

THE OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

2018 *READING SELECTIONS*



You have a standing invitation to join us in fellowship and lively discussion the **FIRST Wednesday** of each month **EXCEPT JULY** at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 4** of the **Oak Park Community Center**. In July we publish our famous “Beach Reads” for your entertainment!

Jan 3 *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by **Maya Angelou**

The first in an unsentimental seven volume series is a coming –of-age story that illustrates how strength of character and staunch family support can overcome trauma.

Feb 7 *“X”*: *A Novel about Malcolm X* by **Ilyasah Shabazz** and **Keka Magoon**

Co-written by Malcolm X’s daughter, this riveting novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world.

March 7 *A Place Near the Front: A Memoir* by **William G Herbert** (Author will present)

Whether it’s dealing with the mob that’s chasing him through Hell’s Kitchen, battling German soldiers, or facing his own military commanders who resent black officers, the author never stops reaching for his dreams.

April 4 *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*
by **David Gann**

New Yorker staff writer presents a twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history

May 2 *A Fall of Marigolds* by **Susan Meissner**

A beautiful scarf connects two women touched by tragedy in this compelling, emotional novel.

June 6 *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by **Sherman Alexie**

Junior, growing up on a Spokane Indian Reservation, leaves his troubled school on the reservation to attend an all-White farm town high school, where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

July **NO Meeting: BEACH READS:** Suggested titles for leisure reading published by the club.

Aug 1 *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by **Michelle Alexander**. More African Americans are under the control of the criminal justice system today - in prison or jail, on probation or parole than were enslaved in 1850.

Sept 5 *The Store* by **James Patterson**

Imagine a future of unparalleled convenience. A powerful retailer, The Store, can deliver anything to your door, anticipating the needs and desires you didn't even know you had.

Oct 3 *The Immortalists* by **Chloe Benjamin**

How would you live, if you knew when you would die?

Nov 7 *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by **Kate Moore**

Forgotten story of female workers who contracted radiation poisoning from painting watch dials with luminous radium paint during World War I.

Dec 5 *The Little Prince* by **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

Cherished by children and adults alike, this is a poetic tale in which a pilot stranded in the desert meets a young prince visiting Earth from a tiny asteroid.

