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- Kits include: 10 copies of the book; a discussion materials folder; and canvas tote bag(s).
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The Dressmaker – Kate Alcott, 306p
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The Echo Maker - Richard Powers, 451p
Eleanor & Park - Rainbow Rowell, 328p
The End of Your Life Book Club – Will Schwalbe, 352p (NF)
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close – Jonathan Safran Foer, 326p
Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury, 190p
The Fault in Our Stars – John Green, 318p
Firefly Lane - Kristin Hannah, 479p
Five Quartermen of the Orange – Joanne Harris, 307p
Follow the River – James Alexander Thom, 406p
The Forgotten Garden - Kate Morton, 330p
Founding Mothers – Cokie Roberts, 384p (NF)
The Friday Night Knitting Club - Kate Jacobs, 372p
The Gin and Tonic Club – Nan Rossiter, 320p
The Girls from Ames - Jeffrey Zaslow, 286p (NF)
The Ghost Bride – Yangsze Choo, 362p
Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls, 328p (NF)
The Good Lord Bird – James McBride, 458p
Goodnight, Nebraska - Tom McNeal, 314p
Guernsey Literary & Potato ... - Mary Ann Shaffer, 304p
Half Broken Horses – Jeannette Walls, 408p
Heaven Is for Real – Todd Burpo, 163p (NF)
His Excellency: Geo. Washington - Joseph Ellis, 320p (NF)
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet - Jamie Ford, 301p
The House Girl - Tara Conklin, 372p
The Husband’s Secret – Liane Moriarty, 464p
I Am a Man – Joe Starita, 257p (NF)
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot, 381p (NF)
In the Land of Second Chances - George Shaffner, 314p
The Infatuations – Jami Attenberg, 352p
The Invention of Wings – Sue Monk Kidd, 384p
The Invisible Bridge – Julie Orringer, 752p
Isn’t It Romantic? - Ron Hansen, 198p
The Killing Floor – Lee Child, 407p
The Kitchen House – Kathleen Grissom, 368p
Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini, 331p
The Language of Flowers – Vanessa Diffenbaugh, 334p
A Lantern in Her Hand - Bess Streeter Aldrich, 408p
The Life & Times of the Thunderbolt... - Bill Bryson, 270p (NF)
Life of Pi - Yann Martel, 319p
The Light Between Oceans – M.L. Stedman, 352p
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Local Wonders - Ted Kooser, 153p (NF)
A Long Way from Home - Connie Briscoe, 318p
Lovely Bones - Alice Sebold, 328p
The Lowland – Jhumpa Lahiri, 415p
The Maddonnas of Leningrad - Debra Dean, 231p
The Magic Room – Jeffrey Zaslow, 285p (NF)
Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand - Helen Simonson, 358p
Marley & Me - John Grogan, 305p (NF)
The Master Butchers Singing Club - Louise Erdrich, 388p
Mayflower - Nathaniel Philbrick, 463p (NF)
The Memory Keeper’s Daughter - Kim Edwards, 401p
 Mistress of the Art of Death - Ariana Franklin, 420p
Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker – Jennifer Chiaverini, 356p
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My Name Is Mary Sutter – Robin Oliveira, 364p
My Sister’s Keeper - Jodi Picoult, 409p
Necessary Lies – Diane Chamberlain, 343p
The Night Circus – Erin Morgenstern, 387p
Night Road - Kristin Hannah, 385p
Nineteen Minutes - Jodi Picoult, 455p
The No. 1 Ladies Detective - Alexander McCall Smith, 235p
North River - Pete Hamill, 341p
O Pioneers – Willa Cather, 206p
The Ocean at the End of the Lane – Neil Gaiman, 181p
Olive Kitteridge - Elizabeth Strout, 286p
One False Move - Alex Kava, 384p
Once upon a Town – Bob Greene, 288p (NF)
One for the Money – Janet Evanovich, 334p
The Orchardist - Amanda Coplin, 426p
The Orphan Train – Christina Baker Kline, 373p
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The Worst Hard Time – Mary Pennington, 308p (NF)
Outside Valentine - Liza Ward, 301p
The Paris Wife – Paula McLain, 324p
The Piano Tuner – Daniel Mason, 336p
Plainsong - Kent Haruf, 301p
The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver, 546p
The Postmistress - Sarah Blake, 326p
Prayers for Sale - Sandra Dallas, 305p
Prodigal Summer - Barbara Kingsolver, 444p
The Reader - Bernhard Schlink, 218p
The Red Tent - Anita Diamant, 321p
A Reliable Wife - Robert Goolrick, 218p
Remarkable Creatures – Tracy Chevalier, 312p
Restoring the Burnt Child - William Koeckorn, 172p (NF)
The River Wife - Jonis King, 321p
The Road from Coorain – Jill Ker Conway, 238p (NF)
The Room – Emma Donoghue, 321p
The Rosie Project – Graeme Simsion, 295p
The Round House – Louise Erdrich, 321p
The Russian Winter – Daphne Kalotay, 463p
The Sandcastle Girls – Chris Bohjalian, 299p
Sarah’s Key – Tatiana de Rosnay, 293p
The Secret Life of Bees - Sue Monk Kidd, 302p
The Secrets of Harmony Grove – Mindy Starns Clark, 364p
The Shack - William P. Young, 252p
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan - Lisa See, 269p
The Soldier’s Wife – Margaret Leroy, 404p
The Son – Philipp Meyer, 561p
The Song of the Lark – Willa Cather, 326p
The Sound of Things Falling – Juan Gabriel Vasquez, 302p
The Spire – Richard North Patterson, 485p
State of Wonder – Ann Patchett, 353p
Still Alice - Lisa Genova, 293p
Still Summer – Jacquelyn Mitchard, 368p
The Story of Beautiful Girl – Rachel Simon, 350p
Suite Francaise - Irene Nemirovsky, 431p
Tallgrass - Sandra Dallas, 305p
Those Who Save Us – Lauren Wolk, 482p
A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini, 420p
The Tiger’s Wife – Tea Obreht, 338p
To Be Sung Under Water – Tom McNeal, 436p
The Twelve Tribes of Hattie – Ayana Mathis, 320p
Unbroken – Laura Hillenbrand, 473p (NF)
Under the Wide and Starry Sky – Kathleen Kent, 300p
Vanity Insanity – Mary Kay Leatherman, 386p
Watling at the Piggly Wiggly - Robert Dalby, 309p
Water for Elephants - Sara Gruen, 350p
Weird Sisters – Eleanor Brown, 369p
What Was Lost - Calhoun O’Flynn, 246p
Where Grace Abides – B.J. Hoff, 256p
Where’d You Go, Bernadette - Maria Semple, 309p
While We Were Watching Downton Abbey – Wendy Wax, 384p
Whispers of the Bayou – Jodi Picoult, 400p
Wild – Cheryl Strayed, 336p (NF)
Winterdance - Gary Paulsen, 272p (NF)
The Worst Hard Time - Timothy Egan, 340p (NF)
The Year of Fog – Michelle Richmond, 400p
Year of Wonders - Geraldine Brooks, 306p
The Zookeeper’s Wife - Diane Ackerman, 368p (NF)
Our Newest Titles:

The Bellevue Public Library would like to extend special thanks to participating book clubs that have donated kits to the program and shared their love of reading.

Black Elk Speaks. Neihardt, John. 369p. (NF) Black Elk Speaks is the story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950) and his people during the momentous twilight years of the 19th century by John G. Neihardt, Nebraska Poet Laureate (2017 One Book One Nebraska selection).

Brooklyn. Toibin, Colm. 289p. Set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, the novel concerns a young woman torn between her family and her past in Ireland and the American who wins her heart.


Cop Town. Slaughter, Karin. 464p. Atlanta, 1974: As a brutal murder and a furious manhunt rock the city’s police department, Kate Murphy wonders if her first day on the job will also be her last.

Dead Irish. Lescroart, John. 432p. In his new life as a bartender, Dismas Hardy is just hoping for a little peace. But the news of friend Eddie Cochran’s death propels him back into his old life and forces him to untangle a web of old secrets. (Donated by the Mission Middle School Book Club.)

A Dog’s Purpose. Cameron, W. Bruce. 333p. A Dog’s Purpose is the emotional and hilarious story of a dog’s many lives, and also a dog’s-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man’s best friend.

Four Blue Stars in the Window. Mohrman, Barbara Eymann. 358p. (NF). This is the story of life in rural Oakdale, NE, during the Great Depression and of four young sons sent off to war in the South Pacific and Europe.

The Gilded Years. Tanabe, Karin. 400p. It’s the late 1890s, and Anita Hemmings is attending Vassar College. A descendant of slaves, Anita is passing for white. All’s well until senior year, when Anita rooms with upper-crust Louise “Lottie” Taylor. Based on a true story. (Donated by the Eagle Crest Book Club.)

Hidden Figures. Shetterly, Margot Lee. 368p. (NF). From World War II through the Space Race, Hidden Figures follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA’s greatest successes. (Donated by the Senior Center Book Club.)

In a Dark, Dark Wood. Ware, Ruth. 352p. What should be a cozy and fun-filled weekend deep in the English countryside takes a sinister turn in Ruth Ware’s suspenseful, compulsion, and darkly twisted psychological thriller.

In the Unlikely Event. Blume, Judy. 512p. In 1987, MRI Ammerman returns to her hometown of Elizabethtown, NJ, to attend a commemoration of the worst year of her life -- when a succession of airplanes fell from the sky, leaving her community reeling.

Kitchens of the Great Midwest. Stradal, J. Ryan. 320p. Who is the elusive, near-mystical chef Eva Thorvald? The answer lies in every restaurant, recipe box and loving heart of the Midwestern family and friends who touched her life.

Lafayette in the Somewhat United States. Vowell, Sarah. 288p. (NF). Chronicking General Lafayette’s years in Washington’s administration, Vowell reflects on the ideals of the American Revolution vs. the reality of the Revolutionary War -- from the debates of Independence Hall to the frozen wasteland of Valley Forge.

The Little Paris Bookshop. George, Nina. 416p. Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. With books he mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can’t seem to heal through literature is himself. (Donated by the Renegades Book Club.)

The Night. Wiesel, Elie. 120p. (NF). This is Wiesel’s account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps, including a new preface in which he reflects on the enduring importance of Night.

Once We Were Brothers. Balson, Ronald. 394p. From Nazi-occupied Poland to a Chicago courtroom, Elliot Rosenzweig, a respected civic leader and wealthy philanthropist, is attending a fund-raiser when he is named as a former Nazi SS officer. His accuser, Ben Solomon urges attorney Catherine Lockhart to take his case. But has he accused the right man? (Donated by the Eagle Crest Book Club.)


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The Wright Brothers. McCullough, David. 336p. (NF). McCullough effectively blends impeccable writing with historical rigor and strong character definition in his biography of Wright brothers Wilbur, the abstract thinker and introvert; and Orville, the extrovert and hands-on doer. (Donated by the Originals Book Club.)