

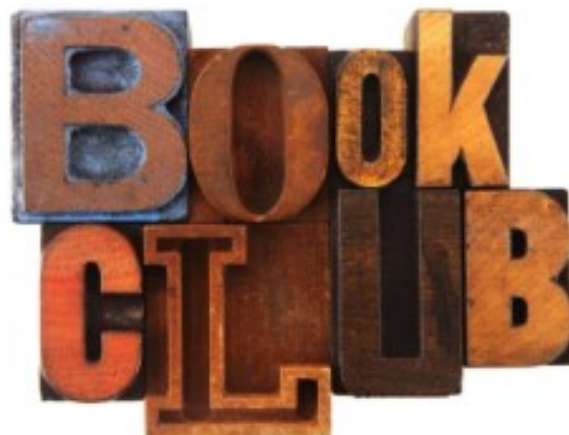
## JOIN US.

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 Trustees Room, 3rd Floor.

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](mailto:blilienthal@provlib.org).



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

— **Henry Miller**

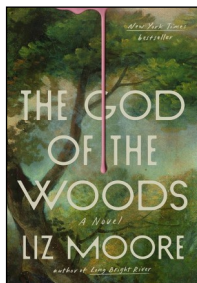


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## 2025 - 2026 Selections

Meeting at Noon  
the last Tuesday  
of every month.



**September 30, 2025**

When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide. Moore's multi-threaded story invites readers into a rich and gripping dynasty of secrets and second chances. It is Liz Moore's most ambitious and wide-reaching novel yet. "This expertly paced thriller...has the kineticism of a well-crafted miniseries." — *The New Yorker*

**October 28, 2025**

Published in 1961, and earning classic status with a film version in 1970, Heller's dark, satirical novel became so ubiquitous that it initiated the eponymous phrase regarding paradoxical situations. With current trends and political climate considered, this volume revisits the classic text for a contemporary audience.

**November 25, 2025**

One of the most remarkable true-crime narratives of the twenty-first century • "The Art Thief, like its title character, has confidence, élan, and a great sense of timing." — *The New Yorker*

**December 16, 2025**

*Small Things Like These* is award-winning author Claire Keegan's landmark new novel, a tale of one man's courage and a remarkable portrait of love and family. An international bestseller, it is a deeply affecting story of hope, quiet heroism, and empathy from one of our most critically lauded and iconic writers.

**January 27, 2026**

**NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER** • A transporting, irresistible debut novel that takes its heroine, Cristabel Seagrave, from a theatre made of whalebones to covert operations during World War II—a story of love, family, bravery, lost innocence, and self-transformation. "Absolute aces...Quinn's imagination and adventuresome spirit are a pleasure to behold." — *The New York Times*

**February 24, 2026**

Beloved bestselling author Mitch Albom returns with his most important novel to date, an unforgettable story of truth and lies set during the Holocaust. In *The Little Liar*, he examines the human repercussions of deception by interweaving the stories of Nico, who yearns for forgiveness; his older brother, Sebastian, who vows revenge against him; Fannie, the girl who must choose between them; and Udo Graf, the Nazi officer who forever changed their lives with his lies.

**March 31, 2026**

Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before. James is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature. "A masterpiece that will help redefine one of the classics of American literature, while also being a major achievement on its own." — *Chicago Tribune*

**April 28, 2026**

Winner of the 1962 National Book Award and one of *Time* magazine's 100 Best English-Language Novels, Walker Percy's debut *The Moviegoer* is an American masterpiece and a classic of Southern literature. Insightful, romantic, and humorous, it is the story of a young man's search for meaning amid a shallow consumerist landscape.

**May 26, 2026**

An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers,

**June 30, 2026**

Winner of the 2019 National Book Award in Nonfiction — A brilliant, haunting and unforgettable memoir from a stunning new talent about the inexorable pull of home and family, set in a shotgun house in New Orleans East.

***The God of the Woods* — Liz Moore**

***Catch-22* — Joseph Heller**

***The Art Thief* — Michael Finkel**

***Small Things Like These* — Claire Keegan**

***The Whalebone Theatre* — Joanna Quinn**

***The Little Liar* — Mitch Albom**

***James* — Percival Everett**

***The Moviegoer* — Walker Percy**

***West With Giraffes* — Linda Rutledge**

***The Yellow House* — Sarah Broom**

