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Fenn, Elizabeth. Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People – 2016-2017 **(Best Discussion)**

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Hamilton, Jane. *Map of the World* – 1997-98

Hamsun, Knut. *Hunger* – 2015-2016

Harjo, Joy. *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*– 1997-98

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Harrington, Michael. *The Other America*– 1964-65

Harris, Sam. *The End of Faith* – 2006-2007 **(Best Discussion)**

Hauck, Paul. *Overcoming Depression* – 1974-75

Heat Moon, William Least. *Blue Highways*– 2003-04

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Hellman, Hal. *Great Feuds in Science: Ten of the Liveliest Disputes Ever*– 2003-2004

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Howard, Jane. Please Touch– 1971-72

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Jackson, George. Soledad Brother– 1972-73

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Johnson, Steven. The Ghost Map: The Story of London’s Most Terrifying Epidemic–
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Kluger, Jeffrey. Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio–
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Larson, Erik. In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in
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 McNeil, Robert. Wordstruck– 1990-91
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 McPherson, James. Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief– 2009-2010
 (**tie for Best Discussion**)
 Meissner, Susan. The Last Year of the War – 2020-2021
 Menzies, Gavin. 1421: The Year China Discovered America– 2006-2007
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 Merrill, James. Divine Comedies – 1979-80
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 Mills, C. Wright. The Power Elite – 1960-61, 1961-62
 Mones, Nicole. The Last Chinese Chef – 2008-09
 Moore, Gary W. Playing with the Enemy – 2015-2016

Moravia, Alberto. Two Women— 1961-62
 Mori, Kyoko. Polite Lies— 2000-01
 Morrison, Toni. Jazz— 2008-09
 Mukherjee, Bharati. The Middleman and Other Stories — 1993-94
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 Nadolny, Sten. The Discovery of Slowness — 2022-2023
 Nagamatsu, Sequoia. How High We Go in the Dark (All Iowa Reads selection) —
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 Naipaul, V.S. Among the Believers — 1982-83
 Narayan, R.K. The Painter of Signs — 1983-84
 Nguyen, Viet Thanh. The Sympathizer — 2016-2017
 Niebuhr, Reinhold. Moral Man and Immoral Society — 1961-62
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 Norman, Marsha. ‘Night, Mother — 1986-87
 Norris, Kathleen. Cloister Walk — 1997-98
 Nowlis. Drugs on the College Campus — 1969-70
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 Oates, Joyce Carol. We Were the Mulvaney — 2001-2002
 O’Brian, Patrick. Master and Commander — 2016-2017
 O’Brien, Edna. A Scandalous Woman — 1977-78
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 Oliviera, Robin. My Name Is Mary Sutter — 2014-2015
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 Olsen, Tillie. Tell Me a Riddle — 1982-83
 O’Nan, Stewart. Last Night at the Lobster — 2009-2010
 Ondaatje, Michael. The English Patient — 1994-95
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 Orr, Mary. “The Wisdom of Eve” — summer 2017
 Ortega y Gasset, J. The Revolt of the Masses — 1964-65
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 Otto, Whitney. How to Make an American Quilt — 1992-93
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 Paton, Alan. Cry, the Beloved Country — 1961-62
 Percy, Walker. Lost in the Cosmos — 1984-85
 Petterson, Per. Out Stealing Horses— 2015-2016 **(Three-Way Tie for Favorite Book)**
 Phillips, Arthur. The Tragedy of Arthur— 2014-2015
 Phillips, Jayne. Machine Dreams— 1985-86
 Piercy, Marge. Braided Lives— 1992-93; Small Changes— 1975-76

Pinsky, Robert. Sounds of Poetry- 1999-2000 **(tied for best discussion)**
 Pinter, Harold. Homecoming- 1970-71
 Pirsig, Robert. Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance- 1975-76
 Plath, Sylvia. The Bell Jar- 2003-2004
 Pollan, Michael. Second Nature- 1992-93
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 Rabe, David. The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel- 1973-74
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 Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged- 1963-64; The Virtue of Selfishness- 1982-83
 Rather, Dan. The Camera Never Blinks- 1983-84
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 Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. Cross Creek - 2022-2023
 Reichl, Ruth. Tender at the Bone- 2015-2016
 Rhodes, David. Driftless-as a stand-alone 2010-2011
 Rhys, Jean. Wide Sargasso Sea- 1999-2000
 Rice, Anne. Cry to Heaven- 2004-05
 Rich, Adrienne. Diving into the Wreck- 1974-75
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 Robinson, Marilynne. Housekeeping - 1998-99; Lila - 2016, summer
 Rodriguez, Richard. Hunger of Memory - 2001-2002 **(tied for favorite book)**
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 Rosenthal, Peggy. Words and Values - 1985-86
 Roszak, Theodor. The Making of a Counter Culture - 1970-71
 Roth, Philip. The Plot Against America- 2005-2006
 Rothstein, Richard. The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government
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 Rushforth, Peter. Kindergarten- 1982-83
 Russell, Karen. Swamplandia- 2013-2014
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 Sagan, Carl. The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human
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 Salzman, Mark. The Soloist - 1995-96
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 Shahn, Ben. The Shape of Content- 1969-70
 Shakespeare, William. Richard III- 2016-2017
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 Is Enuf- 1977-78

