



Do WE Know Dewey?

Book Club

Our Librarians will lead you on a reading journey through the Library's non-fiction stacks!

Non-fiction books in the Library are organized according to the Dewey Decimal System which divides material into 10 major classes, each of which is further broken down into more specific topics. Each month, the **Do WE Know Dewey? Book Club** will discuss one book from one of the Dewey categories.

Books are available at the Circulation Desk about one month before the meeting.
Meetings are held in the Rotary Room.

Friday, April 7

2:00pm

000s Computer Science, Information & General Works

The Man Who Loved Books Too Much : The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession
by Allison Hoover Bartlett

What would you do for the love of a good book? For John Charles Gilkey, the answer is: go to prison. Unrepentant book thief Gilkey has stolen a fortune in rare books from around the country. Yet unlike most thieves, who steal for profit, Gilkey steals for love—the love of books. Perhaps equally obsessive, though, is Ken Sanders, the self-appointed "bibliodick" driven to catch him. Sanders, a lifelong rare book collector and dealer turned amateur detective, will stop at nothing to catch the thief plaguing his trade.

(themanwholovedbookstoomuch.com)

Friday, May 5

2:00pm

700s The Arts & Recreation

Seabiscuit : An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand

He didn't look like much. With his smallish stature, knobby knees, and slightly crooked forelegs, he looked more like a cow pony than a thoroughbred. But looks aren't everything; his quality, an admirer once wrote, "was mostly in his heart." Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of the horse who became a cultural icon.

(amazon.com)

Friday, June 2

2:00pm

300s Social Sciences

NurtureShock : New Thinking About Children by Po Bronson & Ashley Merryman

Award-winning science journalists Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman demonstrate that many of modern society's strategies for nurturing children are in fact backfiring--because key twists in the science of child development have been overlooked. The authors discuss the inverse power of praise, why insufficient sleep adversely affects kids' capacity to learn, why white parents don't talk about race, why kids lie, why evaluation methods for "giftedness" and accompanying programs don't work, and why siblings really fight.

(Cafe)

Friday, July 7

2:00pm

100s Philosophy and Psychology

Haunted Wisconsin by Michael Norman

Grab a cozy blanket, light a few flickering candles, and enjoy the unnerving tales of *Haunted Wisconsin*. Gathered from personal interviews with credible eyewitnesses, on-site explorations, historical archives, newspaper reports, and other sources, these scores of reports date from Wisconsin's early settlement days to recent inexplicable events.

(amazon.com)

Friday, August 4

2:00pm

400s Language

The Professor and the Madman : a Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester
Masterfully researched and eloquently written, this extraordinary tale of madness, genius, and the incredible obsessions of two remarkable men that led to the making of the Oxford English Dictionary -- and literary history. The compilation of the OED began in 1857, it was one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken. As definitions were collected, the overseeing committee, led by Professor James Murray, discovered that one man, Dr. W. C. Minor, had submitted more than ten thousand. When the committee insisted on honoring him, a shocking truth came to light: Dr. Minor, an American Civil War veteran, was also an inmate at an asylum for the criminally insane.

(amazon.com)

Friday, September 1

2:00pm

600s Technology (Applied Sciences)

Hidden Figures : The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race
by Margot Lee Shetterly

Before John Glenn orbited the earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam's call, moving to Hampton Virginia and the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory. Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black "West Computing" group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.
(adapted from publisher website)

Friday, October 6

2:00pm

200s Religion

Man Seeks God : My Flirtations with the Divine by Eric Weiner

When a health scare puts him in the hospital, Eric Weiner—an agnostic by default—finds himself tangling with an unexpected question, posed to him by a well-meaning nurse. "Have you found your God yet?" The thought of it nags him, and prods him—and ultimately launches him on a far-flung journey to do just that.
(amazon.com)

Friday, November 3

2:00pm

900s History and Geography

Dead Wake : The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner as richly appointed as an English country house sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. The passengers were surprisingly at ease, even though Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. For months, German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic. But the Lusitania was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"—the fastest liner then in service—and her captain, William Thomas Turner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of Unterseeboot-20, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small—hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more—all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history. It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of glamour and suspense, *DeadWake* brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson, a man lost to grief, dreading the widening war but also captivated by the prospect of new love.
(Cafe)

Friday, December 1

2:00pm

500s Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Seeds of Hope : Wisdom and Wonder From the World of Plants by Jane Goodall with Gail Hudson

SEEDS OF HOPE takes us from Goodall's home in England to her home-away-from-home in Africa, deep inside the Gombe forest, where she and the chimpanzees are enchanted by the fig and plum trees they encounter. She introduces us to botanists around the world, as well as places where hope for plants can be found, such as The Millennium Seed Bank. She shows us the secret world of plants with all their mysteries and potential for healing our bodies as well as Planet Earth. Looking at the world as an adventurer, scientist, and devotee of sustainable foods and gardening--and setting forth simple goals we can all take to protect the plants around us--Goodall delivers an enlightening story of the wonders we can find in our own backyards.
(amazon.com)



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