

Open Book Hour



What Are You Reading? Tell us at Open Book Hour!

Come meet other readers and swap book recommendations at our monthly book social.

Open Book Hour meets on the second Friday of the month at 2 PM in Room 67A and you're invited!

The theme changes every month. Please join us and bring a book you'd like to tell people about!

Both fiction and nonfiction selections are always welcome.

No registration required Doors open at 1:45 PM

Fantastic Realms Friday, February 8, 2019, 2-3 PM

Middle-earth, Atlantis, Discworld, Narnia, Westeros, Xanadu... From fables and legends to parallel worlds and alternate universes, let's explore our favorite fantasy and mythical worlds!

Revolutionary Women Friday, March 8, 2019, 2-3 PM

Rebels, trailblazers, innovators, iconoclasts... Let's talk about biographies, fiction, poetry, and other writing by and about women who've changed the world!

Migrations & Peregrinations Friday, April 12, 2019, 2-3 PM

Come share stories of immigrants, explorers, and other wanderers. Tell us about inspiring real life journeys, fictional treks, personal reinventions and border crossings that you've enjoyed reading about.

The World of Work Friday, May 10, 2019, 2-3 PM

Working 9 to 5, living with unemployment or underemployment, or maybe finding a dream job. From workplace fiction to true stories of life on the job, accounts of labor movements and whistleblowers to tales of corporate titans, we'd love to hear about your favorite work-related reads!



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Patron Picks from Open Book Hour

January 2019: In with the New

Fiction

The Address: A Novel by Fiona Davis

Time and Again by Jack Finney

An Elderly Lady Is up to No Good by Helene Tursten. Translated from the Swedish by Marlaine Delargy.

Nonfiction

The Browns of California: The Family Dynasty That Transformed a State and Shaped a Nation by Miriam Pawel The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel All God's Children: The Bosket Family and the American Tradition of Violence by Fox Butterfield The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King Drawn to Berlin: Comic Workshops in Refugee Shelters and Other Stories from a New Europe by Ali Fitzgerald Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by

December 2018: It's Cold Outside

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The Portable Dorothy Parker Job, the Story of a Simple Man by Joseph Roth *Embers* by Sándor Márai *Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker* by Gregory Maguire *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova

November 2018: Food for Thought

Fictional Meals The Martha's Vineyard Mysteries by Philip R. Craig The Last Chinese Chef by Nicole Mones The Recipe Box by Viola Shipman Fictitious Dishes: An Album of Literature's Most Memorable Meals by Dinah Fried Nonfiction

Yes, Chef: A Memoir by Marcus Samuelsson

Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef by Gabrielle Hamilton
Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly by Anthony Bourdain
Bella Figura: How to Live, Love, and Eat the Italian Way by Kamin Mohammadi
Now and Again: Go-to Recipes, Inspired Menus + Endless Ideas for Reinventing Leftovers

Find the annotated reading lists from Open Book Hour at: **bit.ly/mmlpatronpicks**

by Julia Turshen

What to expect at an Open Book Hour:

1. Introduce your book with its title, author, publication date and genre (mystery, memoir, play, etc.). We sometimes need to limit to one book per person, depending on group size.

2. Tell us what it's about and why you loved it in two minutes or less.

3. We want to have fun, so no negative criticism please.

4. Learn about titles of books that you may enjoy and share with your friends.



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