Books and Bagels

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., unless noted. For further information, please call Readers' Advisory at 847-259-6050 ext. 111.



Book Discussion Group

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2015 - 2016 Rolling Meadows Library

September 3, 2015 The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan

Haunted by the death of his wife while attending brutally sick and injured soldiers at a World War II Japanese POW camp, surgeon Dorrigo Evans, receives a letter that irrevocably shapes the subsequent decades of his life in Australia.

October 1, 2015 Peaches for Father Francis

by Joanne Harris

(Suburban Mosaic Selection)

Vianne Rochet returns to the French village of Lansquenet with her daughters, Anouk and Rosette, before allying herself with a desperate Father Frances Reynaud to reverse disturbing local changes.

November 5, 2015 The Martian

by Andy Weir

Stranded on Mars by a dust storm that compromised his space suit and forced his crew to leave him behind, astronaut Watney struggles to survive in spite of minimal supplies and harsh environmental challenges that test his ingenuity in unique ways.

December 3, 2015 Ordinary Grace

by William Kent Krueger

Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.

January 7, 2016 Into the Beautiful North

by Luis Alberto Urrea

(The Big Read: National Endowment for the Arts)

Working in a Mexican taco shop while dreaming of her father in the United States, nineteenyear-old Nayeli struggles with a realization that most of the men in her village have left to pursue work in the north.

February 4, 2016 West of Sunset

by Stuart O'Nan

A tale inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's last years in Hollywood finds him reflecting on past events at the height of the Jazz Age while falling in love, struggling to hold his family together and penning *The Last Tycoon*.

March 3, 2016 The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby, his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, and lavish parties on Long Island. A novel of lyrical beauty yet brutal realism, of magic, romance, and mysticism.

April 7, 2016 *Circling the Sun*

by Paula McLain

Raised by her father and the Kipsigis tribe in 1920s Kenya, Beryl endures painful losses before entering a passionate love triangle and discovering her unconventional true calling.

May 5, 2016 Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

The sudden death of a Hollywood actor during a production of *King Lear* marks the beginning of the world's dissolution in a story told at various past and future times from the perspectives of the actor and four of his associates.

June 2, 2016

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

by Daniel James Brown

The story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal; a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans.

