

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 *My Friend Dahmer* by **Derf Backderf**

In this haunting and original graphic novel the writer-artist Dert Backderf creates a surprisingly portrait of a disturbed young man struggling against the morbid urges emanating from the deep recesses of his psyche – a shy kid, a teenage alcoholic, and a goofball who never quite fit in with his classmates. With profound insight, what emerges is a Jeffrey Dahmer that few ever really knew, and one readers will never forget.

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.

