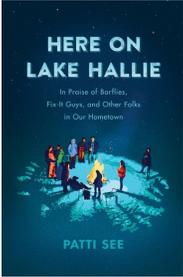


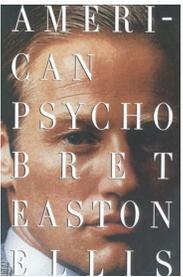
Chippewa Falls Public Library: It's All Yours!
The Dedicated Readers Society Book Club
Books for September 2022-August 2023



Here on Lake Hallie by Patti See

Monday, September 12th at 6:00 PM

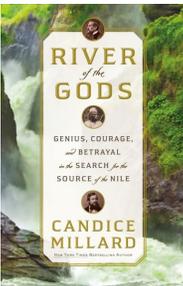
This collection of about forty short (500-1500 word) essays provides a heartfelt and humorous glimpse into life in the Chippewa Valley. Most of the essays feature Patti-who grew up in Chippewa Falls and now lives on Lake Hallie just outside Eau Claire-and her family, particularly her parents, husband, and best friend since high school. Some of the strongest essays follow Patti's mother and father through their separate illnesses and deaths. Others read more like profiles of Patti's neighbors and other local characters, from bartenders to ice fishermen to gravestone cutters.



American Psycho by Brett Easton Ellis

Monday, October 10th at 6:00 PM

Patrick Bateman is handsome, well educated, intelligent. He works by day on Wall Street, earning a fortune to complement the one he was born with. He spends his nights engaged in torture and murder. He is twenty-six years old and living his own American Dream.



River of the Gods by Candice Millard

Monday, November 14th at 6:00 PM

The Nile River is the longest in the world. Its fertile floodplain allowed for rise to the great civilization of ancient Egypt, but for millennia the location of its headwaters was shrouded in mystery. Pharaonic and Roman attempts to find it were stymied by a giant labyrinthine swamp, and subsequent expeditions got no further. In the 19th century, the discovery and translation of the Rosetta Stone set off a frenzy of interest in ancient Egypt. At the same time, European powers sent off waves of explorations intended to map the unknown corners of the globe--and extend their colonial empires.



The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Monday, December 12th at 6:00 PM

'Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices... Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?'



Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon

Monday, January 9th at 6:00 PM

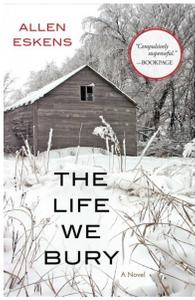
"A novel based on the real life story of socialite spy Nancy Wake, about the astonishing woman who killed a Nazi with her bare hands and went on to become one of the most decorated women in WWII"



The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir by Kao Kalia Yang

Monday, February 13th at 6:00 PM

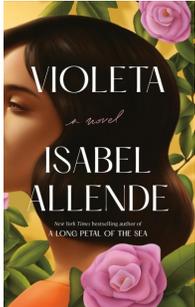
In search of a place to call home, thousands of Hmong families made the journey from the war-torn jungles of Laos to the overcrowded refugee camps of Thailand and onward to America. But lacking a written language of their own, the Hmong experience has been primarily recorded by others. Driven to tell her family's story after her grandmother's death, *The Latecomer* is Kao Kalia Yang's tribute to the remarkable woman whose spirit held them all together.



The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

Monday, March 13th @ 6:00 PM

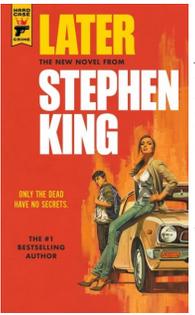
College student Joe Talbert has to interview a stranger and write a brief biography for an English class. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran--and a convicted murderer on medical parole. Unable to reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict, Joe--with the help of Lila, his skeptical neighbor--throws himself into uncovering the truth.



Violeta by Isabel Allende

Monday, April 10th @ 6:00 PM

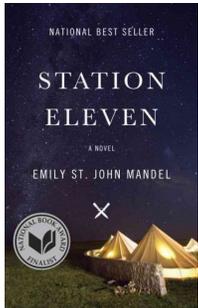
Violeta comes into the world on a stormy day in 1920, the first girl in a family with five boisterous sons. From the start, her life is marked by extraordinary events, for the ripples of the Great War are still being felt, even as the Spanish flu arrives on the shores of her South American homeland almost at the moment of her birth. Through her father's prescience, the family will come through that crisis unscathed, only to face a new one as the Great Depression transforms the genteel city life she has known.



Later by Stephen King

Monday, May 8th @ 6:00 PM

Sometimes growing up means facing your demons. The son of a struggling single mother, Jamie Conklin just wants an ordinary childhood. But Jamie is no ordinary child. Born with an unnatural ability his mom urges him to keep secret, Jamie can see what no one else can see and learn what no one else can learn. But the cost of using this ability is higher than Jamie can imagine--as he discovers when an NYPD detective draws him into the pursuit of a killer who has threatened to strike from beyond the grave.



Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Monday, June 12th @ 6:00 PM

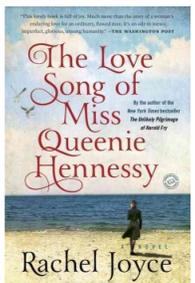
One snowy night a famous Hollywood actor slumps over and dies onstage during a production of King Lear. Hours later, a terrible flu begins to spread and the world as we know it begins to dissolve. Moving back and forth in time--from the actor's early days as a film star to fifteen years in the future, when a theater troupe known as the Traveling Symphony roams the wasteland of what remains--this suspenseful, elegiac, spellbinding novel charts the strange twists of fate that connect five people: the actor, the man who tried to save him, the actor's first wife, his oldest friend, and a young actress with the Traveling Symphony, caught in the crosshairs of a dangerous self-proclaimed prophet. Sometimes terrifying, sometimes tender, Station Eleven tells a story about the relationships that sustain us, the ephemeral nature of fame, and the beauty of the world as we know it



How Much of These Hills is Gold by Pam Zhang

Monday, July 10th @ 6:00 PM

Newly orphaned children of immigrants, Lucy and Sam are suddenly alone in a land that refutes their existence. Fleeing the threats of their western mining town, they set off to bury their father in the only way that will set them free from their past. Along the way, they encounter giant buffalo bones, tiger paw prints, and the specters of a ravaged landscape as well as family secrets, sibling rivalry, and glimpses of a different kind of future.



The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Joyce Rachel

Monday, August 14th @ 6:00 PM

From the bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Perfect* comes an exquisite love story about Queenie Hennessy, the remarkable friend who inspired Harold Fry's incredible journey"--
"When Queenie Hennessy is told she has days to live she sends a letter on pink paper in which she bids goodbye to Harold Fry. It is a letter that inspires an unlikely walk, a cast of well-wishers and the examination of many lives un-lived. But there is a second letter, a longer, quieter more complicated letter which she will never send. It is this letter, the one we did not know about in *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, which reveals the shocking and beautiful truth of Queenie's life