

2023 Read and Watch

If you are interested in going on a trip full of adventure, intrigue, love, or sorrow without leaving your chair, this program is for you. Read a book, have a book discussion, and watch the movie based on the book.

Location: Anne Gordon Center
Mondays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Cost: Free

Feb. 6 Operation Mincemeat by Ben Macintyre

In 1943, from a window-less London basement office, two intelligence officers conceived a plan that was both simple and complicated, Operation Mincemeat. Purpose? To deceive the Nazis into thinking the Allies were planning to attack Europe by way of Greece or Sardinia, rather than Sicily, as the Nazis had assumed and the Allies ultimately chose.

Mar. 13 Killing Floor by Lee Child (Movie series Jack Reacher)

Ex-military policeman Jack Reacher is a drifter. He's just passing through Margrave, Georgia, and in less than an hour, he's arrested for murder. Not much of a welcome. All Jack knows is that he didn't kill anybody. At least not here. Not lately. But he doesn't stand a chance of convincing anyone. Not in Margrave, Georgia.

Apr. 10 Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

The tranquility of a lovely cruise along the Nile is shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway has been shot. She was young, stylish and beautiful, a girl who had everything, until she lost her life. Who is also on board? Christie's great detective Hercule Poirot is on holiday. He recalls an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: 'I'd like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger.' Despite the exotic setting, nothing is ever quite what it seems.

May 8 Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris by Paul Gallico

Mrs. Harris is a salt-of-the-earth London charlady who cheerfully cleans the houses of the rich. One day, when tidying Lady Dant's wardrobe, she comes across the most beautiful thing she has ever seen, a Dior dress. She's never seen anything as magical and she's never wanted anything as much. Mrs. Harris scrimps, saves and slaves away until one day, she finally has enough money to go to Paris. Her adventures take her from her humble roots to the heights of glamour in Paris and New York as she learns some of life's greatest lessons along the way.

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Jun. 12 The Gray Man by Mark Greaney

Courtland Gentry is a good man. But he's a great assassin. To those who lurk in the shadows, he's known as the Gray Man. He is a legend in the covert realm, accomplishing the impossible and then fading away. But there are forces more lethal than Gentry in the world like money and power. There are men who hold these as the only currency worth fighting for. Gentry is going to prove that, for him, there's no gray area between killing for a living and killing to stay alive.

July 10 No Exit by Taylor Adams

On her way to Utah to see her dying mother, college student Darby Thorne gets caught in a fierce blizzard in the mountains of Colorado. With the roads impassable, she's forced to wait out the storm at a remote highway rest stop. Inside are some vending machines, a coffee maker, and four complete strangers. Desperate to find a signal to call home, Darby goes back out into the storm and makes a horrifying discovery. In the back of the van parked next to her car, a little girl is locked in an animal crate. How can she save this child with no cell phone reception, no telephone, and no way out. One of her fellow travelers is a kidnapper, but which one?

Aug. 14 Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship, and Sacrifice by Adam Makos

The inspirational story of the U.S. Navy's most famous aviator duo: Lieutenant Tom Hudner, a white New Englander from the country-club scene, and Ensign Jesse Brown, an African American sharecropper's son from Mississippi. Tom passed up Harvard to fly fighter planes. Jesse became the navy's first black carrier pilot to defend a nation that wouldn't even serve him in a bar. Then comes the war no one expected, in Korea. Tom and Jesse fly, guns blazing, to save a Marine division cornered. When one of the duo is shot down behind enemy lines and pinned in his burning plane, the other faces an unthinkable choice: watch his friend die or attempt history's most audacious one-man rescue mission.

Nov. 13 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land. But while she has the skills to live in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world—until the unthinkable happens.

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