love and loyalty when youngest son Claude reveals increasingly determined preferences for girls' clothing and accessories and refuses to stay silent.



Wish You Were Here

by Jody Picoult (Fiction)

With everything perfectly on track, Diana O'Toole finds things going off the rails when she is quarantined during her dream vacation in the Galapagos due to a virus, forcing her to reevaluate herself and her life when she makes a connection with a local family.



The Sound of Gravel

by Ruth Wariner (289.33 WAR)

An account of the author's coming-of-age in a polygamist Mormon Doomsday cult describes her childhood on a Mexico hills farm as one of her father's more than 40 welfare-dependent children, the extreme religious beliefs that haunted her daily life and her escape in the aftermath of a devastating tragedy.

The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet

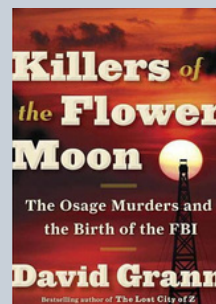
by John Green (814.6 GRE 2021)

The Anthropocene is the current geological age, in which human activity has profoundly shaped the planet and its biodiversity. In this remarkable symphony of essays adapted and expanded from his groundbreaking podcast, John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet-from the QWERTY keyboard and Staphylococcus aureus to the Taco Bell breakfast menu-on a five-star scale. John Green's gift for storytelling shines throughout this artfully curated collection that includes both beloved essays and all-new pieces exclusive to the book.

Maybe You Should Talk to Someone

by Lori Gottlieb (616.8914 GOT)

The national advice columnist presents a behind-the-scenes tour of a therapist's world from the perspective of both a patient and a psychotherapist who found answers in her client's journeys.



Killers of the Flower Moon

by David Grann (T976.6 GRA)

Recounts the Reign of Terror against the Osage people and the creation of the FBI, which took the case and exposed one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

The Upgrade: How The Female Brain Gets Stronger And Better In Midlife and Beyond How The Female Brain Gets Stronger And Better In Midlife and Beyond

by Louann Brizendine (612.820 BRI 2022)

Inspired by her own experiences and those of the thousands of women at her clinic, she has a message that is nothing short of revolutionary: in the time of life typically known as menopause, women's brains are reshaped, for the better, in a way that creates new power, a bracing clarity, and a laser-like sense of purpose if you know how to seize it.