



Nevins Library

LGBTQ+ Book Group

2021-22

Book discussions will be held at the Nevins Library on Thursday evenings 7-9pm. Some meetings may be held on ZOOM, as noted below, or in the event of bad weather. Arrangements may be made for a ZOOM link to the live meeting. Books are available approximately one month prior to the discussion. You may pick up books at the Main Desk any time the Library is open or call to make an arrangement for Curbside Pickup. Some books are available as downloadable e-books, or in Large Print or Audio. If you are interested in joining this group, or having more information, contact Krista McLeod at the Nevins Library (kmcleod@nevinslibrary.org) Additional Book Discussion information is available on our website at www.nevinslibrary.org. All books/events announced in this flyer are tentative, based on availability of multiple copies. To confirm dates, book selections, or for more information call the Library at 978-686-4080 ext. 10.

The Nevins Library LGBTQ group is open to any adult (18+) who is interested in reading quality fiction, non-fiction and biography on LGBTQ topics and themes or by gay/lesbian authors.

September 9th – Shortest Way Home by Pete Buttigieg

Once described as "the most interesting mayor you've never heard of", in the 2020 election Pete Buttigieg improbably emerged as one of the nation's most visionary politicians. This book interweaves two once unthinkable success stories: that of an Afghanistan veteran who came out and found love and acceptance, all while in office, and that of a Rust Belt city so thoroughly transformed that it shatters the way we view America's so-called flyover country.

October 14th -- Here Comes the Sun – by Nicole Dennis-Benn

Winner of the *Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Fiction*. Capturing the rhythms of Jamaican life and dialect, this novel is a tender hymn to a world hidden among pristine beaches and turquoise seas. When plans for a new hotel threaten her village, Margot sees not only an opportunity for her own financial independence but also perhaps a chance to admit a shocking secret: her forbidden love for another woman.

November 18th (note date change due to holiday) – MOVIE NIGHT – Supernova**

A gay couple, one a musician, the other a novelist, embark on a road trip as dementia starts to take hold of one of them. Starring Colin Firth & Stanley Tucci/2021

December 9th – Written in the Stars by Alexandria Bellefleur

A National Bestseller and winner of *the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Romance*! With nods to *Bridget Jones* and *Pride & Prejudice*, this debut is a delightful queer rom-com about a free-spirited social media astrologer who agrees to fake a relationship with an uptight actuary until New Year's Eve—with results not even the stars could predict!

January 13th ZOOM Meeting - MEET THE AUTHOR with Cheryl Savageau**

We are honored to be joined with Cheryl Savageau for a conversation about her work. Cheryl Savageau is the author of the memoir *Out of the Crazywoods* and the poetry collections, *Dirt Road Home*, which was a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize and nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and *Mother/Land*, which has been described as “one of the best literary depictions of New England to date.” Her children's book, *Muskrat Will Be Swimming* was a Smithsonian Notable Book and won the Skipping Stones Book Award for Exceptional Multicultural and Ecology and Nature Books. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Arts Foundation. She has been a mentor to Native American writers through the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers, and received their Mentor of the Year award in 1999. Cheryl Savageau teaches at the Middlebury Breadloaf School of English.

February 10th – Broken Horses by Brandi Carlile

Brandi Carlile was born into a musically gifted, impoverished family on the outskirts of Seattle and grew up in a constant state of change. As an openly gay teenager, Brandi grappled with the tension between her sexuality and her faith when her pastor publicly refused to baptize her on the day of the ceremony. Shockingly, her small town rallied around her in support and set her on a path to salvation through twisted, joyful, weird, and wonderful music.

March 10th – POETRY NIGHT Reading Poems by Mary Oliver & Ocean Vuong.

Join us to discuss, compare and contrast these very different poets who come from the LGBTQ+ community.

April 14th– This is the Fire: What I Say to My Friends about Racism by Don Lemon

Now, in an urgent, deeply personal, riveting plea, CNN anchor, Don Lemon, shows us all how deep our problems with race in America lie, and what we can do to begin to fix them.

May 12th – The Guncle by Steven Rowley

A warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer.

June -- TBA



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