

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (J WOL, J cd WOL) - Drawing comparisons to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Wolk's lovely novel features a quiet young girl named Annabelle who is stirred to action by a cruel new student Betty when Betty starts bullying a strange (but, as Annabelle knows, kind) World War I veteran named Toby. *😊

Working Stiff: Two Years, 262 Bodies, and the Making of a Medical Examiner by Judy Melinek and T.J. Mitchell (614.1 MEL) - An unvarnished portrait of the daily life of medical examiners, complete with grisly anecdotes, chilling crime scenes, and a welcome dose of gallows humor, *Working Stiff* offers a glimpse into the daily life of one of America's most arduous professions, and the unexpected challenges of shuttling between the domains of the living and the dead.



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***"Reading forces you to be quiet in
a world that no longer makes
place for that."
- John Green***

The staff at the Hershey Public Library would like to share with you some of the wonderful books we've been reading this past year.

Enjoy!

Key:

LP (Large Print) B (Biography)

cd (audio book on cd) Pb (paperback)

☉ (Debut-new author's first book)

*Book suggested for book groups

() Numbers shown at the end of book summaries in parenthesis are the number of Staff members who have recommended the book.

After Her: A Novel by Joyce Maynard (FIC MA, LP FIC MAY) - Part family reminiscence, part girl detective story, *After Her* combines the intimacy of one teen's coming-of-age with the suspense of a serial killer mystery. With warmth and redeeming humor, Joyce Maynard delivers the terror and confusion of adolescence. It is a page-turner and memorable portrait of a thirteen-year-old girl and the complicated world she shares with her sister based loosely on the "Trailside Killer" slayings of the 1970's. *

An Invisible Thread: The True Story of An 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and An Unlikely Meeting with Destiny by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski (305.569 SCH, LP 305.569 SCH, cd 305.569 SCH) - She was a successful ad sales rep in Manhattan. He was a homeless, eleven-year-old panhandler on the street. He asked for spare change; she kept walking. But then something stopped her in her tracks, and she went back. And she continued to go back, again and again. They met up nearly every week for years and built an unexpected, life-changing friendship that has today spanned almost three decades. An incredible, true story.

At The Existentialist Café: Freedom, Being, and Apricot Cocktails with Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Albert Camus, Martin Heidegger, Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Others by Sarah Bakewell (142.78 BAK) - Bakewell brilliantly explains 20th-century existentialism through the extraordinary careers of the philosophers who devoted their lives and work to the task of responsible alertness and questions of human identity, purpose, and freedom. Through vivid characterizations and a clear distillation of dense philosophical concepts, Bakewell embeds the narrative of existentialism in the story of a whole European century, dramatizing its central debates of authenticity, rebellion, freedom, and responsibility.

The Beatles '66: The Revolutionary Year by Steve Turner (782.421 TUR) - 1966 was a crucial

The United States of Beer: A Freewheeling History of the All-American Drink by Dane Huckelbridge (641.23 HUC) - Drawing upon a wealth of little-known historical sources, explaining the scientific breakthroughs that have shaped beer's evolution, and mixing in more than a splash of dedicated on-the-ground research, *The United States of Beer* offers a raucous and enlightening toast to the all-American drink.

The Uncorker of Ocean

Bottles by Michelle Cuevas (JP CUE) -The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles, who lives alone atop a hill, has a job of the utmost importance. It is his task to open any bottles found at sea and make sure that the messages are delivered. He loves his job, though he has always wished that, someday, one of the letters would be addressed to him. One day he opens a party invitation, but there's no name attached. As he devotes himself to the mystery of the intended recipient, he ends up finding something even more special: the possibility of new friends.



Unwritten: A Novel by Charles Martin (FIC MAR, LP FIC MAR) - Charles Martin's latest novel brings to mind the storytelling traditions of Nicholas Sparks and John Grisham. *Unwritten* is a novel for the heart but it's also one of adventure. From the Florida Everglades to the hills of France, Martin takes the reader on a magical journey of two troubled souls in search of love and redemption. *Unwritten* is a page turner and has all the ingredients to become a box office smash.

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi (616.99 KAL, LP 616.99 KAL, cd 616.99 KAL, Palliative Care 616.99 KAL) - *When Breath Becomes Air* is a powerful look at a stage IV lung cancer diagnosis through the eyes of a neurosurgeon. When Paul Kalanithi is given his diagnosis he is forced to see this disease, and the process of being sick, as a patient rather than a doctor. The result of his experience is not just a look at what living is and how it works from a scientific perspective, but the ins and outs of what makes life matter. *

When She Woke: A Novel by Hillary Jordan (FIC JOR, cd FIC JOR) - A young woman's life goes from heavenly to hellish in this dystopian vision of *The Scarlet Letter*. In this book Jordan imagines a society in which convicted criminals are chromed—their entire bodies dyed to a bright color—and sent into the world to face a sentence of public hatred and abuse. Jordan's feverishly conceived dystopia holds its own alongside the dark inventions of Margaret Atwood and Ray Bradbury.

