

Wayland Public Library BOOK GROUP 2010-2011

October 8, 2010	Mr. Sammler's Planet (1970) by Saul Bellow	Mr. Artur Sammler, Holocaust survivor, intellectual, and occasional lecturer at Columbia University in 1960s New York City, is a registrar of madness, a refined and civilized being caught among people crazy with the promises of the future (moon landings, endless possibilities).
Nov 12, 2010	Out Stealing Horses (2007) by Per Petterson	Haunting, minimalist prose and expert pacing give this quiet story from Norway native Petterson (<i>In the Wake</i> , 2006, etc.) an undeniably authoritative presence. (Kirkus Reviews, May 1, 2007)...
Dec 10, 2010	Amy & Isabelle (1998) by Elizabeth Strout	A lyrical, closely observant first novel, charting the complex, resilient relationship of a mother and daughter...But Strout demonstrates exceptional poise, and an uncommon ability to render complex emotions with clarity and a sympathetic intelligence, evoking comparisons with the work of Alice Munro and Anne Tyler. (Kirkus Reviews, Nov 15, 1999)
Jan 14, 2011	Mr. Pip (2006) by Lloyd Jones	On a copper-rich tropical island shattered by war, on which survival is a daily struggle, eccentric Mr. Watts, the only white man left after the other teachers flee, spends his day reading to the local children from Charles Dickens's classic "Great Expectations."
Feb 11, 2011	Zeitoun (2009) by Dave Eggers [WAYLAND READS selection]	When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a prosperous Syrian-American and father of four, chose to stay through the storm to protect his house and contracting business. In the days after, he traveled the flooded streets in a secondhand canoe, passing on supplies and helping those he could.
Mar 11, 2011	Brick Lane (2004) by Monica Ali	Carrying into her adult years a sense of fatalism instilled during her hardscrabble birth, Nazneen (Bangladeshi woman) finds herself married off to a man twice her age and moved to London, where she wonders if she has a say in her own destiny.
Apr 8, 2010	Life Class (2008) by Pat Barker	A novel capturing the devastation and psychological trauma of the Great War on every level of British society focuses on a group of young art students, including Paul Tarrant, a Red Cross volunteer, who discovers that life, love, and art will never be the same.
May 13, 2011	On Beauty (2005) by Zadie Smith	Struggling with a stale marriage and the misguided passions of his three adult children, art professor Howard Belsey finds his family life thrown into turmoil by his son's engagement to the socially prominent daughter of a right-wing icon..
June 10, 2011	Telex from Cuba (2008) by Rachel Kushner	Coming of age in mid-1950s Cuba where the local sugar and nickel production are controlled by American interests, Everly Lederer and KC Stites observe the indulgences and betrayals of the adult world and are swept up by the revolt led by Fidel and Raul Castro... An imaginative work that brings Cuban-American history to life. (Kirkus Reviews, May 15, 2008)

Alternates

Snow in August Pete Hamill

Voyage of the Narwhal by Andrea Barrett

The Condition by Jennifer Haigh

Date	Title / Author	Facilitator	Food
14-Oct	<i>Garden spells</i>	Sandy	Sandy
18-Nov	<i>Ethan Frome</i> / Edith Wharton	Aina	Aina
9-Dec	<i>Unaccustomed earth</i> / Jumpa Lahiri	Kathe	Patty & Nancy
13-Jan	<i>People of the Book</i> / Geraldine Brooks	Ann	Miriam & Diane
10-Feb	<i>A Thousand Acres</i> / Jane Smiley	Sally	Kathe
9-Mar	<i>The Way We Live Now</i> / Anthony Trollope	Louise	Judy
13-Apr	<i>The Plague of Doves</i> / Louise Erdrich		
11-May	<i>City of thieves</i> / David Benioff	Edna	
8-Jun	<i>The Waiting</i> / Ha Jin	Diane	Linda

Corrected Book group selections for 2012-13

Meeting date	Title	Author	year	pages
12-Oct	<i>Moll Flanders</i>	<i>Daniel Defoe</i>	1722	339
9-Nov	<i>Old filth</i>	Jane Gardam	2006	289
14-Dec	<i>The Road</i>	Cormac McCarthy	2007	287
11-Jan	<i>The Funeral party</i>	Lyudmila Ulitskaya	2010	160
8-Feb	<i>Pere Goriot</i>	Balzac	1835	370
8-Mar	<i>The Debut</i>	Anita Brookner	1985	196
12-Apr	<i>State of wonder</i>	Ann Patchett	2011	353
10-May	<i>Spartina</i>	John Casey	1989	375
7-Jun	<i>Caleb's crossing</i>	Geraldine brooks	2011	300

11-Oct	Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel
1-Nov	<u>A Reliable Wife</u>	Goolrick, Robert
6-Dec	Gather Together in My Name	Angelou, Maya
3-Jan	Northanger Abbey	Austen, Jane
7-Feb	The God of Small Things	Roy, Arundhati
7-Mar	The Man in the Wooden Hat (Old Filth #2)	Gardam, Jane
4-Apr	Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women	Brooks, Geraldine
2-May	Washington Square	James, Henry
6-Jun	Swimming Home	Levy, Deborah

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noontime book group 2014-15 reading selections and dates

10-Oct	Pavilion of Women	Pearl S. Buck	316	1946
14-Nov	Great House	Nicole Krauss	289	2010
12-Dec	How It All Began	Penelope Lively	240	2011
9-Jan	The Lowland	Jhumpa Lahiri	340	2013
13-Feb	Flight Behavior	Barbara Kingsolver	436	2012
13-Mar	Instructions for a Heatwave	Maggie O'Farrell	352	2013
10-Apr	Brideshead Revisited	Evelyn Waugh	351	1944
8-May	The Opposite of Loneliness: Essays & Stories	Marina Keegan.	240	2014
12-Jun	Stoner	John Edward Williams	278	1965