

Shrub Oak Book Groups – 2015 Reading List

Kullberg – Mondays * Barresi – Wednesdays

<p>Mon, Jan. 12 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, Jan. 7 - Noon</p>	<p><u>The Husband's Secret</u> – by <i>Liane Moriarty</i></p> <p>Cecilia Fitzpatrick has achieved it all--she's an incredibly successful businesswoman, a pillar of her small community, and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But a letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia, or each other, but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's secret.</p>
<p>Mon, Feb. 2 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, Feb. 4 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Defending Jacob: a novel-</u> by <i>William Landay</i></p> <p>Andy Barber has been a respected and happy assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. Jacob insists that he is innocent but as damning facts and shocking revelations surface, Andy will face a trial of his own.</p>
<p>Mon, March 2 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, March 4 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Longbourn-</u> by <i>Jo Baker</i></p> <p>The servants at Longbourn estate only glancingly mentioned in Austen's <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> take center stage in Jo Baker's lively, cunning new novel. From the stern but soft-hearted housekeeper to the starry-eyed kitchen maid, these new characters come vividly to life in this already beloved world.</p>
<p>Mon, April 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, April 1 - Noon</p>	<p><u>The Invention of Wings-</u> by <i>Sue Monk Kidd</i></p> <p>On Sarah's eleventh birthday she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next 35 years as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. "A magnificent novel."</p>
<p>Mon, May 4 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, May 6 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Still Life with Bread Crumbs-</u> by <i>Anna Quindlen</i></p> <p>Once a world-famous photographer known for her iconic image, "Still Life with Bread Crumbs," Rebecca Winter has drifted out of the spotlight. As her income dries up, she decides to leave behind the expensive world she knows in New York City and move to a small cabin in the country, where her life falls into a quieter rhythm. With the help of a local man named Jim Bates, Rebecca finds herself with a second chance-at life, love, her career and her understanding of herself. Beautifully written.</p>
<p>Mon, June 1 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, June 3 - Noon</p>	<p><u>One Summer-</u> by <i>Bill Bryson</i></p> <p>One of the most admired nonfiction writers of our time retells the story of a truly fabulous year in the life of his native country--a fascinating and gripping narrative featuring such outsized American heroes as Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, and yes Herbert Hoover, and a gallery of criminals (Al Capone), eccentrics (Shipwreck Kelly), and close-mouthed politicians (Calvin Coolidge). It was the year Americans attempted and accomplished outsized things and came of age in a big, brawling manner.</p>

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<p>Mon, July 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, July 1 - Noon</p>	<p><u>The Giver</u> – by <i>Lois Lowry</i> At the annual Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas is chosen for something special as his life assignment. This leads him to The Giver, a man who holds all the memories of the past. Through this man, Jonas learns the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.</p>
<p>Mon, August 3 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, August 5 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Nightwoods</u> – by <i>Charles Frazier</i> Charles Frazier, the author of <u>Cold Mountain</u>, envisions late 1950's North Carolina through the eyes of Luce who is a single woman that must care for the quiet twins of her murdered sister. This lean, tight narrative resonates with the timelessness of a great work of art.</p>
<p>Tues, Sept. 1 - 7 p.m. <i>(holiday closing 9/7)</i></p> <p>Wed, Sept. 2 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity</u> – by <i>Katherine Boo</i> Annawadi is a settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, and as India starts to prosper the community is filled with hope. Abdul, a reflective and enterprising Muslim teenager, sees a fortune in the recyclable garbage that richer people throw away. But then Abdul is falsely accused in a shocking tragedy. "One of the best books of the year."</p>
<p>Mon, Oct. 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, Oct. 7 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Someone: A Novel</u> – by <i>Alice McDermott</i> The story of a Brooklyn-born woman's life - her family, her neighborhood, her daily trials and triumphs - from childhood to old age. This is an ordinary life—its sharp pains and unexpected joys, its bursts of clarity and moments of confusion—lived by an ordinary woman.</p>
<p>Mon, Nov. 2 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed, Nov. 4 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Orphan Train</u> – <i>Christina Baker Kline</i> Between 1854 and 1929, orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? Young Irish immigrant Vivian Daly was one such child.</p>
<p>Mon. Dec. 7 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Dec. 2 - Noon</p>	<p><u>Cuckoo's Calling</u> – <i>Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling)</i> After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, and creditors are calling. Then John Bristow walks through his door with an amazing story; His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that.</p>