

Falmouth Memorial Library- Short Story Discussion Group

The Falmouth Memorial Library Short Story group will be reading stories from [*The Oxford Book of American Short Stories*](#) / edited by Joyce Carol Oates for the first half of 2026 (January 12- June 15, 2026). There is a copy of *The Oxford Book of American Short Stories* at the Reference Desk for use at the library. If you need a copy, please ask at the Reference Desk.

Meeting dates and stories to be discussed for the first half of 2026 (January to June 15, 2026).

January 12 2026: pp. 488-510, Singer & Malamud

January 26 2026: pp. 511-551, Bellow & Cheever

February 9 2026: pp. 552-559, Le Guin & Barthelme

February 23 2026: pp. 560-581, Updike & Adams

March 9 2026: pp. 582-600, Carver & Silko

March 23 2026: pp. 601-619, Ozick & Oates

April 6 2026: pp. 620-654, Wolff & O'Brien

***April 20 2026 - Patriots' Day - Library Closed**

***April 27 2026:** pp. 655-696, Mason & Wideman

May 11 2026: pp. 697-726, Mukherjee & Tan

***May 25 2026 - Memorial Day - Library Closed**

***June 1 2026:** pp. 727-745, Erdrich & Leavitt

June 15 2026: pp. 746-end, Cisneros & Benedict

**date was changed due to holiday*

Beginning on June 29, 2026, we will be discussing stories from the following books for the remainder of the year:

- [*The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 - 1964*](#) - Robert Silverberg-Editor
- [*The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories*](#) - Oxford University Press – 1989 – Compiled by Michael Cox & R. A. Gilbert
- [*North by Northeast – New Short Fiction by Writers from Maine and New England*](#) - Published by Littoral Books – Copyright 2019 – Introduction by Alfred DePew. (It is important not to confuse this with the second volume in the series which looks identical but has a 2021 copyright date and a different introduction author. It has a totally different set of stories.)

Page numbers for the stories are given for the editions listed above. *North by Northeast* has only one edition, so all page numbers will be correct. The others have multiple editions. The stories contained within will be the same, but the page numbers might differ slightly.

Copies of all books are available to borrow using the Minerva catalog. A copy of the books is on reserve at the Reference Desk for use in the library only. If you need help, please ask at the Reference desk. If you would prefer to purchase a copy, books are available for purchase in used and new formats from various sources. The *North by Northeast* book is available for purchase directly from Littoral Books in Portland Maine.

Meeting Dates and stories to be discussed for the Second Half of 2026 (June 29 - December 28).

June 29 2026 – *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 – 1964* - Robert Silverberg-Editor – “A Martian Odyssey” by Stanley G. Weinbaum pp 1-23 & “Twilight” by John W. Campbell pp 24-41

July 13 2026 – *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 – 1964* - Robert Silverberg-Editor – “Helen O’Loy” by Lester del Rey pp 42-52 & “Microcosmic God” by Theodore Sturgeon pp 88-112

July 27 2026 – *North By Northeast – New Short Fiction by Writers from Maine and New England* - Published by Littoral Books – Copyright 2019 - Introduction by Alfred DePew – *A Cape Porpoise Suite*: by Joshua Bodwell - “What Is Stolen Can Never Be Returned” pp 1-9, “Frayed Rope” pp 10-20, & “You Can Take It Or Not” pp 21-31

August 10 2026 – *North by Northeast – New Short Fiction by Writers from Maine and New England* - Published by Littoral Books – Copyright 2019 - Introduction by Alfred DePew – “The Cheese Stands Alone” by Richard Cass pp 32-37, “The Barren” by Robert Diamante pp 38-46, & “Blue Eyes” by Robert Diamante pp 47-57

August 24 2026 – *The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories* - Oxford University Press – 1989 – Compiled by Michael Cox & R. A. Gilbert – “The Tapestry Chamber” by Sir Walter Scott pp 1-12, “The Phantom Coach” by Amelia B. Edwards pp 13-24, & “The Red Room” by H. G. Wells pp 172-179

September 7 2026- Labor Day- Library Closed

September 14 2026 – *The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories* - Oxford University Press – 1989 – Compiled by Michael Cox & R. A. Gilbert – “Squire Toby’s Will” by J. S. Le Fanu pp 25-50 & “The Monkey’s Paw” by W. W. Jacobs pp 180-189

September 28 2026 – *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 – 1964* Robert Silverberg-Editor – “The Roads Must Roll” by Robert A. Heinlein pp 53-87 & “Born of Man and Woman” by Richard Matheson pp 363-365

October 12 2026 - Indigenous Peoples Day- Library Closed

October 19 2026 – *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 – 1964* Robert Silverberg-Editor – “Nightfall” by Isaac Asimov pp 113-144 & “The Nine Billion Names of God” by Arthur C. Clarke pp 426-432

November 2 2026 – *North by Northeast – New Short Fiction by Writers from Maine and New England* - Published by Littoral Books – Copyright 2019 – Introduction by Alfred DePew – “Smoke” by Rita J. Doucette pp 63-72, “Sun” by Meghan Gilliss pp 73-76, & “The Wonders” by Meghan Gilliss pp 77-87

November 16 2026 - *North by Northeast – New Short Fiction by Writers from Maine and New England* - Published by Littoral Books – Copyright 2019 – Introduction by Alfred DePew – “Still Life with Skull” by Shirley Glubka pp 88-101, “Sundays Will Get You” by Amanda Greenfield pp 102-104, & “Daffodils” by Liza Mattison pp105-115

November 30 2026 – *The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories* - Oxford University Press – 1989 – Compiled by Michael Cox & R. A. Gilbert – “The Shadow in the Corner” by M. E. Braddon pp 51-68 & “The Upper Berth” by F. Marion Crawford pp 69-86

December 14 2026 – *The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories* - Oxford University Press – 1989 – Compiled by Michael Cox & R. A. Gilbert – “A Wicked Voice” by Vernon Lee pp 87-108 & “The Judge’s House” by Bram Stoker pp 109-124

December 28 2026 – *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Vol. 1: 1929 – 1964* Robert Silverberg-Editor – “Mimsy Were the Borogoves” by Lewis Padgett pp 181-210 & “That Only a Mother” by Judith Merrill pp 281-289