

Alcona Book Club
Alcona County Library, Harrisville
May – December 2017

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

“*The Language of Flowers*” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. “In Victorian times, the language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions. But for Victoria Jones, it’s been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings.”

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

“*The Big Tiny: a Built-it-Myself Memoir*” by Dee Williams. “A near-death experience abruptly reminded sustainability advocate and pioneer Dee Williams that life is short. So she sold her sprawling home and built an 80-foot-square-house—on her own, from the ground up.” **Adult Summer Reading, “Build a Better World” begins! Pick up your Reading Packet today for prizes and fun all summer long!**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

“*Beautiful Ruins*” by Jess Walters. “From the lavish set of *Cleopatra* to the shabby revelry of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, to the back lots of contemporary Hollywood, *Beautiful Ruins* is gloriously inventive and constantly surprising—a story of flawed yet fascinating people navigating the rocky shores of their lives while clinging to their improbable dreams.”

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

“*Mackinac Bridge: A 50 year chronicle – 1957-2007*” by Mike Fornes. “Take a trip through the first 50 years of the bridge’s history and you’ll experience unusual crossings, triumph and tragedy. Parades of vehicles and pedestrians have crossed over the Mackinac Bridge and flotillas of ships have passed under it. Here are the stories, the photos and the people who have made this engineering wonder a symbol of the State of Michigan.” **Adult Summer Reading program ends today. We’ll host a salad and dessert luncheon; summer reading prizes will be awarded.**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

“*Turn of Mind*” by Alice LaPlante. “As the narrator’s mind is devoured by dementia, she struggles to remember the extent of her involvement in her best friend’s murder. LaPlante’s characters are completely convincing, the plotting masterful.”

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Classic Selection tba

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

“*The Last Farmer: an American Memoir*” by Howard Kohn. “Frederick Kohn farmed the family homestead in the Saginaw Valley since his return from World War II. After forty years, with advancing age, failing health, bad weather, falling prices, pesky oil drillers, creeping suburban sprawl, and the exodus of his children, he starts to wonder if the time has come to stop.”

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

“*84 Charing Cross Road*” by Helen Hanff. “A 20-year long-distance friendship developed between the author and this London antiquarian bookseller’s staff, with letters and an exchange of Christmas packages, birthday gifts, and food parcels to compensate for post-World War II food shortages in Britain.”

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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