

BOOKLIST AND INFORMATION FOR TEA AND TOMES, 2022-2023

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS YEAR. PLEASE READ AND KEEP SAFE!

Below is our Tea and Tomes reading list for the coming year. Thank you for your recommendations! Connie and I met several times over the summer and are excited about the selections. All of our books can be borrowed from or through our Charlotte Community Library. After each title, you will be able to see if there is a book box (8 titles), an audio, or an ebook. Seven of the eight titles can be accessed on Hoopla. At the end of this list, there is an explanation of the advantages and access to the Hoopla app through the library. The Spartan Room is reserved for the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December). There will be a sheet at each meeting where you will be able to sign-up to help. We are looking forward to reading and discussing the books along with you this year!

September 27, 2022. ***The Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank. Hoopla (summary) and audio (search under "Anne Frank"). Library book and book box of 8 titles.

Meticulously handwritten during her two years in hiding, Anne's diary remains one of the most widely read works of non-fiction in the world. Anne has become a symbol for the lost promise of the more than one million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust.

October 25, 2022. ***The Physicists' Daughter***. Mary Anna Evans. Hoopla ebook and audio. Library book. The Nazis are no match for Justine Burns. She is repeatedly called to weld machine parts that keep failing. Is someone deliberately undermining the factory's Allied war effort? Sabotage!

November 29, 2022. ***The Lost Apothecary***. Sarah Penner. Hoopla ebook and audio. MeL.

A subversive and intoxicating novel of secrets, vengeance, and the remarkable ways (including poison) that women can save each other despite the barrier of time.

January 24, 2023. ***America's First Daughter***. Bethany Gray Kamorie. Hoopla ebook and audio. Library book and audio.

As Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter, Patsy becomes his helpmate, protector and companion after her mother's death. She also learns about her father's troubling liaison with Sally Hemings, a slave girl her own age.

February 28, 2023. ***The Woman in the Library***. Sulari Gentill. Hoopla ebook and audio. Library book.

With a clever plot like a set of nesting boxes, a piercing scream in the Boston Public Library pulls together four tablemates who attempt to solve the crime. A serious sense of menace prevails.

March 28, 2023. ***The Good Earth***. Pearl Buck. Hoopla ebook and Trilogy. Library book and audio.

Buck paints an indelible portrait of China in the 1920s, when the last emperor reigned. A moving, classical story of honest farmer, Wang Lung, and his selfless wife, O-Lan. *The Good Earth* traces the whole cycle of life: its terrors, passions, ambitions, and rewards. A universal tale.

April 25, 2023. ***West with the Giraffes***. Lynda Rutledge. Library book. MeL.

Based on real-life events, an orphaned teenager ends up driving two giraffes across the United States to the San Diego Zoo in 1938. "Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes," Woody Nickel.

May 23, 2023. ***The Water Keeper***. Charles Martin. Hoopla book and audio. Library book (large print).

Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the grounds for a church that has no parishioners. He has dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. However, Murph himself may be more lost than he realizes.

NOTES:

Advantages of Hoopla

- Titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phone, tablet, or Kindle. No waiting!
- The borrow period for books and audiobooks is 21 days.
- You are entitled to 4 borrows per month.
- The 21 day borrow period is good for anytime during the month, even if it carries over to the next month.
- The App is FREE with your library card.
- Charlotte Community Library staff will help you set up the app; call them at 543-8859.
- They helped me set up my device in about 15 minutes and I can read/listen on any device.

MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) aka interlibrary loan. You can access MeL through the library website or ask the library staff to order a book for you. You may request a book from MeL if the library's copy is checked out or unavailable. Indicate to the staff that your request is for a book club. Allow about 2 weeks for processing your request.

Book Box kits. Duplicate copies of the same title (usually 8 copies per box). These will be available one month in advance and **MUST** be returned the day of the book discussion. First come, first served.

Bookmarks. There is no plan for making bookmarks this year, so save this sheet in a safe place! A reminder email will be sent out to Tea and Tomes members and the *Club Communicator*.

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