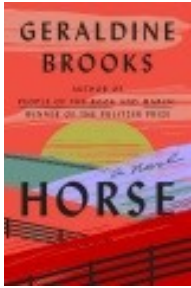


Chippewa Falls Public Library: It's All Yours!
The Dedicated Readers Society Book Club
Books for September 2023-August 2024



Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Monday, September 11, 6:00 PM

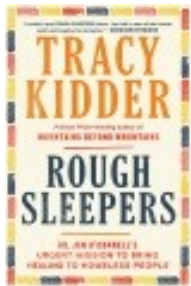
A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie

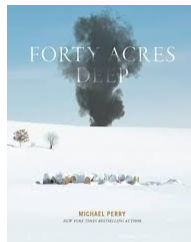
Monday, October 9, 6:00 PM

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People by Tracy Kidder November 13, 6:00 PM

Tracy Kidder has been described by *The Baltimore Sun* as “a master of the nonfiction narrative.” In *Rough Sleepers*, Kidder tells the story of Dr. Jim O'Connell, a gifted man who invented a community of care for a city's unhoused population, including those who sleep on the streets—the “rough sleepers.”



Forty Acres Deep by Michael Perry

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM

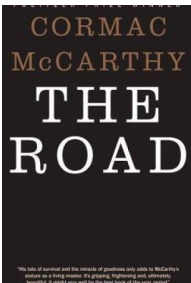
When farmer Harold wakes to find his wife dead beside him in bed and snow threatening to crush the last life from his dwindling farm, he takes drastic steps toward a fresh start. Set in a world of stark wintry beauty, *Forty Acres Deep* is the brief, unrelenting tale of one person's attempt to make sense of a world he no longer recognizes while pitilessly calling himself into account. Seamed with grim humor and earthy revelations, it is an unforgiving story...and yet leaves open the idea that we might surrender to hope.



The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

Monday, January 8, 6:00 PM

Esther Greenwood, a talented college student, finds herself estranged from her family and resigned to a conventional lifestyle and descends into depression and mental illness.



The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Monday, February 12, 6:00 PM

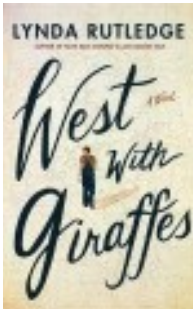
In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity.



Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disable Body by Rebekah Taussig
****BIG READ SELECTION****

Monday, March 11, 6:00 PM

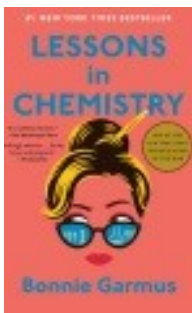
A memoir-in-essays from disability advocate and creator of the Instagram account @sitting_pretty Rebekah Taussig, processing a lifetime of memories to paint a beautiful, nuanced portrait of a body that looks and moves differently than most.



West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Monday, April 8, 6:00 PM

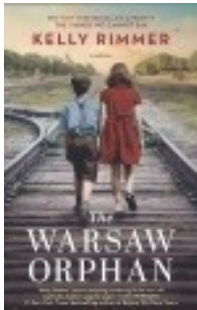
Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Monday, May 13, 6:00 PM

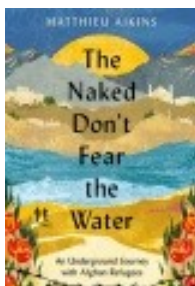
Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.



The Warsaw Orphan by Kelly Rimmer

Monday, June 10, 6:00 PM

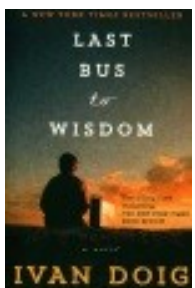
From Nazi occupation to the threat of a communist regime, *The Warsaw Orphan* is the unforgettable story of Elzbieta and Roman's perilous attempt to reclaim the love and life they once knew.



The Naked Don't Fear the Water: An Underground Journey with Afghan Refugees
by Matthieu Aikins

Monday, July 8, 6:00 PM

In this extraordinary book, an acclaimed young war reporter chronicles a dangerous journey on the smuggler's road to Europe, accompanying his friend, an Afghan refugee, in search of a better future.



Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig

Monday, August 12, 6:00 PM

The final novel from a great American storyteller. Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in Ivan Doig's beloved Two Medicine Country of the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an 11-year-old's imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery for "female trouble" in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin.