

Meeting Date	Title	Author	Description	# pages	Year Published	Library Available Date	Library Return Date
11/4/2021	The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Set in the author's girlhood hometown of Lorain, OH, it tells the story of black, eleven year old Pecola Breedlove. Pecola prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be as beautiful and as loved as all the blond, blue-eyed children in America. In the autumn of 1941, the year the marigolds in the Breedloves' garden do not bloom, Pecola's life does change - in painful, devastating ways.	224	1970	10/1/2021	11/5/2021
12/2/2021	The Book Women of Troublesome Creek	Kim Michele Richardson	Story of the women that delivered books on horseback in rural Kentucky. Historical fiction. Story of courage, strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere, even back home. Extra credit: Read "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes - similar story - can compare and contrast	320	2019	11/1/2021	12/3/2021
1/6/2022 (5 weeks)	The Jane Austen Society	Natalie Jenner	After WWII, group of people work together to save a small cottage where Jane Austen used to write. Story of these people all so different coming together. Story of their lives and some tragedies.	320	2020	12/1/2021	1/7/2022
2/3/2022	Nomadland	Jessica Bruder	Accompanying unmoneyed retired from campground toilet cleaning to warehouse product scanning to desert reunions, the author tells an eye-opening tale of the dark underbelly of the American economy. At the same time, she celebrates their exceptional resilience and creativity.	288	2018	1/2/2022	2/4/2022
3/3/2022	Hideout	Watt Key	Young Adult genre. Twelve-year-old Sam has been given a fishing boat by his father, but he hates fishing. Instead he uses the boat to disappear for hours at a time, exploring the forbidden swampy surroundings of his bayou home. Then he discovers a strange kid named Davey, mysteriously alone, repairing an abandoned cabin deep in the woods. A complex tale of friendship, kindness, and dangerous secrets.	333	2017	2/1/2022	3/4/2022

4/7/2022 (5 weeks)	Hornet Flight	Ken Follett	In June 1941, on a Danish island, Harald Olufsen stumbles upon a secret German installation. With England preparing its largest aerial assault, what Harald has discovered may turn the course of the war, but the race to convey the information could have terrible consequences for everyone close to him. Filled with knife-edge suspense and rich characters.	442	2002	3/1/2022	4/8/2022
5/5/2022	Leave the World Behind	Rumaan Alam	A magnetic novel about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong. A suspenseful and provocative novel keenly attuned to the complexities of parenthood, race, and class, this book explores how our closest bonds are reshaped—and unexpected new ones are forged—in moments of crisis.	256	2020	4/1/2022	5/6/2022
6/2/2022	White Crysanthemum	Mary Lynn Bracht	Korea, 1943. As a haenyeo, a female diver of the sea, Hana enjoys an independence that few other Koreans can still claim, until she saves her younger sister from a Japanese soldier and is herself captured and transported to Manchuria where she is forced to become a "comfort woman" in a Japanese military brothel. South Korea, 2011. Emi has spent more than sixty years trying to forget the sacrifice her sister made, but she must confront the past to discover peace. Suspenseful, hopeful, the story of two sisters whose love for each other is strong enough to triumph over the grim evils of war.	320	2018	5/1/2022	6/3/2022
7/21/2022 (8 weeks)	The Black Swan of Paris	Karen Robards	Paris, 1944. Genevieve Dumont, an unwilling darling of the Nazis, goes undetected as an ally to the resistance. When her estranged mother, Lillian de Rocheford, is captured by Nazis, Genevieve knows it won't be long before the Gestapo succeeds in torturing information out of Lillian that will derail the upcoming allied invasion. The resistance movement is tasked with silencing her by any means necessary—including assassination. But Genevieve refuses to let her mother become yet one more victim of the war. A web of spies, the resistance and a vivid portrayal of Paris in wartime.	496	2020	6/1/2022	7/29/2022

9/1/2022 (5 weeks)	A Tree Grows In Brooklyn	Betty Smith	A moving coming-of-age story set in the 1900s, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn follows the lives of 11-year-old Francie Nolan, her younger brother Neely, and their parents, Irish immigrants who have settled in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn	496	1943	7/22/2022	9/2/2022
10/6/2022 (5 weeks)	The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah	The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity.	450	Feb-21	9/1/2022	10/7/2022
11/3/2022	Secret Daughter	Shilpi Somaya Gowda	Secret Daughter, a first novel by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, explores powerfully and poignantly the emotional terrain of motherhood, loss, identity, and love through the experiences of two families—one Indian, one American—and the child that binds them together.	368	2011	10/1/2022	11/4/2022
12/1/2022	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Krueger	New Bremen, Minnesota, Summer 1961. It was a time of innocence, but for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder. Frank finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him.	336	2013	11/1/2022	12/2/2022
1/5/2023 (5 weeks)	The Lost and Found Bookshop	Susan Wiggs	In the wake of a shocking tragedy, Natalie Harper inherits her mother's charming but financially strapped bookshop in San Francisco. She also becomes caretaker for her ailing grandfather Andrew, her only living relative—not counting her scoundrel father. Her sorrow begins to dissipate as she makes new connections, discoveries and revelations, from unearthing artifacts hidden in the bookshop's walls, to discovering the truth about her family, her future, and her own heart.	432	2020	12/1/2022	1/5/2023

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