

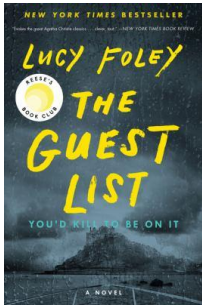


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### Afternoon Book Club's reading choices for 2026

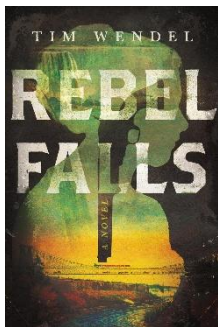
Here are the books we will be discussing at these meeting dates:



**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley**

"On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their

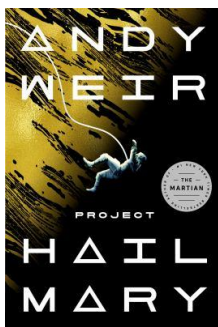
school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?"



**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm: *Rebel Falls* by Tim Wendel**

"Late in the summer of 1864, Rory Chase, a young woman with a troubled past, returns to Niagara Falls and the border with British Canada to stop Confederate spies from seizing the lone Union warship on the Great Lakes."

The author will be coming to the Lockport Public Library at the end of October to discuss this book, and all are welcome to attend both this discussion and the October author talk!



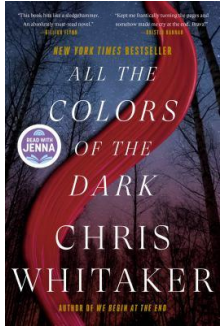
**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir**

"A lone astronaut. An impossible mission. An ally he never imagined. Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission--and if he fails, humanity and Earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurtling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery--and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species."



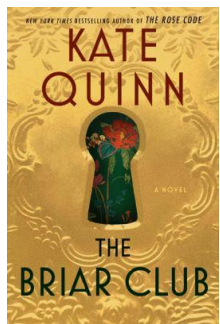
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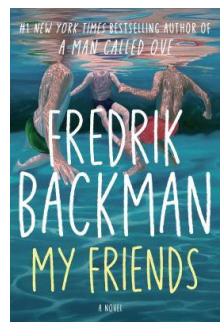
### Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm: *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

"1975 is a time of change in America. The Vietnam War is ending. Muhammad Ali is fighting Joe Frazier. And in the small town of Monta Clare, Missouri, girls are disappearing. When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges--Patch, a local boy, who saves the girl, and, in doing so, leaves heartache in his wake. Patch and those who love him soon discover that the line between triumph and tragedy has never been finer. And that their search for answers will lead them to truths that could mean losing one another. A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, a unique twist on each, Chris Whitaker has written a novel about what lurks in the shadows of obsession and the blinding light of hope."



### Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm: *Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

"Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss, whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; policeman's daughter Nora, who finds herself entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Beatrice, whose career has come to an end along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: who is the true enemy in their midst?"



### Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

"Four teenagers form a deep friendship that offers them refuge from troubled home lives and inspires the creation of a mysterious painting. Twenty-five years later, Louisa, a young artist, inherits the artwork and sets out on a journey to uncover its origin. As she pieces together the story behind the painting and its creators -- Joar, Ted, Ali, and the reclusive artist -- Louisa discovers not only their lasting impact on one another but also how art and connection can change lives. Blending humor and emotional depth, Backman explores themes of friendship, healing, and self-discovery."

When you are ready to read, please contact the Library and request the book title you'd like. Please plan to request your book(s) 1-2 weeks before you plan to start reading. We meet at the Lewiston Senior Center the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email Sonora at 716-745-3555 or [smiller@nioga.org](mailto:smiller@nioga.org)