



Nevins Library

LGBTQ+ Book Group

2023-24

Book discussions will be held at the Nevins Library on Thursday afternoons 3-5pm. 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 14th – Pomegranate -- by Helen Elaine Lee

This is a “deep and beautiful” story about a queer Black woman working to stay clean, pull her life together, and heal after being released from prison.

October 12th – After the Eclipse: A Memoir – by Sarah Perry

Sarah Perry paints an indelible portrait of her mother. At 12 years old, Sarah lost her mother to a brutal murder, and it is only later, when she went looking for the reasons for the crime, did she find the mother she so loved.

November 9th – The Dance Tree – by Karin Millwood Hargrave

A spellbinding tale of fear, transformation, courage, and love in sixteenth-century France. Set in an era of superstition, hysteria, and extraordinary change, and inspired by true events,

December 14th – Speak No Evil by Uzodinma Iweala

On the surface, Niru leads a charmed life. Raised by attentive parents in Washington, DC, he’s a top student and a track, bound for Harvard in the fall. But Niru has a painful secret: he is gay—an abominable sin to his conservative Nigerian parents.

January 11th – Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan

A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past and what we choose to leave behind, *Mad Honey* is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.

February 8th – POETRY Reading: Poems by Ocean Vuong.

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

March 14th – Movie Discussion:

April 11th – Author visit with Mary Aviyah Farkas, Author of "Overcoming Deepest Grief"

A powerful, inspirational, intimate and deeply moving recounting of how a Lesbian widow overcame the loss of her wife, dearest sister, and two dear friends in a short span of time. Taking Aviyah's journey from sorrow to joy will move your heart, mind, and soul.

May 9th - The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.

June 13th -- Learned By Heart by Emma Donoghue

Drawing on years of investigation and Anne Lister's five-million-word secret journal, *Learned by Heart* is the long-buried love story of Eliza Raine, an orphan heiress banished from India to England at age six, and Anne Lister, a brilliant, troublesome tomboy, who meet at the Manor School for young ladies in York in 1805 when they are both fourteen. Emotionally intense, psychologically compelling, and deeply researched, *Learned by Heart* is an extraordinary work of fiction by one of the world's greatest storytellers. Full of passion and heartbreak, the tangled lives of Anne Lister and Eliza Raine form a love story for the age



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