

Friends of the Plainville Public Library
Book Discussion Group Fall 2016-Spring 2017
Discussions are the 1st Tuesday of the month 7pm at the Library

September 6th

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty 460 p.

Big Little Lies is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive.

October 4th

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline 278 p.

Penobscot Indian, Molly Ayer, is close to 'aging out' of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman, Vivian, clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. While helping Vivian she discovers that as a young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.

November 1st

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant 320 p.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Red Tent* and *Day After Night*, comes an unforgettable coming-of-age novel about family ties and values, friendship and feminism told through the eyes of a young Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early twentieth century.

December 6th

Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery 288 p.

In 1955, at 67, Gatewood left her small Ohio town and her 11 children and 23 grandchildren and set off to trek the Appalachian Trail.

January 3rd

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart 227 p.

A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth.

February 7th

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban 327 p.

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price.

March 7th

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah 440 p.

The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

April 4th

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende 321 p.

An exquisitely crafted love story and multigenerational epic that sweeps from San Francisco in the present-day to Poland and the United States during the Second World War. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world.

May 2nd

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery 325 p.

Paloma and Renée hide both their true talents and their finest qualities from a world they suspect cannot or will not appreciate them. They discover their kindred souls when a wealthy Japanese man named Ozu arrives in the building.

June 6th

First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies by Kate Anderson Brower

400 p. This book tells the stories of the ten remarkable women who have held the title of First Lady since 1960.