

2020 Third Thursday Book Club selections

Jan. 16 – *Educated* by Tara Westover [memoir]. An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family in Idaho and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. (ordered and waiting)

Feb. 20 – *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah [fiction]. A father back from the Vietnam War moves to a tiny Alaskan outpost with his wife and daughter. (15 print, 4 LT, 4 audio)

March 19 – *Braving the Wilderness* by Brene Brown [non-fiction/psychology]. Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. (6 print, 1 LT, 1 audio)

April 16 – *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles [historical fiction]. A transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel. (9 print, 2 LT, 5 audio)

May 21 – *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens [historical fiction]. An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. (24 print, 4LT, 4 audio)

June 18 – *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan [historical fiction]. Coming-of-age novel that follows Pino Lella, a 17-year-old Milanese boy, as he navigates the dangers of Nazi-occupied Italy during the height of World War II. (5 print, 1 LT)

July 16 – *The Overstory* by Richard Powers [literary fiction]. A diverse and unlikely group of people who eventually come together as environmental activists after they each have a life-changing experience involving trees. (5 print, 1 audio)

Aug. 20 – *Becoming* by Michelle Obama [memoir]. Former first lady writes on her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother. (11 print, 3 LT, 5 audio)

Sept. 17 – *A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein [historical fiction]. A family confronts long-buried secrets as it struggles for forgiveness and redemption in this breathtaking story set against the majestic beauty of the Pacific Northwest. (ACL kit w/10 books +9 print, 2 LT, 2 audio)

Oct. 15 – *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson [sci-fi/historical fiction]. What if you could live again and again, until you got it right? (6 print)

Nov. 19 – *The Smell of Other People's Houses* by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock [YA historical fiction]. Four poor or middle-class Alaskan teens whose storylines intersect in 1970, only 11 years after the territory became the 49th state. (ACL kit w/10 books, 6 print, 2 audio)

Dec. 17 – *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finley [biography]. The unbelievable-but-true story of Christopher Knight, who in 1986 decided to go into the Maine woods and live alone in the forest. He wasn't discovered until 2013, when he was caught stealing food from nearby cabins. (6 print, 2 audio)