

MOKENA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- UPCOMING TITLES 2025
(subject to change)

Jan. 16	Psychological Fiction	<i>Terrace Story</i> / Hilary Leichter 192 p. Follows a family of three as they discover a beautiful terrace hidden in their closet that sets off a seismic chain of events, forever changing the shape of their tiny home—and the shape of the world. An intimate exploration of time, a fable about love, an epic daydream for a broken-hearted world.	5 weeks between
Feb. 20	Family History	<i>Black Cake</i> / Charmaine Wilkerson 382 p. In this immersive family saga, two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother's death and her hidden past—a journey of discovery that takes them from the Caribbean to London to California and ends with her famous black cake.	5 weeks between
Mar. 20	Historical Fiction / Family Saga	<i>The Good Left Undone</i> / Adriana Trigiani 430 p. Three generations of Tuscan artisans with one remarkable secret. Epic in scope and resplendent with the glorious themes of identity and belonging. Conveys the beauty of Italy, the hardships of war, the taste of family recipes, and the enduring love of family.	
Apr. 10	Humorous Fiction	<i>Flying Solo</i> / Linda Holmes 319 p. Returning to her Maine hometown to handle her grandmother's estate, Laurie investigates a love letter and a mysterious wooden duck she found at the bottom of a cedar chest and is swept up in a journey of self-discovery and antiques...and new love.	3 weeks between--2nd Thursday
May. 15	Literary Fiction / Espionage	<i>Properties of Thirst</i> / Marianne Wiggins 544 p. Set against the background of WW II, this novel about the meaning of family and the limitations of the American dream follows a rancher as he is faced with a threat greater than the LA Water Corporation he's battled for years—the building of a Japanese-American internment camp.	5 weeks between
Jun. 19	Literary Fiction	<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i> / Shelby Van Pelt 352 p. After her husband dies, widow Tova Sullivan starts working at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, where she forms a special bond with a giant Pacific octopus who holds the key solving the mysterious disappearance of her 18-year-old son, Erik, over thirty years ago on the Puget Sound.	5 weeks between
Jul. 17	Literary Hist. Fiction	<i>When Two Feathers Fell from the Sky</i> / Margaret Verble 365 p. After disaster strikes during one of her shows, Two Feathers, a young Cherokee horse-diver on loan to Glendale Park Zoo from a Wild West show, must get to the bottom of a mystery that spans centuries with the help of an eclectic cast of characters.	
Aug. 21	Historical Romance	<i>The Weight of Air</i> / Kimberly Duffy 392 p. "In 1911, Mabel, Europe's strongest woman loses everything she's ever known and sets off for America in hopes of finding the mother she's just discovered is still alive. When circus aerialist Isabella's daughter suddenly appears, she is forced to face the truth of where, and in what, she derives her worth.	5 weeks between
Sep. 18	Mystery / Family Drama	<i>Happiness Falls</i> / Angie Kim 387 p. When Mia's father doesn't come home from a walk in the local nature reserve, she doesn't think much of it. He must've turned off his phone. Or his battery died. Or he probably stopped for an errand-but doing what exactly? Soon more questions arise and it becomes clear to Mia and her family that he is missing. Or is he?"	
Oct. 16	Historical Fiction	<i>Weyward</i> / Emilia Hart 329 p. Told over five centuries through three connected women, this riveting novel follows Kate, in 2019, as she seeks refuge in Weyward Cottage; Altha, in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet, in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death. Explores female intuitive powers.	
Nov. 13	Historical Fic. / Adventure	<i>The Vaster Wilds</i> / Lauren Groff 256 p. Escaping from a colonial settlement in the wilderness, a servant girl, with nothing but her wits, a few possessions and some faith, is tested beyond the limits of her imagination, forcing her to question her belief of everything her own civilization taught her.	4 weeks between--2nd Thursday
Dec. 11	Human-Animal Relations	<i>West with Giraffes</i> / Lynda Rutledge 356 p. Inspired by true events, this part adventure, part historical saga and part coming-of-age love story follows Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. The giraffes made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.	4 weeks between--2nd Thursday