

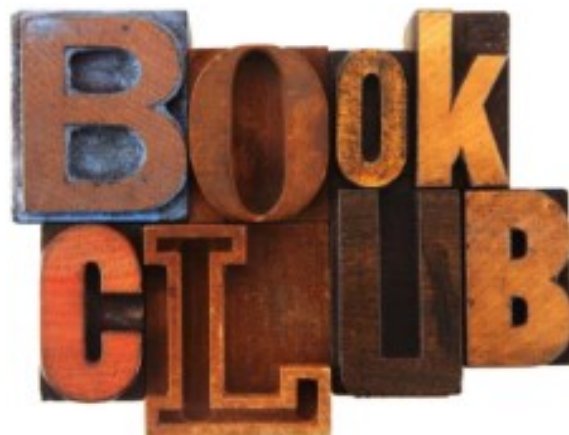
JOIN US.

PPL's Brown Bag Book Club meets monthly on the last Tuesday from 12 - 1 pm. Meetings will be held at the Library in our Trustees Room, 3rd Floor.

The member-chosen titles include classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

Copies of each month's selection will be made available for check-out by club members at PPL's Info Services desk before the meeting.

For more information, please call Book Club Coordinator Bonnie Lilienthal at 401-455-8025 or email blilienthal@provlib.org.



We should read to give our souls a chance to luxuriate.

— **Henry Miller**

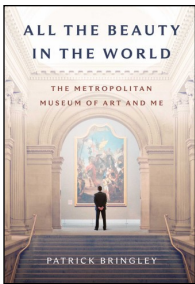


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2024 - 2025 Selections

Meeting at Noon
the last Tuesday
of every month.



September 24, 2024

All the Beauty in the World: the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me —

Patrick Bringley

A fascinating, revelatory portrait of the *Metropolitan Museum of Art* and its treasures by a former New Yorker staffer who spent a decade as a museum guard.

October 29, 2024

Circe — Madeline Miller

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child — neither powerful like her father nor viciously alluring like her mother.

November 26, 2024

This Other Eden — Paul Harding

From the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *Tinkers*, a novel inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, an isolated island off the coast of Maine that became one of the first racially integrated towns in the Northeast.

December 17, 2024

Tender is the Night — F. Scott Fitzgerald

Set in the south of France in the late 1920s, *Tender Is the Night* is the tragic tale of a young actress, Rosemary Hoyt, and her complicated relationship with the alluring American couple Dick and Nicole Diver. Lyrical, expansive, hauntingly evocative, and one of the most talked-about books of the year when it was originally published in 1934, and is even more beloved by readers today.

January 28, 2025

The Bee Sting — Paul Murray

One of *The New York Times* Top 10 Books of the Year, from the author of *Skippy Dies* comes *The Bee Sting*, an irresistibly funny, wise, and thought-provoking tour de force about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart.

February 25, 2025

Birnam Wood — Eleanor Catton

A gripping psychological thriller from the Booker Prize–winning author of *The Luminaries*, Eleanor Catton’s *Birnam Wood* is Shakespearean in its drama, Austenian in its wit, and, like both influences, fascinated by what makes us who we are.

March 25, 2025

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store — James McBride

“A murder mystery locked inside a Great American Novel . . . Charming, smart, heart-blistering, and heart-healing.” — Danez Smith, *The New York Times Book Review*

April 29, 2025

Trust — Hernan Diaz

At once an immersive story and a brilliant literary puzzle, *TRUST* engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships, the reality-warping force of capital, and the ease with which power can manipulate facts. “Buzzy and enthralling . . . Fun as hell to read.” — *Oprah Daily*

May 27, 2025

Remarkably Bright Creatures — Shelby Van Pelt

For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow’s unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. Van Pelt’s debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

June 24, 2025

Harlem Shuffle — Colson Whitehead

A *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • From the two-time Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys*, this gloriously entertaining novel is “fast-paced, keen-eyed and very funny ... about race, power and the history of Harlem all disguised as a thrill-ride crime novel.” — *San Francisco Chronicle*

