

MOKENA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- UPCOMING TITLES 2026  
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| Jan. 15 | Classic / new movie 2/13/26         | <i>Wuthering Heights</i> / Emily Bronte 340 p. Cathy is a beautiful and wilful young woman torn between her soft-hearted husband and Heathcliff, the passionate and resentful man who has loved her since childhood. The power of their bond creates a maelstrom of cruelty and violence that will leave one of them dead and cast a shadow over their children.        | 5 weeks between               |
| Feb. 19 | Literary Thriller / Magical Realism | <i>The Cartographers</i> / Peng Shepherd 400 p. When her estranged father is found dead with a seemingly worthless map hidden in his desk, cartographer Nell Young soon discovers the map is extremely valuable--and that a mysterious collector will stop at nothing to destroy it and anyone who gets in the way.   | 5 weeks between               |
| Mar. 19 | Historical Fiction                  | <i>The Last Lifeboat</i> / Hazel Gaynor 370 p. Inspired by a remarkable true story, this moving novel follows schoolteacher Alice King as she helps evacuate Britain's children overseas and finds her life fatefully entwined with mother Lily Nichols when a Nazi U-boat torpedoes the USS Carlisle carrying a ship of children to Canada.                            |                               |
| Apr. 16 | Magical Realism / Grief             | <i>We Need No Wings</i> / Anna Davila Cardinal 292 p. Teresa Sanchez, a direct descendent of St. Teresa of Ávila, finds herself lost after her retirement ... until the day she begins to levitate. Tere will soon have to decide whether to remain shrouded in her grief, or open her heart to a world where we need no wings to fly.                                  |                               |
| May. 21 | Family Saga / American Society      | <i>The Guest Book</i> / Sarah Blake 486 p. The bereaved matriarch of a powerful early-20th-century American family makes a fateful decision that reverberates throughout two subsequent generations. Blake masterfully lays bare the memories and mistakes each generation makes while coming to terms with what it means to inherit the past.                          | 5 weeks between               |
| Jun. 18 | Non-fiction                         | <i>The Upstairs Delicatessen</i> / Dwight Garner 256 p. Dwight Garner, the beloved New York Times book critic, serves up the intertwined pleasures of books and food. He gathers his literary chorus to capture the pure pleasure of reading and eating in this comic, soulful, semi-autobiographic treasure.   |                               |
| Jul. 16 | Domestic Fiction / Family Secrets   | <i>The Berry Pickers</i> / Amanda Peters 307 p. A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty years. a riveting novel about the search for truth, the shadow of trauma, and the persistence of love across time.               |                               |
| Aug. 20 | Philosophical Spy Novel             | <i>Creation Lake</i> / Rachel Kushner 407 p. Sadie Smith, a ruthless and cunning American secret agent is dispatched to a rural France, where her mission is to keep tabs on a commune's activists and subversives where she becomes entranced with their mysterious mentor. A propulsive page-turner filled with dark humor.   | 5 weeks between               |
| Sep. 17 | Mystery                             | <i>The Violin Conspiracy</i> / Brendan Slocumb 342 p. Ray McMillian is a Black classical musician on the rise—undeterred by the pressure and prejudice of the classical music world—when a shocking theft sends him on a desperate quest to recover his great-great-grandfather's heirloom violin on the eve of the most prestigious musical competition in the world.  |                               |
| Oct. 15 | Neo-Gothic Fiction                  | <i>The Djinn Waits a Hundred Years</i> / Shubnum Khan 308 p. Moving into Akbar Manzil, a ruined mansion off the coast of S. Africa, Sana stumbles upon the forgotten story of Meena, the original owner's 2nd wife who died there tragically 100 years ago, awakening a grieving djinn, an invisible spirit who has haunted the mansion since Meena's mysterious death. |                               |
| Nov. 12 | Historical Fiction                  | <i>This Other Eden</i> / Paul Harding 221 p. Inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, an isolated island off the coast of Maine that became one of the first racially integrated towns in the Northeast, this novel brings to life an unforgettable cast of characters who struggle to preserve human dignity in the face of intolerance and injustice.             | 4 weeks between--2nd Thursday |
| Dec. 10 | Science Fiction / Nature            | <i>Orbital</i> / Samantha Harvey 224 p. In an elegy to our humanity, environment and planet, six astronauts, selected for one of the last space station missions, leave their lives behind to travel at a speed of over 17,000 miles an hour to orbit Earth, witnessing the marks of civilization below. Winner of the 2024 Booker Prize.                               | 4 weeks between--2nd Thursday |
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