

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

Food for Thought

Friday, November 9, 2018, 2-3 PM

Calling all foodies! Whether you bake, steam, broil or fry, we'd like to hear your favorites: nutrition plans, cookbooks, food/restaurant memoirs, or meals described in a novel.

It's Cold Outside

Friday, December 14, 2018, 2-3 PM

What brightens your days during the dreary winter weather? Participating in outdoor sports? Decluttering? Crafting and decorating? Reading a great book? Share your inspirational recommendations.

In with the New

Friday, January 11, 2019, 2-3 PM

Is there a book that helped you explore or learn something new? Have you discovered a new author you're dying to talk about? Are you reading the latest bestsellers? Come tell us about your favorite new reads!

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.



Patron Picks from Open Book Hour

October 2018: Leave the Lights On!

19th Century Horror Classics

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
by Robert Louis Stevenson
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Stephen King Faves

It *Salem's Lot* *The Shining*

Horrifying Graphic Novels

Outcast by Robert Kirkman & Paul Azaceta
Infidel by Pornsak Pichetshote & Aaron Campbell

September 2018: Bookish Best Friends

Fiction

The Precipice by Paul Doiron
How Should a Person Be? by Shelia Heti
White Tears by Hari Kunzru
The Coroner's Lunch by Colin Cotterill (Dr. Siri Paiboun series)

Nonfiction

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago
Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-changing Friendship by Michele Kuo

August 2018: Literary Swindlers

Fiction

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende
The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
Trenton Makes by Tadzio Koelb
My Year of Rest and Relaxation by Ottessa Moshfegh
The Promise of a Lie by Howard Roughman
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Nonfiction

Provenance: How a Con Man and a Forger Rewrote the History of Modern Art by Laney Salisbury and Aly Sujo
Trump Revealed: An American Journey of Ambition, Ego, Money, and Power by Michael Kranish and Marc Fisher

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

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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