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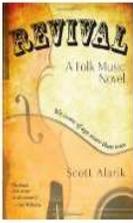
The Dedicated Readers Society Book Club Books for September 2012-August 2013



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Monday September 10th at 6:30 PM

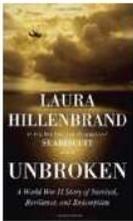
In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.



Revival: a folk music novel by Scott Alarik

Monday October 8th at 6:30 PM

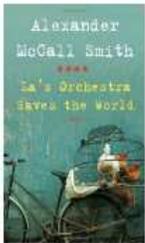
Talented, respected folksinger and songwriter Nathan Warren was well on the way to stardom when a contract dispute reversed his trajectory and with it any notions of commercial success. He now lives quietly in Cambridge, Massachusetts, spending his time at a local bar and folksinger hangout, Dooley's, managing its talent night and nursing pints of root beer. There he meets very young, very talented musician Kit Palmer, whose debilitating stage fright threatens to railroad her career.



Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption by Tim O'Brien

Monday November 12th at 6:30 PM

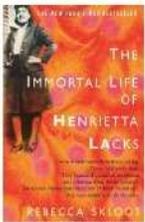
On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared--Lt. Louis Zamperini. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor..



La's Orchestra Saves the World by Alexander McCall Smith

Monday December 10th at 6:30 PM

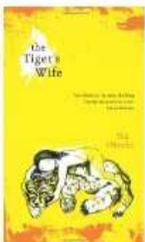
It is 1939. Lavender--La to her friends--decides to flee London, not only to avoid German bombs but also to escape the memories of her shattered marriage. Settling in a small town, she organizes an amateur orchestra from the village and the local RAF base and falls in love with one of her prized recruits--Feliks, a shy, proper Polish refugee.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Monday January 14th at 6:30 PM

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer, yet her cells--taken without her knowledge--became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years.



The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht

Monday February 11th at 6:30 PM

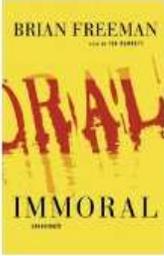
Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for "the deathless man," a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.



The Land Remembers: the story of a farm and its people by Ben Hogan

March 11th @ 6:30 PM

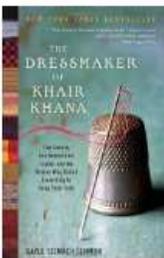
This is a story about a farm and its people, of a hilltop world in the 1930s in southwestern Wisconsin. Ben Logan grew up on a farm with his three brothers, father, mother, and farmhand Lyle, the fifth Logan boy, and marked the seasons by the demands of the land. The boys discussed and argued and joked over the events around their hilltop farm, testing each other and themselves as they learned the lessons of the farm and growing up. This beautiful story is now reunited with a never-before published Afterword that traces the land to an earlier time and brings the story full-circle to the farm and its people.



Immoral by Brian Freeman

April 8th @ 6:30 PM

Lieutenant Jonathan Stride is suffering from an ugly case of déjà vu. For the second time in a year, a beautiful teenage girl has disappeared off the streets of Duluth, Minnesota--gone without a trace, like a bitter gust off Lake Superior. The two victims couldn't be more different. First it was Kerry McGrath, bubbly, sweet sixteen, and now Rachel Deese, strange, sexually charged, a wild child. The media hound Stride to catch a serial killer, and as the search carries him from the icy stillness of the northern woods to the erotic heat of Las Vegas, he must decide which facts are real and which are illusions. Stride also finds his own life changed forever by the secrets he uncovers.



The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemon

May 13th @ 6:30 PM

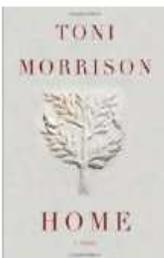
Psychiatrist Andrew Marlowe, devoted to his profession and the painting hobby he loves, has a solitary but ordered life. When renowned painter Robert Oliver attacks a canvas in the National Gallery of Art and becomes his patient, Marlowe finds that order destroyed. Desperate to understand the secret that torments the genius, he embarks on a journey that leads him into the lives of the women closest to Oliver and a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism.



Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

June 10th @ 6:30 PM

On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II and embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid.



Home by Toni Morrison

July 8th @ 6:30 PM

Frank Money is an angry, self-loathing veteran of the Korean War who, after traumatic experiences on the front lines, finds himself back in racist America with more than just physical scars. His home may seem alien to him, but he is shocked out of his crippling apathy by the need to rescue his medically abused younger sister and take her back to the small Georgia town they come from and that he's hated all his life. As Frank revisits his memories from childhood and the war that have left him questioning his sense of self, he discovers a profound courage he had thought he could never possess again.



O pioneers by Willa Cather

August 12th @ 6:30 PM

When Alexandra Bergson, the daughter of Swedish immigrants, takes over the family farm after her father's death, she falls under the spell of the rich, forbidding Nebraska prairie. Strong and resolute, she turns the wild landscape into ordinary fields.