

# McKinney Public Library System Adult Book Club

Join us for conversation and snacks as we discuss our current book. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at noon, in the Dulaney Room of the Hall Memorial Library, 101 E. Hunt Street.

New members are welcome!

Each year, from July through June, we read: two historical novels, three general fiction novels, three nonfiction/biographies, two mysteries, and devote two meetings to "What Else Are You Reading?" discussions.

**July 10, 2019**

*Death Comes to Pemberley* by P. D. James

Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett's disgraced sister, Lydia stumbles out of her carriage, hysterical, shrieking that her husband, Wickham, has been murdered.

**August 7, 2019**

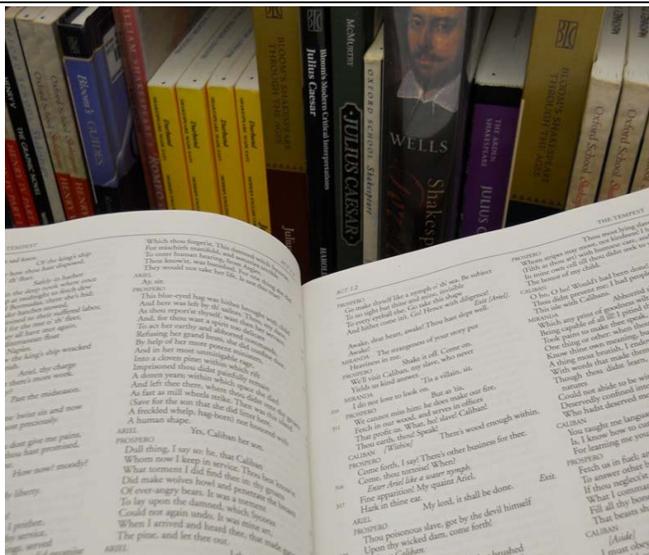
*What Else Are You Reading?*

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**September 4, 2019**

*Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

Three women's lives are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens to one — she is sent to a Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents as they strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.



**October 2, 2019**

*A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family's remote farm in the small coastal town of Cushing, Maine. Born in the home her family had lived in for generations, and increasingly incapacitated by illness, Christina seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than twenty years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the twentieth century.

**November 6, 2019**

*The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende

This enthralling saga weaves a luminous tapestry of three generations of the Trueba family, revealing both triumphs and tragedies, and twining the personal and political into a novel of love, magic and fate.

**December 4, 2019**

*Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

Katey Korent's chance encounter with Tinker Grey in a jazz bar propels her on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society — where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve.

**January 8, 2020**

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**February 5, 2020**

*Empty Mansions* by Bill Dedman

This is a rich mystery of wealth and loss, connecting the Gilded Age opulence of the nineteenth century with a twenty-first century battle over a \$300 million inheritance. It is a story of an eccentric of the highest order, a last jewel of the Gilded Age, who lived life on her own terms.

**March 4, 2020**

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

A smart, warm and uplifting story of an out of the ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey to open your heart.

**April 1, 2020**

*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

In 1974, a former Vietnam POW, suffering from flashbacks and nightmares, moves his family to Alaska to live off the grid in an attempt to find peace, restoration, and freedom. They will also face dangers, both internally and externally, as they face the ultimate test of the human spirit.

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**May 6, 2020**

*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

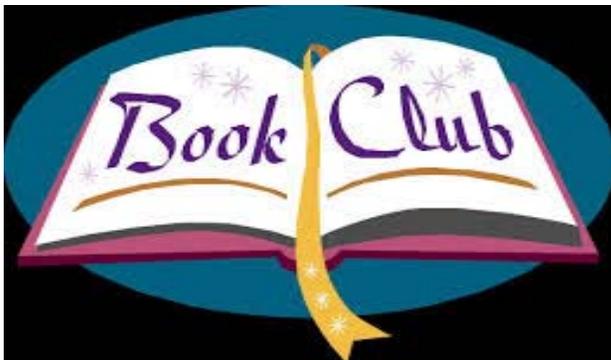
This book chronicles the Los Angeles Public Library fire on April 29, 1986 and its aftermath to showcase the crucial role libraries play in our lives; it delves into the evolution of libraries, brings each department to vivid life, and reflects on the author's own experiences in libraries.

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**June 3, 2020**

*Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

This memoir traces the author's experiences as a child born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, describing her participation in her family's paranoid stockpiling activities and her resolve to educate herself well enough to earn acceptance into a prestigious university and the unfamiliar world beyond.



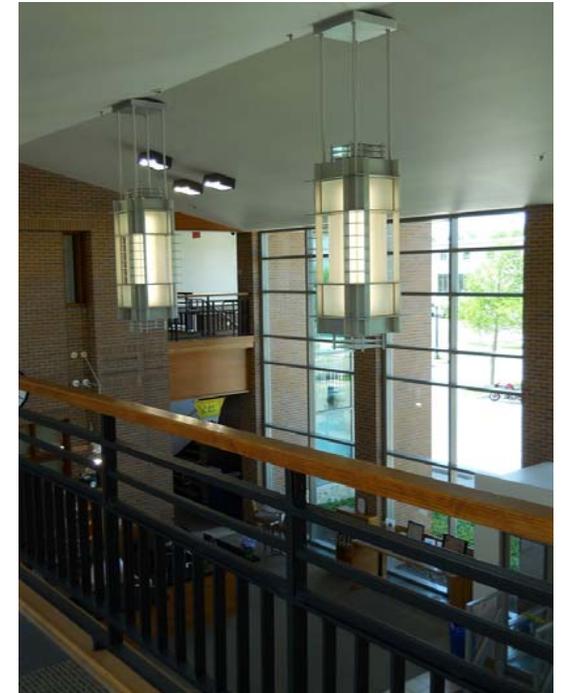
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# 2019 - 2020 Book Club Selections



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