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 Sheehy, Gail. Passages— 1977-78
 Shields, Carol. Stone Diaries— 1996-97
 Shlain, Leonard. The Alphabet Versus the Goddess— 2000-01
 Silverberg, Robert. Born with the Dead— 1975-76
 Simonson, Helen. Major Pettigrew's Last Stand— 2011-2012
 (Best Discussion—three-way tie)
 Skarmeta, Antonio. Burning Patience— 1987-88
 Skinner, B.F. Walden Two— 1964-65
 Skloot, Rebecca. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks— 2011-2012
 (Best Discussion—three-way tie)
 Smiley, Jane. A Thousand Acres— 1995-96
 A Year at the Races— 2006-2007
 Smith, Clint. How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery
 Across America — 2024-2025
 Solzhenitsyn, Alexander. The First Circle — 1974-75
 The Mortal Danger — 1983-84
 Spencer, Elizabeth. "The Light in the Piazza" short story 2023
 Spufford, Francis. Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York — 2021-2022
 Stark, Peter. Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire — 2020-2021
 Stegner, Wallace. Angle of Repose— 1990-91; Where the Bluebird Sings to the
 Lemonade Springs— 1999-2000
 Steinbeck, John. Travels With Charley— 2002-2003
 Stockett, Kathryn. The Help— 2010-2011
 Stone, Isidore F. The Trial of Socrates— 1989-90
 Stone, Robert. Outerbridge Reach— 1996-97
 Stoppard, Tom. Jumpers— 1979-80
 Strand. The Contemporary American Poets— 1971-72
 Strout, Elizabeth. Olive Kitteridge — 2009-2010
 Suckow, Ruth. The Ruth Suckow Omnibus — 1996-97; Country People — 2024-2025
 Szabó, Magda. Abigail — 2021-2022
 Szasz, Thomas. Ideology and Insanity — 1973-74
 Taibo, Paco Ignacio. Four Hands — 2003-2004
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 Tan, Amy. The Joy Luck Club — 1990-91
 Tannen, Deborah. You Just Don't Understand— 1991-92
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 Terkel, Studs. Working— 1977-78
 Theroux, Paul. Picture Palace— 1979-80
 This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women 2007-2008
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 Tillich, Paul. The Courage to Be— 1963-64, 1964-65
 Titone, Nora. My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry Between Edwin and John
 Wilkes Booth That Led to an American Tragedy — 2013-2014
 Tobin, Jacqueline L., and Raymond G. Dobard. Hidden in Plain View: A Secret
 Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad — 2006-2007
 Toffler, Alvin. Future Shock— 1971-72
 Tolan, Sandy. The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East
 —stand-alone 2010-2011
 Tolstoy, Leo. The Death of Ivan Ilych— 2008-09
 Towles, Amor. Rules of Civility— 2017-18
 Trask, Kerry. Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America— 2010-2011
 Tremain, Rose. Music & Silence— 2004-05
 Tuchman, Barbara. The Guns of August— 1966-67
 Notes from China— 1973-74
 Turnbull, Colin. Mountain People— 1974-75

Turner, Frederick. 1929– 2004-05
 Turow, Scott. Ordinary Heroes– 2007-2008
 Twain, Mark. Roughing It– 1988-89; The Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc – 2000-2001
 Ulrich, Laurel Thatcher. A Midwife’s Tale – 1995-96
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 Updike, John. Rabbit, Run– 1962-63
 Urrea, Luis Alberto. Into the Beautiful North – summer 2017
 Valladares, Armando. Against All Hope – 1988-89
 Verghese, Abraham. Cutting for Stone – 2012-13
 Vidal, Gore. Lincoln – 1985-86
 Burr – 2003-04
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 Vonnegut, Kurt. Cat’s Cradle – 1973-74; Slaughterhouse Five– 1988-89
 Walker, Alice. The Color Purple – 1983-84
 Wallace, Irving. Seven Minutes – 1972-73
 Wallach, Janet. Desert Queen: *The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell*, 2005-2006 **(Three-Way tie for Best Discussion)**
 Wallant, Edward. Pawnbroker – 1966-67
 Ward, Barbara. Spaceship Earth – 1973-74
 Ward, Jesmyn. Sing, Unburied, Sing – 2018-19
 Warren and Erskine. Short Story Masterpieces – 1963-64
 Warrick, Joby. Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS – 2016-2017
 Waters, Sarah. Fingersmith – 2007-2008 **(Best Discussion)**
 Watson, S.J. Before I Go to Sleep – 2012-13
 Watts, Alan. The Wisdom of Insecurity– 1971-72
 Weatherford, Jack. Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World – 2005-2006
 (Three-Way tie for Best Discussion)
 Weiss, Elaine. The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote – 2019-2020
 Welty, Eudora. The Wide Net – 1979-80; “A Sweet Devouring” “Why I Live at the P.O.” “Where Is the Voice Coming From?”– 2005-2006; “Moon Lake” – 2022
 West, Morris. Devil’s Advocate – 1962-63
 Wharton, Edith. The Age of Innocence – 2022-2023
 Whitaker, Robert. The Mapmaker’s Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon – 2021-2022
 White, Bailey. Sleeping at the Starlite Motel – 1996-97
 White, Lancelot. The Next Development in Man – 1964-65
 Whitehead, Colson. The Underground Railroad – 2022-2023
 Wiesel, Elie. Night – 2006-2007
 Wilcox, Annie Tremmel. A Degree of Mastery – 2001-2002
 Wilkerson, Isabel. The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration – 2024-2025
 Will, George. Statecraft as Soulcraft – 1984-85
 Williams, John. The Man Who Cried I Am – 1970-71
 Wilson, A.N. Jesus: A Life – 1994-95
 Wilson, David Sloan. Evolution for Everyone – 2008-09
 Wilson, Diane. The Seed Keeper (All Iowa Reads selection) – 2023-2024
 Wilson, G. Willow. The Butterfly Mosque – 2013-2014
 Winchester, Simon. River at the Center of the World – 1999-2000; The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary– 2010-2011 **(Best Discussion; tie for Favorite Book)**
 Wolfe, Thomas. The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test – 1970-71; From Bauhaus to Our House – 1982-83
 Wolff, Tobias. In the Garden of the North American Martyrs – 1983-84; This Boy’s Life – 1991-92
 Woodrell, Daniel. Winter’s Bone – 2010-2011

