

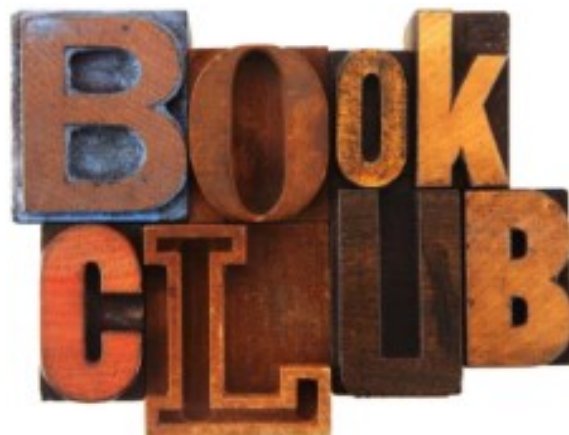
JOIN US.

PPL's Brown Bag Book Club meets monthly on the last Tuesday from 12 - 1 pm. Meetings will be held at the Library in our new Workshop Classroom.

The member-chosen titles include classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

Copies of each month's selection will be made available for check-out by club members at PPL's Info Services desk before the meeting.

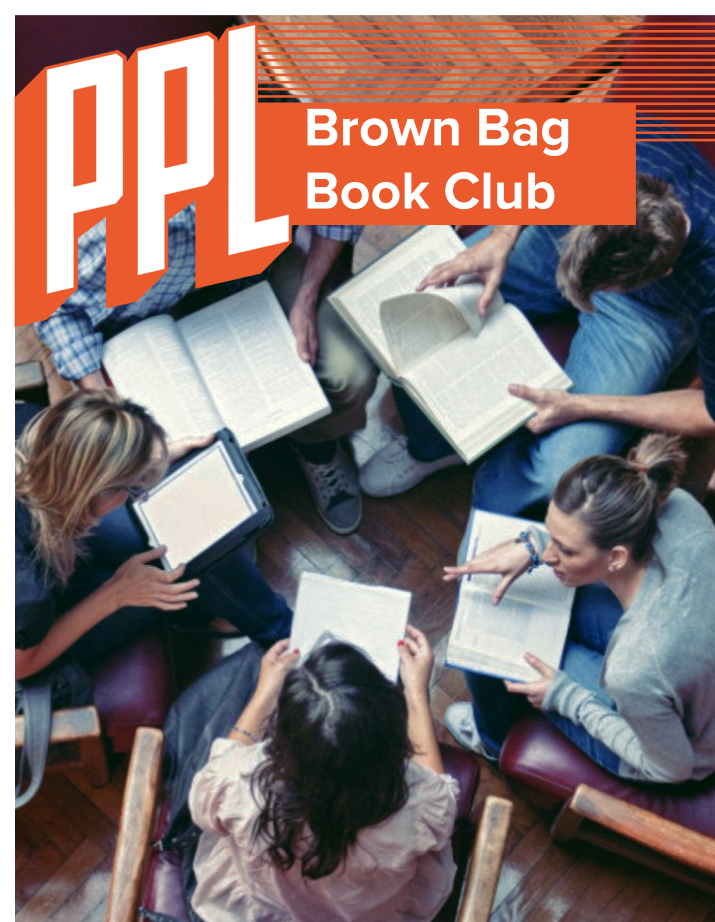
For more information, please call Book Club Coordinator Bonnie Lilienthal at 401-455-8025 or email blilienthal@provlib.org.



We should read to give our souls a chance to luxuriate.
— **Henry Miller**



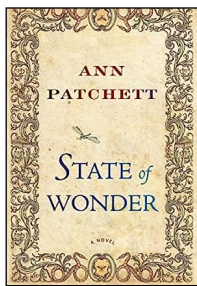
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**Brown Bag
Book Club**

**2023 - 2024
Selections**

**Meeting at Noon
the last Tuesday
of every month.**



September 26, 2023

From the NYT bestselling author of *Bel Canto* and *Run*, a major and explosively ambitious new novel, set in the Amazonian jungle, both a gripping adventure story and a profound investigation of difficult human choices.

State of Wonder — Ann Patchett

October 31, 2023

A captivating, bighearted, richly tapestried story of people brought together by love, war, art, flood, and the ghost of E. M. Forster, by the celebrated author of *Tin Man*.

Still Life — Sarah Winman

November 28, 2023

A masterful novel about the son of a great painter striving to create his own legacy, by the bestselling author of *The Imperfectionists*. With his signature humanity and humor, Tom Rachman examines a life lived in the shadow of greatness, cementing his place among his generation's most exciting literary voices.

The Italian Teacher — Tom Rachman

December 19, 2023

NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller and National Book Award winner • From one of America's iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion that explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage — and a life, in good times and bad — that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.

Year of Magical Thinking — Joan Didion

January 30, 2024

"A remarkable novel. . . . *A Prayer for Owen Meany* is a rare creation. . . . An amazingly brave piece of work . . . so extraordinary, so original, and so enriching. . . . Readers will come to the end feeling sorry to leave this richly textured and carefully wrought world." — STEPHEN KING, *Washington Post*

A Prayer for Owen Meany — John Irving

February 27, 2024

National Book Award winner • Set over one sweltering week in July and culminating in a bizarre act of violence that finally changes everything, *The Rabbit Hutch* is a savagely beautiful and biting funny snapshot of contemporary America, a gorgeous and provocative tale of loneliness and longing, entrapment and, ultimately, freedom.

The Rabbit Hutch — Tess Gunty

March 26, 2024

From the acclaimed author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and *The Bean Trees*, a brilliant novel that entralls, compels, and captures the heart as it evokes a young hero's unforgettable journey to maturity. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.

Demon Copperhead — Barbara Kingsolver

April 30, 2024

NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller • Central Park birder Christian Cooper takes us beyond the viral video that shocked a nation and into a world of avian adventures, global excursions, and the unexpected lessons you can learn from a life spent looking up.

Better Living Through Birding — Christian Cooper

May 28, 2024

#1 **NEW YORK TIMES** Bestseller • Meet Elizabeth Zott: "a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention" (*The Washington Post*) in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

Lessons in Chemistry — Bonnie Garmus

June 25, 2024

A deeply evocative novel of the life of Isabella Stewart Gardner, a daring visionary who created an inimitable legacy in American art and transformed the city of Boston itself. *The Lioness of Boston* is a portrait of what society expected a woman's life to be, shattered by a courageous soul who rebelled and was determined to live on her own terms.

Lioness of Boston — Emily Franklin

