

UPL Book Club list – through December 2021

2010

October: We each read a different mystery book.

November: We each read a different book about harvest.

December: We each read a different book with cold or freeze in the title

2011

July: Ines of My Soul, Isabel Allende

October: We each read a different mystery book

November: Half a Yellow Sun, Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

December: Cat's Cradle, Kurt Vonnegut

2012

January: We each read a different novel by Ian McEwan

February: The Ghost at the Table, Suzanne Berne

March/April: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot

May: The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

June: People of the Book, Geraldine Brooks

July: Life of Pi, Yann Martel

August: The Plague of Doves, Louise Eldrich

September: Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay

October: The Life Before Us, Romain Gary (Community Read)

November: The Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys

2013

January: Angle of Repose, Wallace Stegner

February: My Name is Red, Orhan Pamuk

March: Tender is the Night, F. Scott Fitzgerald

April: The Spirit Catches You and then You Fall Down, Anned Fadima

May: The Tortilla Curtain, TC Boyle

June: Wish You Well, David Balducci

July: Snow Falling on Cedars, David Guterson

August: Birdsong, Sebastian Faulks

September: Breath, Eyes, Memory, Edwidge Danticat

October: When the Emperor Was Divine, Julie Otsuka

November: Continental Drift, Russell Banks

2014

January: The Wordy Shipmates, Sarah Vowel

February: Howard's End, EM Forster

March: Tender at the Bone, Ruth Reichl

April: The Obituary Writer, Anne Hood

May: Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight, An African Childhood, Alexander Fuller

July: Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio, Amaka Lakhaus

August: Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline

September: Comfort Me With Apples, Ruth Reichl

October: The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd

November: A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens

December: Christmas Memories, Truman Capote - read aloud

2015

January: Metropolis, Elizabeth Gaffney
February: Dream When You're Feeling Blue, Elizabeth Berg
March: Caleb's Crossing, Geraldine Brooks
April: Boys in the Boat, Daniel James Brown
May: Quite a Year for Plums, Bailey White
June: Flight Behavior, Barbara Kingsolver
July: Mudbound, Hillary Jordan
August: March, Geraldine Brooks
September: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford
November: Dinner at the Homesick, Anne Tyler
December: Read Aloud Holiday Poems/short stories, TBD

2016

January: All the Light You Cannot See, Anthony Doerr
February: Coffee Trader, David Liss
March: The Goldfinch, Donna Tartt
April: The Red Leather Diary, Lily Koppel
May: The Beautiful American, Jeanne Mackin
June: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Jules Verne
July: The Rosie Project, Graeme Simsion
August: Traveling With Pomegranates: A Mother-Daughter Story, Sue Monk Kidd & Ann Kidd Taylor
September: Book Selection
October: Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese
November: The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
December: The UnAmericans: Stories, Molly Antopol

2017

January: The Boston Girl: A Novel, Anita Diamant
February: The Dove Keepers, Alice Hoffman
March: The Remains of the Day, Kazuo Ishiguro
April: An Officer and a Spy, Robert Harris
May: The Whore Next Door: An Illustrated Memoir, Annie Campbell
June: The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild, Lawrence Anthony & Graham Spence
July: Empire Falls, Richard Russo
August: The Nix,
September: Enigma, Richard Harris
October: Lincoln in the Bardo, George Saunders
November: The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead
December: My Brilliant Friend, Elena Ferrante

2018

January: Eleanor of Aquitaine, Alison Weir
February: The Warmth of Other Suns, Isabel Wilkerson
March: The Sympathizer, Viet Thanh Nguyen

April: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman
May: Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly
June: It Can't Happen Here, by Sinclair Lewis
August – Killers of the Flower Moon, by David Grann
Sept – The Nest, by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney
October – Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy, by Karen Abbott
November – Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate
December – Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson

2019

January – History of Wolves, by Emily Fridlund
February – Funny in Farsi: a memoir of growing up Iranian in America, by Firoozeh Dumas
March – The Luminaries, by Eleanor Catton (800+ pages, perfect for mud season!)
April – The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, by Dan Egan
May – Circe, by Madeline Miller
June – Less, by Andrew Sean Greer
Aug The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde
Sep The Power - Naomi Alderman
Oct The Twelve - Mile Straight - Eleanor Henderson
Nov A Woman of No Importance - Sonia Purnell
Dec Brooklyn - Colm Toibin

2020

Jan A Gentleman in Moscow - Amor Towles
Feb Women Talking - Miriam Toews
Mar Behind the Beautiful Forevers - Katherine Boo
Jun Unsheltered - Barbara Kingsolver
July All Quiet on the Western Front -
Aug Movie: "13th" (Netflix)
Sep The Mayor of Casterbridge – Thomas Hardy
Oct Pachinko - Min Jin Lee
Nov Where the Crawdads Sing - Delia Owens

2021

Jan Unbroken by Linda Hillenbrand
Feb My Antonia by Willa Cather
Mar His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham
Apr Good Lord Bird by James McBride
May Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
Jun The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
Jul The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi
Aug The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea
Sep Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips
Oct White Teeth by Zadie Smith
Nov The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis
Dec How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X Kendi