Xinran. Sky Burial: An Epic Love Story of Tibet – 2008-09

Yates, Richard. Revolutionary Road – 1962-63

Yong, Ed. An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us
– 2024-2025

Yu, Charles. Interior Chinatown – 2021-2022 (**Favorite Book, Favorite Discussion**)

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The Coming Political Breakthrough by Chester Bowles
Conscience of a Conservative by Barry Goldwater
Brave New World & Revisited by Aldous Huxley
Towers of Trebizond by Rose Macaulay
The Point of No Return by J.P. Marquand
The Power Elite by C. Wright Mills
Butterfield 8 by John O'Hara
The Lonely Crowd by David Riesman
Out of My Life & Thought by Albert Schweitzer

1961-1962

A Death in the Family by James Agee
Two Women by Alberto Moravia
Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Moral Man and Immoral Society by Reinhold Niebuhr
The Great Debate: Our Schools in Crisis by Winfield Scott, et al
Pocket Book of Robert Frost's Poetry by Robert Frost
May Man Prevail? by Erich Fromm

1962-1963

The Alexandrian Quartet: Justine, Balthazar, Clea, Mount Olive
by Lawrence Durrell
The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Rabbit, Run by John Updike
Devil's Advocate by Morris West
Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates
In Place of Folly by Norman Cousins
Gandhi: His Life & Message for the World by Louis Fischer
The Writings of Martin Buber by Will Herberg
The Press by A.J. Liebling

1963-1964

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? By Edward Albee
Another Country by James Baldwin
Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
Short Story Masterpieces compiled by Warren & Erskine
Slums and Suburbs: A Commentary on Schools...by James Bryant Conant
The Myth of Sisyphus by Albert Camus
Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy by R. Harper & A. Ellis
Religion in America by John Cogley
The Courage to Be by Paul Tillich

1964-1965

Look Back in Anger by John Osborne
Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon by Jorge Amado
Jealousy by Alain Robbe-Grillet
Walden Two by B.F. Skinner
The Affluent Society by John K. Galbraith
The Other America by Michael Harrington
Community Power Structure by Floyd Hunter
The Next Development in Man by Lancelot White
The Revolt of the Masses by J. Ortega y Gasset

1965-1966 No record

1966-1967

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
The Secular City by Harvey Cox
The Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman
Cat and Mouse by Gunter Grass
Caucasian Chalk Circle by Bertolt Brecht
Pawnbroker by Edward Wallant
Compulsory Mis-Education by Paul Goodman
The Fall by Albert Camus
Let Us Now Praise Famous Men by James Agee

1967-1968 No record

1968-1969

Why Are We in Vietnam by Norman Mailer
African Genesis by Robert Ardley
Identity, Youth, and Crisis by Erik Erikson
The Algiers Motel Incident by John Hersey
A Coney Island of the Mind by Lawrence Ferlinghetti
Repressive Tolerance by Herbert Marcuse
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
The Dubliners by James Joyce
The Magus by John Fowles

1969-1970

Dutchman by LeRoi Jones
The Great White Hope by Howard Sackler
Proposition 31 by Robert Rimmer
Drugs on the College Campus by Nowlis
Howl by Alan Ginsberg
Malcolm X by Malcolm X
The Last Temptation of Christ by Nikos Kazantzakis
The Wretched of the Earth by Franz Fanon
The Shape of Content by Ben Shahn
In the Time of Greenbloom by Gabriel Fielding

1970-1971

The Golden Notebook by Doris Lessing
The Man Who Cried I Am by John Williams
Indians by Arthur Kopit
Selected Poems by Gwendolyn Brooks
Homecoming by Harold Pinter
The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test by Thomas Wolfe
New World of Urban Man by Doxiadis
Violence in America by Graham
The Making of a Counter Culture by Theodor Roszak

1972-1973

The Aleph by Jorge Luis Borges
The Book of Daniel by E.L. Doctorow
The Paragon by John Knowles
Seven Minutes by Irving Wallace
The Homosexual Dialectic by Joseph McCaffrey
Sexual Bargaining by John Scanzoni

Ikiru (film script) by George Jackson
Poetry reading selected by the leader—Akira Kurosawa

1973-1974

The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel
Re: Creation by Nikki Giovanni
Grendel by John Gardner
Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut
Terminal Man by Michael Crichton
Ideology and Insanity by Thomas Szasz
Notes from China by Barbara Tuchman
Spaceship Earth by Barbara Ward
Revolution as Theater: Essays on Radical Style by Robert Brustein

1974-1975 (incomplete)

Watership Down by Richard Adams
Gravity's Rainbow by Thomas Pynchon
The First Circle by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Diving into the Wreck by Adrienne Rich
Unbought and Unbossed by Shirley Chisholm
Overcoming Depression by Paul Hauck
Mountain People by Colin Turnbull

1975-1976

What Is Cinema? By Andre Bazin
The New Chastity (and other arguments against women's lib.) by Midge Decter
American People by E.J. Kahn, Jr.
Eye-Beaters, Blood, Victory, Madness, Buckhead and Mercy by James Dickey
Small Changes by Marge Piercy
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig
Born with the Dead by Robert Silverberg
Voices from Wounded Knee, 1973, in the words of the participants
Trifles by Susan Glaspell

1976-1977 No record

1977-1978

Passages by Gail Sheehy
Scoundrel Time by Lillian Hellman
Working by Studs Terkel
Now Playing at Canterbry by Vince Bourjaily
A Scandalous Woman by Edna O'Brien
Humboldt's Gift by Saul Bellow
Play It As It Lays by Joan Didion
Selected Poems by Richard Eberhart
For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf
by Ntozake Shange

1978-1979

Falconer by John Cheever
The Waterfall by Margaret Drabble
Ways of Seeing by John Berger
Friends and Lovers by Helen MacInnes
Dragons of Eden by Carl Sagan
The Savage God by A. Alvarez
Letters to a Stranger
I Would Have Saved Them If I Could by Leonard Michaels

