

**Alcona Book Club
Alcona County Library, Harrisville
January – June 2018**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

“*The Girl on the Train*” by Paula Hawkins. “Obsessively watching a breakfasting couple every day to escape the pain of her losses, Rachel witnesses a shocking event that inextricably entangles her in the lives of strangers.” A compulsively readable, emotionally immersive Hitchcockian thriller.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Pushing the Limits: Motion

“*A Wolf Called Romeo*” by Nick Jans. “The true story of the exceptional black wolf who spent seven years interacting with the people and dogs of Juneau, Alaska, living on the edges of their community, engaging in an improbable, awe-inspiring interspecies dance, and bringing the wild into sharp focus. When Romeo first appeared, Nick Jans and the other citizens of Juneau were wary, but as Romeo began to tag along with cross-country skiers on their daily jaunts, play fetch alongside local dogs, or simply lie near Nick and nap under the sun on a quiet afternoon, Nick and the rest of Juneau came to accept Romeo, and he them.”

THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ: “*X: a Novel*” by Ilyasah Shabazz

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at noon -- Dr. Kenneth Jolly, Professor of History and Advisor for Black Studies Degree at Saginaw Valley State University, will discuss the Post World War II civil rights and Black Power movements. All are welcome to this community presentation, refreshments provided by Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at noon

“*X: a Novel*” by Ilyasah Shabazz. “Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world. Malcolm Little's parents have always told him that he can achieve anything, but from what he can tell, that's a pack of lies. After all, his father's been murdered, his mother's been taken away, and his dreams of becoming a lawyer have gotten him laughed out of school. There's no point in trying, he figures, and lured by the nightlife of Boston and New York, he escapes into a world of fancy suits, jazz, girls, and reefer. But Malcolm's efforts to leave the past behind lead him into increasingly dangerous territory. Deep down, he knows that the freedom he's found is only an illusion, and that he can't run forever. X follows Malcolm from his childhood to his imprisonment for theft at age twenty, when he found the faith that would lead him to forge a new path and command a voice that still resonates today.”

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

“*News of the World*” by Paulette Jiles. “In the aftermath of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an elderly widower and itinerant news reader, is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders, from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.”

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Pushing the Limits: Heritage

“*Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis*” by J. D. Vance. “Shares the story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle class life and the collective demons of the past.”

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

“*And after the Fire*” by Lauren Belfer. “A novel inspired by historical events about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives.” Adult Summer Reading “Libraries Rock!” begins today. Pick up your reading packet at any branch.

All Book Club meetings run from 12:00 noon until 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Bring your lunch, or just enjoy delicious dessert and beverage provided by Friends of the Library. Everyone is invited to join our friendly and welcoming group for lively and thought-provoking discussions. Visitors always welcome! No registration required. We alternate fiction and non-fiction selections throughout the year. For more information, call Lynn or Jan at 989-724-6796.

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