

# WHAT BOOK CLUB IS ALL ABOUT...

*An opportunity for adults to share an interest in reading. This book discussion group usually meets the fourth Friday of each month at 11:30 am at the Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library. Registration is not required and new members are always welcome.*

*The December meeting will take place on Friday,  
**December 15, 2023.***

*\*Indicates there is a large print copy included in the kit.*

## LOCATIONS

Marguerite deAngeli Lapeer  
(810) 664-6971  
Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm  
Fri & Sat 9am-5pm  
Sun 1-5pm  
(closed Sundays in summer)

Clifford (989) 761-7393  
Mon & Thurs 2-7pm  
Wed 11am-4pm

Columbiaville (810) 793-6100  
Mon & Wed 10am-6pm  
Fri 11am-5pm

Elba (810) 653-7200  
Mon 11am-5pm  
Thurs 1-7pm

Hadley (810) 797-4101  
Mon & Tues 11am-8pm  
Wed & Thurs 2-8pm  
Sat 9-2pm

Metamora (810) 678-2991  
Mon 9am-5pm  
Wed & Thurs 11am-8pm  
Fri 9am-2pm

Otter Lake (810) 793-6300  
Mon 10am-4pm  
Tues 10am-6pm  
Thurs 1-6pm

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## Marguerite deAngeli Book Club

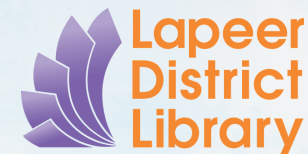
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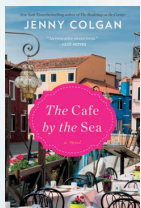




# BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS FOR 2023

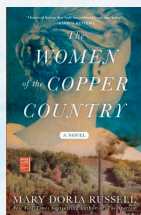


## **Cafe by the Sea by Jenny Colgan (January 27)**



Years ago Flora fled the quiet Scottish island where she grew up – and she hasn't looked back. But when fate brings Flora back to the island, she's suddenly swept back once more. Amid the chaos of their reunion, Flora discovers a passion for cooking – and finds herself restoring a dusty little pink-fronted shop on the harbor: a café by the sea.

## **Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell (February 24)**



In July 1913, twenty-five-year-old Annie Clements had spent her whole life in the coal-mining town of Calumet, Michigan where men risk their lives for barely enough to put food on the table and clothes on their backs. When Annie decides to stand up for herself, nearly everyone believes she may have taken on more than she is prepared to handle.

## **\*Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett (March 24)**



Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett tell the story of the Vignes twins that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing.

## **\*One Two Three by Laurie Frankel (April 28)**



17 years ago, Bison pumped toxic chemicals into Bourne's river. Flowers stopped blooming. Pets got sick, then their owners did too. When they announce the plant is reopening, a set of triplets take up their mother's cause in a race to find what Bison is hiding.

## **\*Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell (May 26)**



Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

## **The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune (June 23)**



A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret. An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.

## **\*The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline (July 28)**



In this gorgeous novel, Kline recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also an opportunity for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom.

## **\*Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid (August 25)**



With empathy and piercing social commentary, *Such a Fun Age* explores the stickiness of transactional relationships, what it means to make someone "family," the complicated reality of being a grown up, and the consequences of doing the right thing for the wrong reason.

## **All Systems Red by Martha Wells (September 22)**



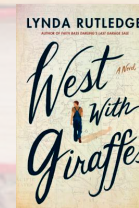
In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern.

## **\*The Guest List by Lucy Folley (October 27)**



An exclusive wedding on a remote Irish Island: the bride, the plus-one, the best man, the wedding planner, the bridesmaid. All have a secret. All have a motive. But only one is a murderer.

## **West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge (November 17)**



Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story.

## **\*Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (December 15)**



For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. Abandoned at age ten, she has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home until she opens herself to a new and startling world, when the unthinkable happens.