1979-1980

Final Payments by Mary Gordon (led by Margaret Ebert)
Jumpers by Tom Stoppard
Picture Palace by Paul Theroux
Lives of a Cell by Lewis Thomas
Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien
Lying by Sissela Bok
Divine Comedies by James Merrill
The Wide Net by Eudora Welty

1980-1981 No record

1981-1982 No record

1982-1983

Letters from the Country by Carol Bly
The Mistress of Husaby by Sigrid Undset
Kindergarten by Peter Rushforth
Among the Believers by V.S. Naipaul
Ficciones by Jorge Luis Borges
Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man by Thomas Mann
Tell Me a Riddle by Tillie Olsen
From Bauhaus to Our House by Tom Wolfe
The Virtue of Selfishness by Ayn Rand

1983-1984

The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Tim by Colleen McCullough
A Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter Miller
Two-Headed Poems by Margaret Atwood
The Camera Never Blinks by Dan Rather
The Painter of Signs by R.K. Narayan
The Mortal Danger by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
In the Garden of the North American Martyrs by Tobias Wolff
The Mismeasure of Man by Stephen Jay Gould

1984-1985

Will You Please Be Quiet, Please by Raymond Carver
Lost in the Cosmos by Walker Percy
Poems by Anna Akhmatova
Statecraft as Soulcraft by George Will
Ironweed by William Kennedy
Tunnel of Love by Peter DeVries
The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco
The Modern Tradition (short story collection used for several years)
 compiled by Daniel Howard
A Dry White Season by Andre Brink

1985-1986

The Great Cat Massacre by Robert Darnton
Words and Values by Peggy Rosenthal
Machine Dreams by Jayne Phillips
What the Light Was Like by Amy Clampitt
Stones for Ibarra by Harriet Doerr
Drinks before Dinner by E.L. Doctorow
Inside Central America by Phillip Berryman

Lincoln by Gore Vidal

1986-1987

A Woman of Means by Peter Taylor
Flaubert's Parrot by Julian Barnes
The Periodic Table by Primo Levi
'Night, Mother by Marsha Norman
"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" by Richard P. Feynman
China Men by Maxine Hong Kingston
Stolen Spring by Hans Scherfig
A Changing Israel by Peter Grose

1987-1988

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowen
Time after Time by Molly Keane
In the Rainforest by Catherine Caufield
Burning Patience by Antonio Skarmeta
Scenarios for a Mixed Landscape by John Allman
Sitting in Darkness: Americans in the Philippines by David Rain
Dance of the Tiger by Bjorn Kurten

1988-1989

Mortal Choices by Ruth Macklin
What's Bred in the Bone by Robertson Davies
Against All Hope by Armando Valladares
Roughing It by Mark Twain
The Discoverers by Daniel Boorstin (led by Lea Farley)
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
The Haunted Mesa by Louis L'Amour
The Closing of the American Mind by Allan Bloom

1989-1990

Foreign Affair by Alison Lurie (led by Julie Charlesworth)
The Trial of Socrates by Isidore F. Stone (led by Julie Whellan)
The Flight of the Iguana by David Quammen (led by Tracey Coleman)
Man of the House by Tip O'Neill with William Novak (led by Sue Rebro)
The Power of Myth by Joseph Campbell with Bill Moyers (led by Margaret Ebert)
Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media
(led by Dick Seifert)
The Book and the Brotherhood by Iris Murdoch

1990-1991

Singular Rebellion by Maruya Sarichi (led by Mary Pettigrew)
Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner (led by Gene Hollen)
Wordstruck by Robert McNeil (led by Lea Farley)
Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris (led by Aurita Puga)
Life and Death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng (led by Barbara Dockery)
The Thrill of the Grass by William P. Kinsella (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Warrior Queens by Antonia Fraser (led by George Pettigrew)
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan (led by Peggy Elkin)
The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales by Oliver Sacks
(led by Julie Charlesworth)

1991-1992

Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (led by Mary Pettigrew)
Jefferson and Monticello by Jack McLaughlin (led by Gene Hollen)

Panther in the Sky by James Thom (led by Barbara Dockery)
From Beirut to Jerusalem by Thomas Friedman (led by Kathy Kirschbaum)
A Feeling for the Organism by Evelyn Keller (led by Tom Bulat)
This Boy's Life by Tobias Wolff (led by Rea Tyler)
East Is East by T. Coraghessan Boyle (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
You Just Don't Understand by Deborah Tannen (led by George Pettigrew)
The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All by Allan Gurganus
(led by Dana Ridenour)

1992-1993

Father Melancholy's Daughter by Gail Godwin (led by Bobbie Taylor)
How to Make an American Quilt by Whitney Otto (led by Mary Pettigrew)
Amusing Ourselves to Death by Neil Postman (led by Gene Hollen)
Without Feathers (from The Complete Prose) by Woody Allen
(led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
A Natural History of the Senses by Diane Ackerman (led by Marv Skoglund)
Honest Effort by Michael Carey (led by Barbara Dockery)
Braided Lives by Marge Piercy (led by George Pettigrew)
Savage Inequalities by Jonathan Kozol (led by Mary Whitehead)
Second Nature by Michael Pollan (led by Tom Bulat)

1993-1994

Getting Even, Side Effects (from The Complete Prose) by Woody Allen
(led by Marv Skoglund)
The Living by Annie Dillard (led by Libby Turner)
The Last Word and Other Stories by Graham Greene (led by Marilyn Bulat)
The Way Things Ought to Be by Rush Limbaugh (led by Tom Bulat)
A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean (led by Mary Pettigrew)
The Middleman and Other Stories by Bharati Mukherjee (led by Georgie Jerz)
My Antonia by Willa Cather (led by Michael Hustedde)
Midaq Alley by Mahfouz Naguib (led by Aurita Puga)
Tuva or Bust by Ralph Leighton (led by George Pettigrew)

