



## Thursday Evening Book Discussions 2026-27 Nevins Memorial Library

Book discussions will be held at the Library on Thursday evenings 7-9pm. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on ZOOM. 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 wish to join this Book Group you may attend any meeting. Additional Book Discussion information is available on our website at [www.nevinslibrary.org](http://www.nevinslibrary.org). All books 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. 2.

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Reading Round-Up**

#### **Fall Series: *A Reader's Odyssey***

Journey from one of the greatest tales ever told to modern re-imaginings, featuring the women of Homer's world.

#### **October 1<sup>st</sup> – The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel adaptation by Gareth Hinds**

Award-winning graphic artist Gareth Hinds masterfully reinterprets a story of heroism, adventure, and high action that has been told and retold for more than 2,500 years—though never quite like this. If you prefer, read any version of the Odyssey (we recommend Emily Wilson's recent translation) or see the new film version. Come prepared to discuss the themes and the characters in the classic story,

#### **November 5<sup>th</sup> – Circe by Madeline Miller**

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child—not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power—the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves.

#### **December 3<sup>th</sup> -- A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes**

"With her trademark passion, wit, and fierce feminism, Haynes gives much-needed voice to the silenced women of the Trojan War. Her thoughtful portraits will linger with you long after the book is finished." - Madeline Miller, author of Circe

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood**

Penelope. Immortalised in legend and myth as the devoted wife of the glorious Odysseus, silently weaving and unspinning and weaving again as she waits for her husband's return. Now Penelope wanders the underworld, spinning a different kind of thread: her own side of the story - a tale of lust, greed and murder.

**Spring Series: Animal Tales**

Dogs, Chimps, Horses, Octopus...just some of the creatures that we humans interact with and enrich our lives by knowing.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> – Rin Tin Tin: the Life and the Legend by Susan Orleans**

*He believed the dog was immortal.* -- So begins Susan Orleans's powerfully moving account of Rin Tin Tin's journey from abandoned puppy to international movie-star dog who appeared in twenty-seven films throughout the 1920s. Spanning almost one hundred years of history, from the dog's improbable discovery on a battlefield in 1918 by an American soldier to his tumultuous rise through Hollywood and beyond, Rin Tin Tin is a love story and "a masterpiece" (Chicago Tribune)

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**

Keeping busy has always helped Tova Sullivan cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Taking a job cleaning an Aquarium at night, Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler**

Meet the Cooke family: Mother and Dad, brother Lowell, sister Fern, and Rosemary, who begins her story in the middle. She has her reasons. "I was raised with a chimpanzee," In this story we are introduced to a middle-class American family that is ordinary in every way but one...

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – Horse by Geraldine Brooks**

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Following Atticus by Tom Ryan**

Set against the backdrop of New Hampshire's White Mountains, a man and a dog embark on the challenge of a lifetime in this true story of love, loss, and the resilience of the human and animal spirit.

