



Melrose Public Library
Book Group for Adults
2018-2019

Please join us for a book discussion in the meeting room at 7:30 p.m.
on the following Thursdays nights:

September 20, 2018: *One Summer* by Bill Bryson

October 18, 2018: *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

November 15, 2018: *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear

December 20, 2018: *Where'd you go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple and **Yankee Book Swap**
Bernadette is a frightfully intelligent wife and mother whose intense allergy to Seattle specifically, and to people in general, has driven her to hire a virtual assistant in India to execute even her most basic tasks. Then her daughter, Bee, insists on a family trip to Antarctica as her reward for getting perfect grades in middle school, and Bernadette is faced with the daunting prospect of actual human interaction. And then Bernadette disappears....

Please bring a gift-wrapped book for a Yankee Book Swap. Holiday treats will be served. If you have a specialty that you would like to share, bring it for the table!

January 17, 2019: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy sets in motion a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.

February 21, 2019: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.

March 21, 2019: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

Beartown takes place in a remote, small Swedish town whose people are hoping that their junior hockey team might bring them national glory and with it economic revival. All is going great until suddenly a terrible incident changes everything, not only shattering the dream but also tearing the community apart.

April 18, 2019: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

May 16, 2019: *Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine* by Gail Honeyman

Eleanor Oliphant struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. That, combined with her unusual appearance means that Eleanor has become a creature of habit and a bit of a loner. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kind of friends who rescue each other from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

June 20, 2019: *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman

A forbidden love story set on the tropical island of St. Thomas about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro the Father of Impressionism.