1994-1995

Jump and Other Stories by Nadine Gordimer (led by Kathy Kirschbaum)
The De-Valuing of America by William Bennett (led by Gene Hollen)
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Balkan Ghosts by Robert Kaplan (led by Michael Hustedde)
Having Our Say by the Delany Sisters (led by Aurita Puga)
The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx (led by Sue Rebro)
The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje (led by Marv Skoglund)
Jesus: A Life by A.N. Wilson (led by Lea Farley)
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (led by Benita Moore)

1995-1996

A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley on loan from Decorah Pub. Lib.
(led by Aurita Puga)
The Cavalry Maiden by Nadezhda Durova (led by George Pettigrew)
A Midwife's Tale by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (led by Mary Ann Bodayla)
The Soloist by Mark Salzman (led by Judy Whellan)
Looking Backward by Edward Bellamy (led by Michael Hustedde)
Smilla's Sense of Snow by Peter Hoeg (led by Betty Garner)
Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold (led by Marv Skoglund)
Speak, Memory by Vladimir Nabokov (led by Mary Whitehead)

1996-1997

Outerbridge Reach by Robert Stone (led by Jack Luzkow)
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (led by Carol Lineback)
Sleeping at the Starlite Motel and Other Adventures by Bailey White
(led by Peggy Elkin)
The Ruth Suckow Omnibus (led by Michael Hustedde)
Assembling California by John McPhee (led by Aurita Puga)
Ishmael by Daniel Quinn (led by Hedy Hustedde)
The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields (led by Barbara Dockery)
Sastun: My Apprenticeship with a Maya Healer by Rosita Arvigo
(led by Shelli Tague)
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson (led by Jack Allgaier)

1997-1998

Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons (led by Mary Whitehead)
Map of the World by Jane Hamilton (led by Aurita Puga)
Train Go Sorry by Leah Hager Cohen (led by Celeste Sievers)
Mr. Ives' Christmas by Oscar Hijuelos (led by Michael Hustedde)
The Messiah Stones by Irving Benig (led by Marv Skoglund)
Makes Me Wanna Holler by Nathan McCall (led by Inge Metcalf)
The Woman Who Fell From the Sky by Joy Harjo (led by Barbara Dockery)
Cloister Walk by Kathleen Norris (led by Jack Allgaier)
The Liars' Club by Mary Karr (led by Carol Lineback)

1998-1999

Five Equations that Changed the World by Michael Guillen (led by Lea Farley)
All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy (led by Jan Keessen)
How the Irish Saved Civilization by Thomas Cahill (led by Jack Allgaier)
Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey (led by Carol Lineback)
Killer Angels by Michael Shaara (led by Mary Whitehead and Sam Whitehead)
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier (led by Betty Garner)
Family: Opposing Viewpoints (led by Gene Hollen)
No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin (led by Joanne Appleman)
Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson (led by Georgie Koenig and Dan Jens)

1999-2000

Sounds of Poetry By Robert Pinsky (led by Barbara Dockery)
-**tied for best discussion**
Selected Stories by Alice Munro (led by Owen Rogal)
Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter M. Miller (led by Tom Bulat)
-**favorite book and tied for best discussion**
River at the Center of the World by Simon Winchester (led by Lois Schroeder)
Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys (led by Rea Tyler and Hedy Hustedde)
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway (led by Michael Hustedde)
Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs by Wallace Stegner
(led by Lea Farley)
A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella Bird Bishop
(led by Shelli Tague)
Porterhouse Blue by Tom Sharpe (led by Dave Kintigh and Mary Whitehead)

2000-2001

Canone Inverso by Paolo Maurensig (led by Lois Schroeder)
The Alphabet Versus the Goddess by Leonard Schlain
(led by Michael Hustedde)-**Favorite Book and Best Discussion**
Voyage of the Narwhal by Andrea Barrett
(led by Hedy Hustedde and Erma Wiszmann)
Polite Lies by Kyoko Mori (led by Beryl Irvine)

Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson (led by Mary Whitehead)
Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc by Mark Twain
(led by Hedy Hustedde/Barbara Dockery)
Rumor of War by Philip Caputo (led by Art Pitz)
Palace Walk by Mahfouz Naguib (led by Mary Jane Andrews)
Nightworks by Marvin Bell—free with grant (led by Marvin Bell)

2001-2002

The Odyssey by Homer (led by Ann Boaden)
Life & Death by Robert Creeley (led by Jan Keessen)
We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose (led by Ron McDaniel)
The Red Tent by Anita Diamant (led by Mary Daniels) **Best Discussion**
A Degree of Mastery by Annie Tremmel Wilcox
(led by Cindy Baldwin/Lea Farley)
Hanna's Daughters by Marianne Fredriksson (led by Lois Schroeder)
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines (led by Jack Allgaier)
tied for Favorite Book
Hunger for Memory by Richard Rodriguez (led by Michael Hustedde)
tied for Favorite Book

2002-2003

The Long Walk by Slavomir Rawicz (led by Jack Allgaier)
The Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck (led by Mary Whitehead)
The Ambassadors by Henry James (led by Mary Daniels)
O Pioneers by Willa Cather (led by Michael Hustedde)
Babbitt by Sinclair Lewis (led by Ron McDaniel)
Man's Fate by André Malraux (led by Sue Rebro)
Bound for Glory by Woody Guthrie (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin (led by Joann Appleman)
The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath (led by Mindy Ploesser)

2003-2004

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath (led by Mindy Ploesser)
Burr by Gore Vidal (led by Mary Whitehead)
Blue Highways by William Least Heat Moon (led by Carol Lineback)
Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman (Mary Daniels)—**Favorite Book**
Complications by Atul Gawande (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Great Feuds in Science by Hal Hellman (led by Mindy Ploesser)
Nothing Like It in the World by Stephen Ambrose (led by Ron McDaniel)—**Best Discussion**
Four Hands by Paco Taibo (led by John Pollitz/Hedy Hustedde)
The Long Walk by Slavomir Rawicz (led by Hedy Hustedde)

