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Books for Foodies

Whether you're a keen home cook or prefer to enjoy the fruits of others' labor, you'll love the mouth-watering selections below in which baking, historical chefs, and the restaurant scene are the popular subjects.

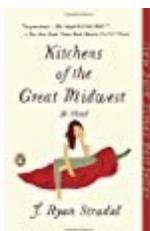


Heartburn (011.73 EPH) by Nora Ephron - The late Ephron's novel is the funniest book you'll ever read about heartbreak and betrayal. She really admitted the novel is autobiographical, based on the breakdown of her second marriage to journalist Carl Bernstein. It is the story of Rachel who writes cookbooks for a living. In between trying to win Mark

back and loudly wishing him dead, Ephron's irrepressible heroine offers some of her favorite recipes. *Heartburn* is a sinfully delicious novel, as soul-satisfying as mashed potatoes and as airy as a perfect soufflé.

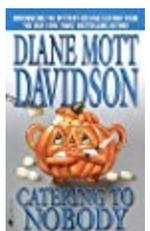


White Truffles in Winter (FIC KEL) by N.M. Kelby - Kelby's descriptions of food are exquisitely detailed. She makes delicious drama out of acts as entertaining and just as often captivating. Foodies will no doubt enjoy the lush epicurean treatment as well as the historical elements of the novel. Ultimately this is a classic romance.



Kitchens of the Great Midwest (FIC STR) by J. Ryan Stradal - *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* is a novel about a young woman with a once-in-a-generation palate who becomes the iconic chef behind the country's most coveted dinner reservation. It was selected as a best book of the year by Amazon, *BookPage*, *LibraryReads*, and

NPR.



Catering to Nobody (MYS DAV, LP FIC DAV) by Diane Mott Davidson - Diane Mott Davidson's winning recipe of first-class suspense and five-star fare has won her and caterer Goldy critical raves and a regular place on major bestseller lists across the country. This is the series debut for caterer Goldy Bear, a single mother living in the Aspen area of Colorado with her 11-year old son. This novel

stands on its own, but if read in sequence with the rest of the Goldy collection, the more complete story of Goldy's life unfolds.

Sharpen Your Pencils

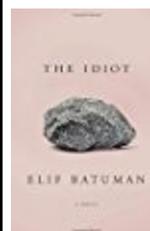
It's back to school season. When you've got a spare moment, check out some of our favorite university-set novels.



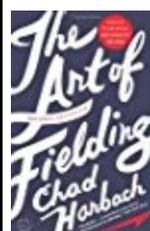
The Secret History (LP FIC TAR) by Donna Tartt - Under the influence of their charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. But when they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality their lives are changed profoundly and forever, and they discover how hard it can be to truly live and how easy it is to kill.



The Marriage Plot (FIC EUG, LP FIC EUG, cd FIC EUG) by Jeffrey Eugenides - In simplest terms, Eugenides' third novel is a love triangle story. Soon-to-graduate Madeline spurns the affections of her longtime friend Mitchell, instead falling hard for Leonard, a student in her semiotics seminar. Doomed lovers, spiritual quests, mental illness and more—it's like a 19th-century Victorian novel for the modern era.



The Idiot: A Novel (FIC BAT) by Elif Batuman - This coming coming-of-age, fish-out-of-water tale adds a dash of the absurd to the campus novel genre. Filled with deadpan humor and unforgettable characters, Batuman's semi-autobiographical debut is set in 1995, during endearingly awkward Selin's freshman year at Harvard. Within this world, the nature of writing is changing—email is brand new—and so begins a tale of love, travel and stumbling through communication.



The Art of Fielding (FIC HAR) by Chad Harbach - Don't take the comparisons between Harbach's debut novel and *Moby-Dick* lightly. Set at a small liberal arts college near Lake Michigan, it explores the lives of several characters, in particular a newly recruited baseball shortstop. This tale of hope, failure, affection and attachment reads as leisurely as an afternoon Triple-A game, but it displays the thematic depth of an American classic.

Library Programs

All programs are free but registration is necessary and can be done either online @ www.hersheylibrary.org or by calling the Circulation Desk @ 533-6555.

The Nazi Titanic presented by Robert P. Watson Saturday, September 9, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Built in 1927, the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona was the greatest ship since the RMS Titanic and one of the most celebrated luxury liners in the world. When the Nazis seized control in Germany, she was stripped down for use as a floating barracks and troop transport. In the Third Reich's final days, the ill-fated ship was packed with thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Just days before Germany surrendered, the Cap Arcona was mistakenly bombed by the British Royal Air Force, and nearly all of the prisoners were killed in the last major tragedy of the Holocaust and one of history's worst maritime disasters.

The Nazi Titanic is a riveting and astonishing account of an enigmatic ship that played a devastating role in World War II and the Holocaust. Come and listen to Robert Watson as he tells the story about this legendary ship and his experiences writing the book, *The Nazi Titanic*. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

Peanut Butter Passion presented by Ann Criss Sunday, October 1, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Calling All Peanut Butter Lovers! Come and meet Ann Criss, author of *Peanut Butter Passion: A Peanut Butter Lover's Cookbook*, written especially for the peanut butter lover. Her collection of over 100 mouth-watering recipes features peanut butter as the star ingredient. From breakfast (Oatmeal Buttermilk Peanut Butter Pancakes) to dinner (Sweet-Potato Peanut Soup), and on to drinks and dessert, *Peanut Butter Passion* has something to suit your every mood. A long-time peanut butter lover herself, author Ann Criss is excited to share her expansive peanut butter recipe collection with fellow enthusiasts! Books will be sold and signed at the event.

Coming Soon to a Theater Near You

Victoria and Abdul - based on the book by Sharbani Basu. (September)

Wonderstruck - based on the book by Brian Selznick. (October)

The Snowman - based on the novel by Jo Nesbo. (October)

Don't Miss These Great Programs Sponsored by Friends of the Hershey Public Library

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"Hit the Roof" Band Sunday, September 10, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Join us for the ultimate eclectic musical experience as *Hit the Roof* band from NYC reinvigorates old songs with a new twist. Matt plays the piano and keyboard as well as writes the melodies, lyrics and produces. Albert the drummer, who is Matt's younger brother, loves transitioning from one rhythmic style to another, all within the same piece. They sample rock 'n roll and New Orleans-style piano, which has roots steeped in boogie-woogie, gospel, classical, bluegrass, country and funk. *Hit the Roof* delivers a deep emotional understanding of the musical landscape with classical underpinnings. They possess the unique capability of giving the listener more ways to relate to and understand the music as well as breaking the barrier between the artists and the audience, making the performance a more personal and interactive experience.

The Underground Railroad in Quilts? Sunday, October 22, 2017 2:00 p.m.

The Underground Railroad, the secret paths traveled by African-Americans who escaped slavery in the South, is well documented by historians. With the aid of "conductors" like Harriet Tubman and shelter "stations" in the homes of sympathetic Northerners and free African Americans, thousands of slaves made their way to freedom in the North and in Canada. Several well-known quilt patterns are said to have been used by people involved with the Underground Railroad to pass along information in code to help guide the escaping African-Americans on their way to freedom.

But does historical research support these claims?

Commonwealth Speaker Cassandra Gunkel's hands-on talk and demonstration will address the ongoing debate. With the use of authentic 19th century quilts and modern reproductions, Gunkel will explore some of the ways in which women may have stitched their politics, history and mythology in quilt designs.