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert (576.84 KOL) - *The Sixth Extinction*, offers us a compelling overview of a harrowing biological challenge. Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before. Interweaving research in half a dozen disciplines, descriptions of the fascinating species that have already been lost, and the history of extinction as a concept, Kolbert provides a moving and comprehensive account of the disappearances occurring before our very eyes. She shows that the sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy.



Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult (FIC PIC, LP FIC PIC, cd FIC PIC) - This is a story about racism, choice, fear, and hope. The novel is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father requested that no African-American nurses tend to his baby. The topic of race in America is difficult to talk about, but in an honest and revealing way Picoult allows readers to draw their own conclusions about how we see ourselves and others in the world. (4) *

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes by Caitlin Doughty (363.75 DOU, LP 363.75 DOU) - *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* tells an unusual coming-of-age story full of bizarre and unforgettable scenes Caitlin encountered while caring for dead bodies of every color, shape, and affliction. Caitlin soon became an intrepid explorer in the world of the dead. She describes how she swept ashes from the machines (and sometimes onto her clothes) and reveals the strange history of cremation and undertaking, marveling at bizarre and wonderful funeral practices from different cultures.

Un-ashamed by Lecrae Moore (782.42 LEC) - "If you live for people's acceptance, you'll die from their rejection." Two-time Grammy winning rap artist, Lecrae, learned this lesson through more than his share of adversity, childhood abuse, drugs and alcoholism, a stint in rehab, and an unsuccessful suicide attempt. Along the way, Lecrae attained an unwavering faith in Jesus and began looking for affirmation. Now as a chart-topping industry anomaly, he has learned to ignore the haters and make peace with his craft. The rap artist holds nothing back as he divulges the most sensitive details of his life, answers his critics, and shares entries, and powerfully models how to be a Christian in a secular age. This is the story of one man's journey to faith and freedom.

year in the Beatles' amazing journey from being the Fab Four to becoming the princes of psychedelia. By concentrating on just this one year, Steve Turner slows down the action to investigate in detail the enormous changes that took place in the Beatles' lives and work during 1966. He looks at the historical events that had an impact on the group and the music they made that in turn profoundly affected the culture around them.



Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris (FIC PAR, LP FIC PAR, cd FIC PAR) - B.A. Paris's debut novel is a chilling confirmation of the adage that no one ever really knows what transpires in other people's private

lives. Paris has created one of the most heinous villains in recent memory, upon whom even the most pacifist of readers might wish torturous revenge. *☺

*****Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School Series*** by Andrew Clements (J CLE, J cd CLE, dmd FIC CLE) - In this fast-paced and action-packed mystery series, Benjamin Pratt and his friends Jill and Robert must figure out who is trying to destroy his school and why. At first having the school demolished to make room for an amusement park sounds pretty awesome. But when Ben stumbles upon the truth behind this grand scheme, and the ancient history buried deep within the school that goes all the way back to the Founding Fathers, he decides he's got no choice but to stop the bulldozer before it starts and protect his school.

A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James (FIC JAM) - On December 3, 1976, just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Bob Marley was to play the Smile Jamaica Concert to ease political tensions in Kingston, seven unnamed gunmen stormed the singer's house, machine guns blazing. The attack wounded Marley, his wife, and his manager, and injured several others. Little was officially released about the gunmen, but rumors abounded regarding the assassins' fates. This is James's fictional exploration of that dangerous and unstable time in Jamaica's history and beyond.

Brown-Eyed Girl by Lisa Kleypas (FIC KLE) - When it comes to delivering a pair of perfectly matched protagonists whose heart-melting romance is fueled by an abundance of smoldering sexual chemistry, Kleypas is in a class by herself, and this long-awaited conclusion to her Travis Brothers quartet is just as wonderful as fans had hoped. *Brown-Eyed Girl* is simply delightful and not to be missed.

Bunnies!!! by Kevan Atteberry (JP ATT) - Story time for little ones has never been this exciting! When a friendly monster spots a group of bunnies in the woods, his delight is contagious! And when they're gone, how he misses them so! With bright illustrations and a simple text, this is the most fun type of read aloud and one that mirrors most every toddler's emotional life.

Captain Fantastic: Elton John's Stellar Trip Through the 70's by Tom Doyle (B JOH) - In this candid set of fan's notes, music journalist Doyle (*Man on the Run*) draws on interviews with John and his colleagues, especially his writing partner, Bernie Taupin, to capture the meteoric rise and fall of the man who released at least one album every year of the 1970s. This energetic book makes a convincing case that John reached his peak and made his best music in the '70s.

