

2011 BOOK CLUB READING LIST

- JANUARY:** **Fall of Giants by Ken Follett (Fiction) F F724W**
Follows the fates of five interrelated families--American, German, Russian, English and Welsh--as they move through the world-shaking dramas of World War I, the Russian Revolution and the struggle for women's suffrage. By the best-selling author of *The Pillars of the Earth* and *World Without End*.
(Publisher summary)
- FEBRUARY:** **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (Nonfiction) 616.027 SK451**
Documents the story of how scientists took cells from an unsuspecting descendant of freed slaves and created a human cell line that has been kept alive indefinitely, enabling discoveries in such areas as cancer research, in vitro fertilization and gene mapping. (Publisher summary)
- MARCH:** **My Name is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira (Fiction) F OL4M, LPF OL4M**
Traveling to Civil War-era Washington, D.C., to tend wounded soldiers and pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon, headstrong midwife Mary receives guidance from two smitten doctors and resists her mother's pleas for her to return home. (Publisher summary)
- APRIL:** **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See (Fiction) F SE31S**
An evocative story of friendship set against the backdrop of a nineteenth-century China in which women suffered from foot binding, isolation, and illiteracy follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language.
(Publisher summary)

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The Library's book club, The Bookmarks, meets on the last Tuesday of each month except for December. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Free Public Library of Monroe Township unless otherwise indicated. For additional information, please call the library.

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- MAY:** **Fly Away Home by Jennifer Weiner (Fiction) F W431F**
A politician's wife retreats with her grown daughters to a Connecticut beach house after a painful public betrayal, an escape marked by new beginnings and her younger daughter's pregnancy. (Publisher summary)
- JUNE:** **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larsson (Fiction) FP L329G**
Forty years after the disappearance of Harriet Vanger from the secluded island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger family, her octogenarian uncle, convinced that she had been murdered by someone from her own deeply dysfunctional clan, hires journalist Mikael Blomqvist and Lisbeth Salander, an unconventional young hacker, to investigate. (Publisher summary)
- JULY:** **Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya (Fiction)**
A classic Chicano coming-of-age novel that chronicles the story of an alienated New Mexico boy who seeks an answer to his questions about life in his relationship with Ultima, a magical healer. (Publisher summary)
- AUGUST:** **House Rules: A Novel by Jodi Picoult (Fiction) F P588H, LPF P588H**
As panic engulfs the country in the wake of a narrowly avoided terrorist bombing of the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and the shooting down of a plane aimed at the White House, a Virginia senator proposes to deport all non-citizen Muslims, unless Speaker of the House John Mahoney can have investigator Joe DeMarco uncover the truth about the attacks. (Publisher summary)
- SEPTEMBER:** **The Pleasure of My Company: A Novel by Steve Martin (Fiction) F M365P**
Daniel, a troubled man who lives alone, detached from the world, passes his time filling out contest applications and counting ceiling tiles, until his attachment to Clarissa and Teddy helps him rediscover the outside world. (Publisher summary)
- OCTOBER:** **Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls (Nonfiction) 362.82 W159G**
The second child of a scholarly, alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing from the Arizona desert, to Las Vegas, to an Appalachian mining town, during which her siblings and she fended for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities. (Publisher summary)
- NOVEMBER:** **The Postmistress by Sarah Blake (Fiction) F B581P, LPF B581P**
The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American radio reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States's entrance into World War II, a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter. (Publisher summary)
- DECEMBER:** **The Book Club does not meet in December**