Meeting Date	Title	Author	Description	# pages	Year Published	Library Available Date	Library Return Date
1/9/2025 **changed from 1/2/2025 due to the holidays	Anxious People	Fredrik Backman	From the author of A Man Called Ove, an apartment open house is interrupted when a bank robber bursts in and takes the attendees hostage. Each of them carries a lifetime of hurts, secrets and passions which they share as they try to escape their predicament.	352	2021	12/1/2024	1/10/2025
2/6/2025	A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley	A "powerful and poignant" twentieth-century reimagining of Shakespeare's King Lear that takes on themes of truth, justice, love, and pride—and centers on a wealthy Iowa farmer who decides to divide his farm between his three daughters. When the youngest daughter objects, she is cut out of his will. This sets off a chain of events that brings dark truths to light and explodes long-suppressed emotions. Ambitiously conceived and stunningly written, A Thousand Acres reveals the beautiful yet treacherous topography of humanity. Pulitzer Prize Winner.	384	2003	1/1/2025	2/7/2025
3/6/2025	Heaven and Earth Grocery Store (Book Kit)	James McBride	In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows.	400	Aug 2023	2/1/2025	3/7/2025
4/3/2025	The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?	304	2023	3/1/2025	4/4/2025

5/1/2025	James (Book Kit)	Percival Everett	Story of Huck Finn, but from a slaves perspective	368	June 2024	4/1/2025	5/2/2025
6/5/2025	House of Mirth	Edith Wharton	The House of Mirth is set in New York City around 1900. It chronicles the life of Lily Bart, a young woman of high society who finds herself in a precarious position between the traditional expectations of her class and the modern freedoms of a new age. Through complex characters and captivating events, Lily must decide between love, money, and her own sense of self-worth.	208	1905	5/1/2025	6/6/2025
8/7/2025	The Shoemaker's Wife	Adriana Trigiani	The author's most ambitious novel of her career, a multigenerational love story that spans two continents, two world wars, and the quest of two lovers to find each other again. A rich, sweeping epic which tells the story of the women and men who built America dream by dream.	496	2012	7/1/2025	8/8/2025
9/11/2025 **(Note: This is the second Thurs of the month)**	The First Ladies	Marie Benedict Victoria Murray	A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune (daughter of formerly enslaved parents) —an unlikely friendship that changed the world. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, they became friends confiding their secrets and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.	400	June 2023	8/1/2025	9/11/2025
10/2/2025	The Women (Book Kit)	Kristin Hannah	Women can be heroes. When Frances McGrath (a 20-year-old nursing student) hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the idyllic world of Southern CA, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. This is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.	480	Feb 2024	9/1/2025	10/3/2025

11/6/2025	Husbands and Lovers	Beatriz Williams	Set in Cairo 1951 and New England 2022, an unforgettable journey of heartbreak and redemption, from the revolutionary fires of midcentury Egypt to the moneyed beaches of contemporary New England. A poignant and beautifully voiced novel of deeply human characters entangled by morally complex issues—of privilege, class, and the female experience.	400	June 2024	10/1/2025	11/7/2025
12/4/2025	Spy Coast	Tess Gerritsen	First of The Martini Club series. Former spy Maggie Bird came to the seaside village of Purity, Maine, eager to put the past behind her after a mission went tragically wrong. These days, she's living quietly on her chicken farm, still wary of blowback from the events that forced her early retirement. But when a body turns up in Maggie's driveway, she knows it's a message from former foes who haven't forgotten her. Maggie turns to her local circle of old friends—all retirees from the CIA—to help uncover the truth about who is trying to kill her, and why. This "Martini Club" of former spies may be retired, but they still have a few useful skills that they're eager to use again, if only to spice up their rather sedate new lives.	363	Nov 2023	11/1/2025	12/5/2025
1/8/2026	Someone Else's Shoes	Jo Jo Moyes	Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone else's shoes? Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Her gym bag is accedentally taken by Sam, who tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes and the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change. Full of Jojo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, this is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything.	464	Feb 2024	12/1/2025	1/9/2026
We usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7:15pm (with some variations between Memorial Day and Labor Day) at the Meeting House. To join book club, please email Terry Tracz at TTracz.CT@gmail.com							