2004-2005

Atonement by Ian McEwan (led by Michael Hustedde)—**Favorite Book**
The Color of Water by James McBride (led by Mindy Ploesser)—**Best Discussion**
Niagara Falls All Over Again by Elizabeth McCracken (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Cry to Heaven by Anne Rice (led by Ellen Tsagaris)
The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason (led by Mary Daniels)
Music & Silence by Rose Tremain (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
1929 by Frederick Turner (led by Mindy Ploesser)
Body & Soul by Frank Conroy (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett (led by Betty Garner)

2005-2006

Tender Is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald
(led by Benita Moore funded by The Figge Art Museum)
E=mc² by David Bodanis (led by Thomas Burns funded by WGBH Public Television
and The American Library Association)—**Favorite Book**,
part of **three-way tie for Best Discussion**
How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster
(led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell by Janet Wallach
(led by Mary Daniels and Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
—part of **three-way tie for Best Discussion**
The Dew Breaker by Edwidge Danticat
(led by Torria Norman funded by The Figge Art Museum)
The Plot Against America by Philip Roth (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
"Why I Live at the P.O." "A Sweet Devouring" "Where Is the Voice Coming From?"
by Eudora Welty (led by Jan Keessen funded by the Figge Art Museum)
Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World by Jack Weatherford
(led by Lea Farley and Sue Rebro)
—part of **three-way tie for Best Discussion**

2006-2007

Bhagavad Gita (led by Carl Herzig)
Night by Elie Wiesel (led by Art Pitz)
Hidden in Plain View by Tobin and Dobard (led by Ann Collett)
Spook by Mary Roach (led by Michael Hustedde)
The End of Faith by Sam Harris (led by Mary Daniels)—**Best Discussion**
1421 by Gavin Menzies (led by Lea Farley)—**Favorite Book**
Napoleon's Buttons by Le Couteur and Bureson (led by Jack Allgaier)
Banvard's Folly by Paul Collins (led by Mindy Ploesser)
A Year at the Races by Jane Smiley (led by Barb Langley)

2007-2008

The next two titles from Global Gathering Middle East:

Never in a Hurry by Naomi Shihab Nye
(purchased by the Friends of the BPL—led by Hedy Hustedde)
American Islam by Paul Barrett (purchased by the BPL Foundation—
led by Talia Alvi and Lisa Killinger)
Splendid Solution by Jeffrey Kluger (led by Rebecca Heick & Marvis Hafner)
This I Believe edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman
(led by Mike Romkey and Mark Ridolfi)
Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry (led by Michael Hustedde)—**Favorite Book**
A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines by Janna Levin
(led by Mary Daniels and Deborah Detrick)
The Life of Pi by Yann Martel (led by Hedy Hustedde)
Ordinary Heroes by Scott Turow (led by Betty Garner)
Fingersmith by Sarah Waters (led by Mindy Ploesser)—**Best Discussion**

2008-2009

The next two titles from Global Gathering China:

The Last Chinese Chef by Nicole Mones (purchased by the Bettendorf Public
Library Foundation and led by Karen Hindhede and Jen-Mei Ma)
Sky Burial: An Epic Love Story of Tibet (purchased by the Bettendorf Public
Library Foundation and led by Marsha Smith)
Little Heathens by Mildred Armstrong Kalish (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde
& Lea Farley)—**Best Discussion**
Evolution for Everyone by David Sloan Wilson (led by Rich Legg)

**The next five titles from the ALA/Fetzer Institute grant Let's Talk About It:
Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death:**

Disgrace by J.M. Coetzee (led by Michael Hustedde)
Paula by Isabel Allende (led by Michael Hustedde)
Jazz by Toni Morrison (led by Michael Hustedde)
The Dead by James Joyce (led by Michael Hustedde)
The Death of Ivan Ilych by Leo Tolstoy (led by Michael Hustedde)

2009-2010

The next two titles from Global Gathering Germany:

A Mighty Fortress: A New History of the German People by Stephen Ozment
(purchased by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation and led by Michael
Hustedde including a half-hour chat with the author by speaker-phone)
Crabwalk by Gunter Grass (purchased by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation
and led by Nancy Hayes, St. Ambrose University)
Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief by James McPherson
(led by Timothy Roberts, Western Illinois University)

-tie for best discussion

Man Killed by Pheasant: And Other Kinships by John T. Price
(Scott County Reads Together)
The Ear, the eye and the Arm by Nancy Farmer
The Rope Walk by Carrie Brown (purchased by the Friends of the Bettendorf Public
Library and led by Lea Farley/Hedy N.R. Hustedde)-**Favorite Book**
Last Night at the Lobster by Stewart O'Nan (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout (led by Barb Guss)
The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by John
M. Barry (led by Marvis Hafner, Trinity Medical Center)

-tie for best discussion

2010-2011-50th year

Driftless by David Rhodes (All Iowa Reads 2010-one-time discussion)
Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America by Kerry Trask
(led by Ferrel Anderson, archaeologist)
Martin Luther King, Jr., for Armchair Theologians by Rufus Burrow, Jr.
(presentation 26 October)
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (Big Read grant from Moline Public Library
-led by John Klima) one-time discussion
The Weight of Silence by Heather Gudenkauf (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
-presentation by author 16 April
The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan
(led by Art Pitz and Lisa Killinger) One-time Discussion
The Case by Israel by Alan Dershowitz (led by Allen Ross)
The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity and the Making of the
Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester (led by Lea Farley &
Michael Hustedde)-**Best Discussion; tie for Favorite Book**
The Iliad by Homer (led by Augustana Professor Tom Banks)
Winter's Bone by Daniel Woodrell (led by Cecilia Magalhaes in the evening)
The Land Remembers by Ben Logan (led by Michael Hustedde)-**tie for Favorite Book**
Sing Them Home by Stephanie Kallos (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)

