

MASS book club titles list

- June 19, 2025 [The Lost Journals of Sacajewea: a novel](#), by [Debra Magpie Earling](#)
- May 15, 2025 [The Science of Weird Shit: Why Our Minds Conjure the Paranormal](#), by [Chris French](#)
- April 17, 2025 [The Starship and the Canoe](#), by [Kenneth Brower](#)
- March 20, 2025 [The Sympathizer](#), by [Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)
- February 20, 2025 [The Identity Trap: A Story of Ideas and Power in Our Time](#), by [Yascha Mounk](#)
- January 16, 2025 [Snow Crash](#), by [Neal Stephenson](#)
- December 19, 2024 [Mules and Men](#), by [Nora Neal Hurston](#)
- November 21, 2024 [James](#), by [Percival Everett](#)
- October 17, 2024 [This House of Sky](#), by [Ivan Doig](#)
- September 19, 2024 [Shaman](#), by [Kim Stanley Robinson](#)
- August 15, 2024 [Klara and the Sun](#), by [Kazuo Ishiguro](#)
- July 18, 2024 [Gender Queer](#), by [Maia Kobabe](#).
- June 20, 2024 [Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst](#), by [Robert M. Sapolsky](#) Chapters 10 through Epilogue.
- May 16, 2024 [Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst](#), by [Robert M. Sapolsky](#) Chapters 1 through 9.
- April 18, 2024 [Killers of Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI](#), by [David Grann](#)
- March 15, 2024 [The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover: How the FBI Aided and Abetted the Rise of White Christian Nationalism](#), by [Lerone A. Martin](#)
- February 15, 2024 [Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life](#), by [Lulu Miller](#)
- January 18, 2024: [Fire and Brimstone: The North Butte Mining Disaster of 1917](#), by [Michael Punke](#)

No meeting in December

November 16, 2023: [Thinking Fast & Slow](#), by [Daniel Kahneman](#)

October 19, 2023 [Seven Simple Steps to Personal Freedom: An Owner's Manual for Life](#), by [Gerry Spence](#)

September 21, 2023 [Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World](#), Katheryn Hayhoe

August 17, 2023 [The Buried Giant](#), [Kazuo Ishiguro](#)

July 20, 2023 [The Three Body Problem](#), Liu Cixin

June 15, 2023 [How the Mind Works](#), Steven Pinker

May 18, 2023 [Outliers: The Story of Success](#), Malcom Gladwell

April 20, 2023 [The Book Your Church Doesn't Want You to Read](#), Tim C. Leedom, Editor

March 16, 2023 [Diaspora](#), Greg Egan ([hard science fiction](#))

February 16, 2023 [Diaspora](#) by Greg Egan

January 19, 2023 [An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back](#), by Elisabeth Rosenthal

December 15, 2022 [White Trash: The 400 Year Untold History of Class in America](#), by Nancy Isenberg

November 17, 2022-[The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason](#), by Sam Harris.

October 20, 2022-[The Meaning of Human Existence](#), by E.O. Wilson

September 15, 2022-[Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, and Strategies](#), by Nick Bostrom

August 18, 2022 [The Founding Myth: Why Christian Nationalism is Un-American](#), by Andrew Seidel

July 21, 2022 [The Swerve: How the World Became Modern](#), by Stephen Greenblatt

June 16, 2022 [Wonderful Life](#), by Stephen Jay Gould

The book club was on hiatus October, 2019 thru May, 2022.

September 10, 2019 - Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival, by Peter Stark. (The author lives in Missoula) (biography, history)

August 13, 2019: Wittgenstein's Poker: The story of a Ten-Minute Argument Between Two Great Philosophers, by David Edmonds and John Eidinow (philosophy, history, biography)

July 2019. Canceled

June 11, 2019: Case Histories, by Kate Atkinson (mystery)

May 14, 2019: The Dry, by Jane Harper (mystery)

April 9, 2019: The Disordered Mind: What Unusual Brains Tell Us About Ourselves by Eric Kandel (non-fiction)

March 12, 2019: Perdido Street Station by China Mieville (fantasy/sf/horror)

February 12, 2019: Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal by Mary Roach (non-fiction)

January 8, 2019: Prairie Fires. The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser (historical biography)

December 11, 2018 - No book, enjoy the holidays!

November 13, 2018 - American Wolf. A true story of survival and obsession in the West, by Nate Blakeslee.

