

## THE OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB 2019 READING SELECTIONS

"Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful YOU. This is the year your dreams come true."



YOU have a standing invitation to join us in fellowship and lively discussion the FIRST Wednesday of each month EXCEPT July at 6pm in Room 4 of the Oak Park Community Center. In July we publish our famous "Beach Reads" for your entertainment.

**Jan 2** *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Novelist Jones writes brilliantly about expectations, loss, racial injustice, and how love must evolve when our best laid plans go awry.

**Feb 6** *Half Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan

Tells the story of a mixed race jazz band trapped in Berlin in 1939. All were in danger of arrest and assignment to a concentration camp.

**March 6** *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Divided into three sections, Becoming Me, Becoming Us, Becoming More, Michelle Obama shares her life with humor, love, and honesty.

**April 3** *Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction* by David Sheff

What happened to my beautiful boy? To our family? What did I do wrong? Those are the wrenching questions that haunted David Sheff's journey through his son Nic's addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery.

**May 1** *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is fact, engaged in something far more desperate.

**June 5** *Postmortem* by Patricia Cornwell

Medical examiner Kay Scarpetta uses the latest advances in forensic research to unmask a gruesome strangler. But this investigation is like no other, because it's being sabotaged from within and someone wants her dead.

**July** **NO MEETING** Be sure to pick up your copy of *BEACH READS 2019*

**Aug 7** *My Song: A Memoir of Art, Race, and Defiance* by Harry Belafonte

An eloquently told personal account of an era of enormous cultural and political change, which reveals Harry Belafonte as not only one of America's greatest entertainers, but also as one of our most profoundly influential activists.

**Sept 4** *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics* by Donna Brazile

The four most powerful African American women in politics share the story of their friendship and how it has changed politics in America.

**Oct 2** *Never Home Alone* by Rob Dunn

**WARNING:** No one who reads this book will look at their homes in the same way again! Biologist Rob Dunn reveals how our attempts to eradicate microbes in our showers and crickets in our basements may cultivate an entirely new and dangerous playground for evolution.

**Nov 6** *Fear: Trump in the White House* by Bob Woodward

With authoritative reporting honed through eight presidencies from Nixon to Obama, author Bob Woodward reveals in unprecedented detail, the harrowing life inside President Trump's White House and precisely how he makes decisions on major foreign and domestic policies.

**Dec 4** *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Offred, a Handmaid, lives in a dystopian world where a theocracy has taken the place of the United States government, and women have lost all of their rights. Because of dangerously low reproduction rates, Handmaids are assigned to bear children for elite couples that have trouble conceiving.