

Open Book Hour Oct-Dec 2019



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 1 PM in the alcove outside the Program Room (Room 78)** 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.

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Friday, October 11, 2019, 1-2 PM

What are some books that keep you up at night? Scary stories don't have to be limited to ghosts, monsters and murderers.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Friday, November 8, 2019, 1-2 PM

Winter is coming, along with holidays that typically involve eating and baking. We'd love to hear your ideas for cookie recipes that would pair well with books.

The Gift of Reading

Friday, December 13, 2019, 1-2 PM

Do you give books as presents? What are your top picks from this year? Do you have any go-to favorites to give as gifts?

**** Note new time and place**

No registration required

Doors open at 12:45 PM



Patron Picks from Open Book Hour

May 2019: The World of Work

Workplace Fiction

The Firm by John Grisham

Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris

The Assistants by Camille Perri

The Circle by Dave Eggers

Work and Labor Nonfiction

Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

The Shift: One Nurse, Twelve Hours, Four Patients' Lives by Theresa Brown

Cubed: A Secret History of the Workplace by Nikil Saval

Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do by Studs Terkel

Gig: Americans Talk About Their Jobs edited by John Bowe, Marisa Bowe and Sabin Streeter

Bonjour Laziness: Why Hard Work Doesn't Pay by Corinne Maier

Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg

Lean Out by Dawn Foster

April 2019: Migrations and Peregrinations

Fiction

Crossing in Berlin by Fletcher Knebel

A Terrible Country by Keith Gessen

Bombay Time by Thrity Umrigar

March 2019: Revolutionary Women

Fiction

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food by Lidia Bastianich

Sex and the Single Girl by Helen Gurley Brown

My Mother My Self: The Daughter's Search for Identity by Nancy Friday

Nonfiction

Susan B. Anthony: A Biography of a Singular Feminist by Kathleen Barry

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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