

2016-2017 Read & Grow Reading List

<p>2016 Sept. 12</p>	<p>The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman (578 pages) A tale inspired by the tragic first-century massacre of hundreds of Jewish people at Masada presents the stories of a hated daughter, a baker's wife, a girl disguised as a warrior, and a medicine woman who keeps doves and secrets while Roman soldiers draw near.</p>	<p>Janet Mallarnee</p>
<p>Oct. 10</p>	<p>Concussion by Dr. Bennet L. Omalu & Jeanne Marie Lasko (266 pgs) Dr. Bennet Omalu, the pathologist who made one of the most significant medical discoveries of the 21st century, a discovery that challenges the existence of America's favorite sport and puts Omalu in the crosshairs of football's most powerful corporation: the NFL.</p>	<p>Margaret Proctor</p>
<p>Nov. 14</p>	<p>The Children Act by Ian Meewan (240 pages) Fiona Maye is a High Court judge in London presiding over cases in family court. She is an expert in considering the sensitivities of culture and religion when handing down her verdicts. Her professional success belies her domestic strife.</p>	<p>Janice Arnold</p>
<p>Dec. 12</p>	<p>The Heart Mender by Andy Andrews (248 pages) While digging up a withering myrtle tree beside his waterfront home on the Gulf coast, author Andy Andrews unearths a rusted metal container filled with Nazi artifacts and begins an intriguing investigation that unlocks an unspoken past that took place in his backyard.</p>	<p>Sandy Marek</p>
<p>2017 Jan. 9</p>	<p>The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (440 pages) France, 1939. Viann & Isabelle have always been close despite their differences. As the war progresses, it's not only the sisters' relationship that is tested, but also their strength and their individual senses of right and wrong. In love, we find out who we want to be. In war, we find out who we are.</p>	<p>Nancy Crone</p>
<p>Feb. 13</p>	<p>I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world. by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick (230 pages) Malala was 10 when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime; women weren't allowed to go to the market; and girls couldn't go to school. Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes and fought for her right to be educated. In 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause.</p>	<p>Betsy Meikle</p>
<p>Mar. 13</p>	<p>Still Alice by Lisa Genova (292 pages) Alice Howland-Harvard (professor, gifted researcher, lecturer, wife, and mother of three grown children) sets out for a run and soon realizes she has no idea how to find her way home. Alice slowly but inevitably loses memory and connection with reality</p>	<p>Tammy Mallett</p>
<p>Apr. 10</p>	<p>The Train to Crystal City: FDR's secret prisoner exchange program and America's only family internment camp during World War II. by Jan Jarboe Russell (657 pages) Focusing on a little-known event in American history that has long been kept quiet, a dramatic account exposes a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas where hundreds of prisoners were exchanged for other Americans behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany.</p>	<p>Jo Swanson</p>
<p>May 8</p>	<p>The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis (176 pages) Parvana lives in Kabul, Afghanistan and her mother disguises her as a boy by cutting her hair and making her wear her deceased brother's old clothes to help provide for the family because her father had been arrested by the Taliban and cannot be located.</p>	<p>Barbara Biehl</p>
<p>May 22</p>	<p>Fellowship Dinner at the Harlamert's</p>	