October 9, 2018: The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde. Discussion leader - Diane (electronic copy of book available at - <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/174> {also available in German and French!}, audio version here - <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/26230>)

September 11, 2018: Riders of the Purple Sage, by Zane Grey. Discussion leader - Beth (electronic copy of book available at - <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1300>, audio version here - <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/6537>)

August 14, 2018: Young Men and Fire, by Norman Maclean. Discussion leader - Bob (this is a Missoula Public Library Book Chat book, copies will be checked out at the July meeting)

July 10, 2018: The Immortal Irishman: The Irish revolutionary who became an American hero, by Timothy Egan. Discussion leader - Brad

June 12, 2018: Turn Right at Machu Picchu, by Mark Adams, discussion leader Beth (this is a library bookclub book so copies will be handed out at the May meeting)

May 8, 2018: Love Medicine, by Louise Erdrich, discussion leader Brad (this is a library bookclub book so copies will be handed out at the April meeting)

April 10, 2018: The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery discussion leader Diane (this is a library bookclub book so copies will be handed out at the March meeting)

March 13, 2018: Requiem for the American Dream: The 10 Principles of Concentration of Wealth & Power by Noam Chomsky, discussion leader Tom

February 13, 2018: The Speed of Dark by Elizabeth Moon, discussion leader Bob

January 9, 2018: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, discussion leader Gail

December 12, 2017: nothing scheduled, enjoy the holidays!

November 14, 2017: How Soon is Now by Daniel Pinchbeck, discussion leader Gail

October 10, 2017: The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, discussion leader Brad

September 12, 2017: Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri, discussion leader Diane

August 8, 2017: American Gods by Neil Gaiman, discussion leader Andee

July 11, 2017, Kindred by Octavia Butler, discussion leader Brad

June 13, 2017, The Big Picture: On the Origins of Life, the Universe, and the Meaning of Life Itself, by Sean Carroll, discussion leader Bob

May 9, 2017, The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer by Siddhartha Mukherjee. Discussion Leader: Gail

Apr 11, 2017, What a Fish Knows: The Inner Lives of Our Underwater Cousins by Jonathan Balcombe

Mar 15, 2017, Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World by Michael Pollan

Feb 14, 2017 - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Brian Stevenson

Jan 10, 2017, In Search of Memory: The Emergence a New Science of Mind by Eric R. Kandel

Dec 13, 2016, Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body, by Neil Shubin

Nov 9, 2016: His Dark Materials Trilogy: The Amber Spyglass by Philip Pullman

Oct 11, 2016: His Dark Materials Trilogy: The Subtle Knife by Philip Pullman

Sept 13, 2016: His Dark Materials Trilogy: The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

Aug 9, 2016: The Demon-Haunted World by Carl Sagan

July 12, 2016: The Ghost in My Brain: How a Concussion Stole My Life and How the New Science of Brain Plasticity Helped Me Get It Back by Clark Elliott

June 14, 2016: Drinking Arak Off an Ayatollah's Beard by Nicholas Jubber. The discussion will be led by Elaine.

May 10, 2016: Book of Ages: Life and Opinion of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore. This book provides an excellent look not only at Jane Franklin and her life, but also her brother Benjamin Franklin and the times during which they lived.

April 12, 2016 book club meeting has been cancelled. The book chosen was Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence by Karen Armstrong. The book is a dry historical recitation of facts and a very difficult read. Very much history and very many facts are included in the book which would make any discussion on it difficult and scattered.

Mar 8 , 2016- The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Brad)

Feb 9, 2016 - All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr (Andrea)
Writer Anthony Doerr "sees the world as a scientist, but feels it as a poet" as said by JR Moehringer about the novel All the Light We Cannot See. The book is written about the years leading up to, and also during, World War II, which allows for a very good description and subsequent discussion of Nazism and good versus evil. Most of the characters the book are like the real population of people, some parts good, some parts bad, and some parts in between. However, he was able to introduce one very believable good person and likewise a very bad person. The book is very well written and the characters well developed.

January 12, 2016: The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives by Leon Mlodinow. The effect, identification, and implications of randomness, were discussed as were some of the specific examples presented in the book. Not all of these examples were

immediately understood, so additional examples were presented and discussed. In all, the discussion was lively and entertaining.

Dec 8, 2015 - The Missionary Position, Christopher Hitchens (Janis)

Consensus was reached that though Hitchens could have made the book much better with more examples, references, and quotes, the book stands very well as it is, which is a revealing look at Mother Teresa and the work she did for which she is still lauded. She was not necessarily a bad or evil person, but one who acted according to the beliefs she had and the path she had carved out for herself. Her life was successful because she regarded highly by many people and on her way to sainthood, but her life work was not examined critically by most people. She was accepted for who we were told she was, as opposed to looking at her deeds to determine who she really was. Hitchens did a wonderful job of exposing her true life to us.

Nov 10, 2015 - Travels in Siberia, by Ian Frazier (Elaine)

Oct 13, 2015 - A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines, by Janna Levin (Judith)