Book Bash at the Red Lobster

2011-2012

What Cheer by Zachary Jack (Stand-alone summer discussion:
led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
Brazil on the Rise: The Story of a Country Transformed by Larry Rohter
(led by Augustana College Prof. Mariano Magalhaes)
Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon by Jorge Amado (led by Don Moore)

The March by E.L. Doctorow (led by Don Doxsie)
 The Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell (led by Michael Hustedde)
—tie for Favorite Book
 The Help by Kathryn Stockett (led by Amy Hubbell)
 The Children’s Blizzard by David Laskin (led by employees of the National
 Weather Bureau, Terry Simmons and Linda ?)—**tie for Favorite Book;**
three-way tie for Best Discussion
 The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (led by Sarah Gardner)
—three-way tie for Best Discussion
 Embers by Sandor Marai (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde)
 Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson (led by Hedy N.R. Hustedde & Lea
 Farley)—**three-way tie for Best Discussion**

2012-2013

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong (led by
 Sr. Sandra Brunenn, Norma Riplinger)
 Zeitoun by Dave Eggers (led by Michael Hustedde)
 Stand-alone: A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold (led by Hedy Hustedde)
 The Year We Left Home by Jean Thompson
 (2013 All Iowa Reads—led by Hedy Hustedde)
 Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: The Remarkable Story of the Friendship Between a
 First Lady and a Former Slave (led by Don Doxsie)—**tie for Best Discussion**
 In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler’s Berlin
 by Erik Larson (led by Hedy Hustedde)
 Caleb’s Crossing by Geraldine Brooks (Women’s Connection Author presentation
 November 14) (led by Cecilia Magalhães)
 The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean (led by Hedy Hustedde)
—Favorite Book and tie for Best Discussion
 Before I Go to Sleep by S.J. Watson (led by Hedy Hustedde)
 Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese (led by Theresa Bries & Hedy Hustedde)

SUMMER SHORTS 2013

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Love” by Raymond Carver
 “What We Talk About when We Talk About Anne Frank” by Nathan Englander
 “The Sex Lives of African Girls” by Taiye Selasi

2013-2014

The first three titles are for Global Gathering West Africa and funded by the
 Bettendorf Public Library Foundation
 King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of
 How She Changed an African Village by Peggienelene Bartels and Eleanor
 Herman (led by John Tawiah-Boateng)—**three-way tie for Favorite Book**
 A Long Way Home by Ishmael Beah (led by Art Pitz)
 Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (led by Mercy Nwumeh & Katy
 Strzepek)—**three-way tie for Favorite Book**
 My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry between Edwin and John Wilkes Booth
 That Led to an American Tragedy by Nora Titone (led by Don Doxsie,
 complimentary copies secured by Lea Farley)
 Swamplandia by Karen Russell (led by Sarah Gardner)
 The Round House by Louise Erdrich (led by Michael Hustedde)
 Orphan Train by Christina Kline Baker (**three-way tie for Favorite Book**)
 The next five titles are part of Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys—American
 Stories funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American
 Library Association:
 Prince Among Slaves by Terry Alford (led by Cyrus Zargar)
 Columbia Sourcebook of Muslims in the United States (led by Amy Patrick Mossman)
 Acts of Faith by Eboo Patel (led by Cyrus Zargar)—**Best Discussion**

The Quiet Revolution by Leila Ahmed (led by Amy Patrick Mossman)
The Butterfly Mosque by G. Willow Wilson (led by Lisa Killinger)

SUMMER SHORTS 2014

"A Jury of Her Peers" by Susan Glaspell
"Peloma" and "Consent" by Chad Simpson

2014-2015

Two books in observance of **Banned Books Week:**

The King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography by Chris Crutcher
who visited the Library on September 22 as part of Banned Books Week
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie on the Top Ten
Banned Books list for the past several years

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins paid for by a patron in memory of Faye
Clow as this was her favorite book

The next two books are commemorate the **Civil War Sesquicentennial:**

My Name Is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliviera (led by Jim Keenan)
A Stillness at Appomattox by Bruce Catton (led by Don Doxsie)
The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century
by David Laskin (led by Allan Ross)
Travels in Siberia by Ian Frazier
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir by Bill Bryson
(led by Beth Paul)
The Year of the Hare by Arto Paasilinna
The Tragedy of Arthur by Arthur Phillips

2015-2016

Three books for Global Gathering Norway:

Hunger by Knut Hamsun (led by Emily Kingery)
Kristin Lavransdatter: The Wreath by Sigrid Undset (led by Paul Peterson)
Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson (led by David Crowe & Katie Hanson—
afternoon and by Amy Carr—evening)—**Three-way Tie for Favorite Book**

One book funded by Karen Schultz & Robert Anderson:

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by
Katherine Boo (led by Chris & Mamata Marme)—**Best Discussion**
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

World War I Centennial Book:

To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918 by Adam Hochschild
Tender at the Bone by Ruth Reichl
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce—**Three-Way Tie for Favorite
Book**

Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown—**Three-Way Tie for Favorite Book**

Scott County Reads Together Book:

Playing with the Enemy by Gary W. Moore (led by Michael Hustedde)

SUMMER: So Many Books, So Little Time 2016

House of Stone: A Saga of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East by Anthony Shadid
(led by Lisa Killinger)
First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Ung Loung
(**QC Women's Connection Author**)
Lila by Marilynne Robinson (**All Iowa Reads**)

2016-2017

America, America by Ethan Canin
Richard III by William Shakespeare led by Cory Johnson and by Nancy Hayes, **400th
anniversary of Shakespeare's death**)

Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs by Sally Mann (100th anniversary of the **Pulitzer Prize**)

Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian (led by Michael Hustedde)

Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS led by Art Pitz (100th anniversary of the **Pulitzer Prize**)

The Essential Rumi led by Cyrus Zargar

Moloka'i by Alan Brennert

Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People by

Elizabeth Fenn (100th Anniversary of the **Pulitzer Prize**)

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen (100th Anniversary of the **Pulitzer Prize**)

2017 Summer

Urrea, Luis Alberto. Into the Beautiful North – June stand-alone discussion

August Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen (discussions of short stories and the films adapted from them)

"The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr (film: All About Eve – Joseph L. Mankiewicz)

"This Is What It Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona" by Sherman Alexie (film: Smoke Signals – Chris Eyre)

"The Minority Report" by Philip K. Dick (film: Minority Report – Steven Spielberg)

2017-2018

First three titles for Global Gathering Korea funded by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick (led by Duk Kim and Marsha Smith)

The Martyred by Richard Kim (led by Marian Lee)

The Vegetarian by Han Kang (led by Everett Hamner and Emily Kingery)

The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland by Dan Barry (All Iowa Reads; led by Michael Hustedde)– **Best Discussion**

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (led by Lucas Berns)– **Favorite Book**

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles (led by Hedy Hustedde)

2018 Summer Shorts (short stories with connections to music)

"A Wagner Matinée" by Willa Cather

"Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin

"The Girl Who Sang with the Beatles" by Robert Hemenway

2018-2019

The Coffee Trader by David Liss

So Big by Edna Ferber

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann (led by Hedy Hustedde)– **Favorite Book**

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman (led by Eileen Emerson)

Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing That Divided Gilded Age America by James Green (led by Michael Hustedde) – **Best Discussion**

This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Family Farm by Ted Genoways (All Iowa Reads; One Book, One Nebraska)

Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward (led by Susan Perry)

Victoria: The Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman who Ruled an Empire by Julia Baird (led by Carol Wyenn)

2019 Summer Shorts (short science fiction)

"Nightfall" by Isaac Asimov
"Bloodchild" by Octavia Butler
"Story of Your Life" by Ted Chiang

2019-2020

First three titles for Global Gathering Mexico funded by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation

The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantú
Signs Preceding the End of the World by Yuri Herrera
The Story of My Teeth by Valeria Luiselli
Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History by S.C. Gwynne
The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz (led by Michael Hustedde)
Less by Andrew Sean Greer
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (led by Hedy Hustedde)
The Mothers by Brit Bennett (All Iowa Reads Selection)

2020 Summer Shorts (public domain short stories discussed via GoToMeeting)

"Unlighted Lamps" by Sherwood Anderson
"Paul's Case" by Willa Cather
Three stories by Anton Chekhov: "The Darling"; "The Bet"; "Vanka"

2020-2021

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson
Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire by Peter Stark
The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World by Steven Johnson
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
Go, Went, Gone by Jenny Erpenbeck
The Last Year of the War by Susan Meissner
Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic by Jennifer Niven
Little Faith by Nickolas Butler (All Iowa Reads Selection)
The Library Book by Susan Orlean (led by Hedy Hustedde) – **Favorite Book and Favorite Discussion**

2021 Summer Shorts (discussions held at Faye's Field)

"A Sheltered Woman" and "A Small Flame" by Yiyun Li
"Town of Cats" and "Scherherazade" by Haruki Murakami
"A Wilderness Station" and "Dimensions" by Alice Munro

2021-2022

First three titles for Global Gathering World Tour funded by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation

Last Witnesses: An Oral History of the Children of World War II by Svetlana Alexievich
The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
Abigail by Magda Szabó
Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta by Richard Grant (led by Michael Hustedde)
The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
The Butterfly Effect by Rachel Mans McKenny (All Iowa Reads Selection, discussion led by Hedy Hustedde)
Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York by Francis Spufford
The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon by Robert Whitaker
Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu – **Favorite Book and Favorite Discussion**

2022 Summer Shorts: Summer Camp Tales

"Moon Lake" by Eudora Welty
"Brownies" by ZZ Packer
"I Happy Am" by Jamel Brinkley

2022-2023

Cross Creek by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (led by Hedy Hustedde)
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Grey Bees by Andrey Kurkov
The Naked Don't Fear the Water: An Underground Journey with Afghan Refugees by Matthieu Aikins (led by Michael Hustedde)
The Discovery of Slowness by Sten Nadolny
The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War by Catherine Grace Katz (led by Susan Perry)
How High We Go in the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu (All Iowa Reads selection)
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead – **Favorite Book and Favorite Discussion**
The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom

2023 Summer Shorts: Stories adapted into musicals

"The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown" by Damon Runyon
"The Light in the Piazza" by Elizabeth Spencer
"Today's Children" by Sholem Aleichem

2023-2024

First three titles for Global Gathering Ireland funded by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation

The Immortal Irishman by Timothy Egan
Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan – **Favorite Book**
Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor – **Favorite Discussion**
Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
The Island at the Center of the World by Russell Shorto
Mercy Street by Jennifer Haigh
The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams (led by Susan Perry)
The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson (All Iowa Reads selection)
A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

2024 Summer Shorts: Night of the Living Rez by Morgan Talty

We read four stories from Morgan Talty's collection, *Night of the Living Rez*, for each of the summer months.

June: "Burn," "In a Jar," "Get Me Some Medicine," "Food for the Common Cold"

July: "In a Field of Stray Caterpillars," "The Blessing Tobacco," "Safe Harbor,"
"Smokes Last"

August: "Half-Life," "Earth, Speak," "Night of the Living Rez," "The Name Means
Thunder"

2024-2025

Country People by Ruth Suckow

How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America
by Clint Smith

The End of Drum-Time by Hanna Pylväinen

An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us by Ed
Yong

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov

All Iowa Reads by TBD

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America
by Richard Rothstein

To Serve Them All My Days by R. F. Delderfield

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel
Wilkerson