

Adult Program

2015 Read and Watch Program

Are you interested in going on a trip full of adventure, Intrigue, love or sorrow without leaving the comforts of your chair. This program will center on reading a book that has been made into a movie. We will have a book discussion and then enjoy watching the movie!

Philomena by Martin Sixsmith

Movie & Discussion: Monday, March 23, 2015 1pm - 3:30p m #174831

London journalist Martin Sixsmith has lost his job as a Labor government adviser, and is contemplating writing a book on Russian history. He is approached at a party by the daughter of Philomena Lee. She suggests that he write a story about her mother, who was forced to give up her infant son Anthony fifty years ago. Although he initially opposes the idea of writing a human interest story, he eventually meets with Philomena and decides to investigate further. After having sex with a young man at a fair in 1951, Philomena became pregnant and was sent by her father to Sean Ross Abbey in Roscrea in Ireland. After giving birth, she was forced to work in the convent laundry, seven days a week, for four years to pay off the cost of her stay. One day she discovered that the nuns had given her son to a couple for adoption, without warning or a chance for Philomena to say goodbye. Philomena kept her lost son a secret from her family for fifty years, but she visited the convent periodically to try to find him. The nuns repeatedly told her that they were unable to help her.

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Movie & Discussion: Monday, June 22, 2015 1pm - 3:30p m #174833

Gone Girl takes up the story of Nick and Amy Dunne's difficult marriage, which is floundering for several reasons. Nick loses his job as a journalist due to downsizing. In a somewhat desperate state of mind, he relocates himself and his wife from New York City to his small hometown of North Carthage, Missouri. There, he opens a bar using the last of his wife's trust fund, and runs it along with his twin sister Margo. The bar provides a decent living for the three Dunes, but the marriage becomes more and more dysfunctional. Amy loved her life in New York and hates what she considers the soulless "McMansion" which she and Nick are now renting.

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The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Movie & Discussion: Monday, August 31, 2015 1pm - 3:30p m #174834

Liesel Meminger is a nine-year-old girl living in Nazi Germany in 1939. Her mother is taken away and forced to give up her two children, Liesel and her brother, Werner Meminger. As they are on the train to Molching, Liesel's brother dies, and the narrator, Death, sees her for the first time. They dig Werner's grave by the train track. At Werner's funeral, Liesel steals a book called *The Grave Digger's Handbook* dropped by a young grave digger's apprentice. Liesel is fascinated by the book, even though she can't read or write.

Serena by Ron Rash

Movie & Discussion: Monday, October 26, 2015 1pm - 3:30p m #174835

The year is 1929, and newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton travel from Boston to the North Carolina mountains where they plan to create a timber empire. Although George has already lived in the camp long enough to father an illegitimate child, Serena is new to the mountains—but she soon shows herself to be the equal of any man, overseeing crews, hunting rattle-snakes, eve...more The year is 1929, and newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton travel from Boston to the North Carolina mountains where they plan to create a timber empire. Although George has already lived in the camp long enough to father an illegitimate child, Serena is new to the mountains—but she soon shows herself to be the equal of any man, overseeing crews, hunting rattle-snakes, even saving her husband's life in the wilderness. Together this lord and lady of the woodlands ruthlessly kill or vanquish all who fall out of favor. Yet when Serena learns that she will never bear a child, she sets out to murder the son George fathered without her. Mother and child begin a struggle for their lives, and when Serena suspects George is protecting his illegitimate family, the Pembertons' intense, passionate marriage starts to unravel as the story moves toward its shocking reckoning.