

Tuesday Book Clubs (2pm & 7pm)
Reading List 2019 - 2020

- Sept. 10, 2019** ***Amy Falls Down*** by Jincy Willett (2013)
Aging novelist Amy Gallup is content--if not exactly happy--with the hermit-like existence she and her dog Alphonse lead. On New Year's Eve, Amy goes out to plant a tree and falls down. This seemingly simple mishap sets off events that open up possibilities in her life.
- Oct. 8, 2019** ***Song of Solomon*** by Toni Morrison (1977)
Surveying nearly a century of American history, this novel tells the story of four generations of a single black family. Macon Dead III, known as Milkman, is the first black baby born in Mercy Hospital in the 1930s. Milkman undertakes an epic journey into an understanding of his family's heritage and, hence, himself.
- Nov. 12, 2019** ***The Shadow Land*** by Elizabeth Kostova (2017)
While assisting an elderly couple and their son, Alexandra Boyd accidentally acquires the ashes of violinist Stoyan Lazarov. Alexandra attempts to return the remains, but threats reaching back into Stoyan's lifetime thwart her driving her to uncover secrets surrounding the violinist.
- Dec. 10, 2019** ***Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-first Century***
by Jessica Bruder (2017)
Nomadland looks at the subculture of older Americans who, unable to afford either mortgages or retirement, are traveling the country in RVs, campers, and vans. Particularly examines the life of one woman as she travels between seasonal jobs and reunions with her van-dwelling friends.
- Jan. 14, 2020** ***The Tenth Muse*** by Catherine Chung (2019)
Determined to conquer the Riemann hypothesis despite cultural discrimination against women intellectuals, a genius mathematician uncovers a mysterious theorem's unexpected World War II link to her family.
- Feb. 11, 2020** ***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead (2016)
Cora, a third-generation slave, flees the plantation where she lives. She escapes with a man who claims to know how to get to the Underground Railroad. Once there, she discovers it is an actual railroad. Every stop shows her moments of horror and joy.
- Mar. 10, 2020** ***Pachinko*** by Min Jin Lee (2017)
Sunja, the beloved daughter of a prominent Korean family, finds herself pregnant and abandoned by her lover. To save her family's reputation, she marries a tubercular minister and moves to Japan. She and her descendants deal with being separated from their homeland and never quite accepted.

Apr. 14, 2020

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Harari (2015)
Sapiens examines the development of human culture and history, from the emergence of the first species of the genus Homo over 2 million years ago to the twenty-first century. Discusses progress from the standpoints of biology, anthropology, paleontology, and economics.

May 12, 2020

Circe by Madeline Miller (2018)
A reimagining of the Greek myth, told in Circe's own voice. Daughter of the sun god Helios, Circe discovers she has the power of witchcraft. Banished to a deserted island, she encounters other mythological figures including Medea and Odysseus .

June 9, 2020

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones (2018)
Newlyweds Celestial and Roy find their lives ripped apart when Roy is unjustly arrested and sentenced to twelve years in prison for rape. A distressed Celestial leans on her best friend, Andre, which causes complications when Roy is released early.