

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY **ZOOM** BOOK GROUP  
2023 - 2024

1st Mondays, October - May (except January) @ 11:00AM EST

*(Please note: April book club is the first day of the month.)*

October 2, 2023

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Grams

#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • *GMA* BOOK CLUB PICK

"In 1960s California, Elizabeth Zott's, (a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention) career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show. Zott kicks off a revolution that does more than just challenge the status quo!"

November 6, 2023

North: A Novel by Brad Kessler

"When the storm lands a young Somali refugee at a Vermont monastery, Christopher is pulled back into the world as his life intersects with Sahro's and that of an Afghan war veteran in surprising and revealing ways. With sharp, beautiful, and observant prose, North gives voice to these invisible communities, delivering a story of human connection in a time of displacement."

December 4, 2023

My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner: A Family Memoir - Meir Shalev

"A light and charming tale of family ties, over-the-top housekeeping, and the sport of storytelling in Nahalal, the village of Meir Shalev's birth. Shalev's amazing Grandma Tonia, who arrived in Palestine by boat from Russia in 1923 lives in a constant state of battle with what she viewed as the family's biggest enemy: dirt."

February 5 2024

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult.

"People always talk about how their love for you is unconditional. Then you reveal your most private self to them, and you find out how many conditions there are in unconditional love. The author tackles transgender issues, beekeeping and a spellbinding teen trial." (This author can be annoying but this one is worth it).

March 4, 2024 (April book club is the first day of month! April Fools NOT!! )

In Sickness: A Memoir by Barrett Rollins

“Other peoples’ marriages are often beyond comprehension, but this is an eloquent, compulsively readable memoir by the husband of a brilliant, charismatic oncologist and professor at Harvard who is forced to reveal her advanced case of breast cancer that she has been hiding for a decade. Her oncologist husband struggles to care for her while he reflects on a marriage built on love and devotion but also deeply ingrained habits of compromise and accommodation.” (Don’t be afraid to read this, it’s engaging and thought provoking!)

April 1, 2024

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

“A meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. (One of our favorite authors!!)

May 6, 2024

The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World: A Novel by Laura Imai Messina

“A poetic novel about a real telephone booth in Otsuchi, Japan, a rural town decimated by the 2011 tsunami. Known as the ‘Wind Phone’, the disconnected rotary telephone allows grieving family members to speak, in a way, to loved ones who have passed on.”

**Recommended books:**

From Lynn:

Killers of the Flower Moon, David Grann - nonfiction about the conspiracies to literally kill the Osage Indians in Oklahoma and thus the Birth of the FBI as a federal police force in J. Edgar Hoover.

The Surgeon - Leslie Wolfe - Murder Mystery - Gripping - Suspenseful - Unputdownable!

Where Water’s Meet - Zhang Ling - from Google Reads - “A daughter discovers the dramatic history that shaped her mother’s secret life in an emotional and immersive novel.”

The Broadway Butterfly - Sara Divello - Historical Fiction - based in the crime-ridden Roaring 20’s - Corruption from the top of the federal government all the way to the Presidency Murder Mystery. Who’s expendable?

From Carla:

Maame, by Jessica George — A Ghanaian coming - of - age story with themes of familial duty, racism, female pleasure, the complexity of love and the lifesaving power of friendship.

Pageboy: A Memoir by Eliot Page - “The Oscar nominated star who captivated the world with his performance in *Juno* finally shares his story.”

From Sue:

Small World: A Novel by Jonathan Evison

“California gold rush, the development of the transcontinental railroad, and a speeding train of modern-day strangers forced together by fate, it is a grand entertainment that asks big questions.”