The Charm Bracelet by Viola Shipman (FIC SHI, LP FIC SHI, cd FIC SHI) - Lose yourself to the magic of *The Charm Bracelet*. Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick (FIC PAT, LP FIC PAT, cd FIC PAT) - This is a book about finding courage, generosity, and compassion, even when all seems lost. With clear-eyed prose and a moving story, *The Curious Charms* is not just for those who are mourning over love or the past and this book will illuminate your heart.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (FIC HAD, cd FIC HAD) - Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals, but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched and detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years. *

Dark Matter by Blake Crouch (FIC CRO, LP FIC CRO) - Blake Crouch is back with a science-fiction thriller that is fantastically terrifying. His story of Jason Dessen, an instantly relatable husband and father, quickly sucks you in as you follow him to an innocent evening at a local bar where circumstances abruptly shift and Jason begins a battle to make sense of a series of mind-bending realities that provoke past fears, both realized and unknown. *Dark Matter* will not just hold your attention cover to cover, but will continue to confront you far past the last sentence.

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline (FIC KLI, LP FIC KLI) - From the *New York Times* bestselling author of the smash success *Orphan Train*, a stunning and atmospheric novel of friendship, passion, and art, inspired by Andrew Wyeth's mysterious and iconic painting *Christina's World*. Kline's research into characters, place, and time provides a compelling story. (3)*

Redemption Road by John Hart (FIC HAR, LP FIC HAR, cd FIC HAR) - Award winning John Hart cements his status as one of America's premier novelists, as well as mystery writers, in *Redemption Road*, a beautifully rendered, heart wrenching tale that's the perfect combination of brains and brawn. Haunting in its base simplicity and riveting in its emotional angst, this is an extraordinary novel in which the human heart proves the most confounding mystery of all.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet (J B ROG) - For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. Readers of all ages will marvel at Roget's life, depicted through lyrical text and brilliantly detailed illustrations. This elegant book celebrates the joy of learning and the power of words.

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton (FIC SCO, LP FIC SCO, cd FIC SCO) - Redemptive and emotionally resonant, this novel is narrated by an adult Kevin looking back on the summer when he sloughed the coverings of a boy and took his first faltering steps as a man. His story is one with a rich cast of characters and an ambitious effort to reclaim a once great community. The setting, in the coal country of Appalachia, is rich in history and lore and tragedy. (3)*☺

Ship of Brides by Jojo Moyes (FIC MOY, LP FIC MOY) - It is 1946 and World War II has ended. All over the world, young women are beginning to fulfill the promises made to the men they wed in wartime. In Sydney, Australia, four women join 650 other war brides on an extraordinary voyage to England aboard HMS *Victoria*, which still carries not just arms and aircraft but a thousand naval officers. Rules are strictly enforced, but the men and the brides will find their lives intertwined despite the Navy's ironclad sanctions. For Frances Mackenzie, the complicated young woman whose past comes back to haunt her far from home, the journey will change her life in ways she never could have predicted forever. (3)*

The Magnolia Story by Chip and Joanna Gaines (B GAI, cd 920 GAI) - *The Magnolia Story* is the first book from Chip and Joanna Gaines, synonymous with the dynamic husband-and-wife team of HGTV's *Fixer Upper*. Follow them from the very first renovation project they ever tackled together to the project that nearly cost them everything and from the childhood memories that shaped them to the twists and turns that led them to the life they share on the farm today. ☺

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (FIC BAC, LP FIC BAC, cd FIC BAC, dvd FIC MAN) - An inspiring affirmation of love for life and acceptance of people for their essence and individual quirks. This book is well written and replete with universal concerns. It lacks violence and profanity, is life-affirming and relationship-driven. The book is bitter-sweet, tender, often wickedly humorous and almost certain to elicit tears. (4) *

Meternity by Meghann Foye (FIC FOY) - Funny, real and painfully true at times, *Meternity* tackles the bumpy road from singledom to modern motherhood with clever crafting and plenty of heart. It is a witty and wonderful look at the challenges of being a woman today.

****The Mr. Terupt Series** by Rob Buyea (J BUY, J cd FIC BUY) - Mr. Terupt follows in the footsteps of those inspiring teachers who encourage their students to think for themselves, question the conventions they understand about school, and become better people. Readers will get the school-year-long unfolding of each of seven fifth-graders as they face their own flaws, come to terms with their home lives, and reconcile their roles in a tragic accident that nearly takes the life of their beloved teacher.

Persepolis 1 and 2 by Marjane Satrapi (Y SAT) - Wise, funny, and heartbreaking, *Persepolis* is Marjane Satrapi's memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. *Persepolis 2* is another clear-eyed and searing condemnation of the human cost of fundamentalism. In its depiction of the struggles of growing up here compounded by Marjane's status as an outsider both abroad and at home, it is incredibly illuminating.



The Dollhouse by Fiona Davis (FIC DAV, LP FIC DAV, cd FIC DAV) - Fiona Davis's stunning debut novel pulls readers into the lush world of New York City's glamorous Barbizon Hotel for Women, where in the 1950s a generation of aspiring models, secretaries, and editors lived side by side while attempting to claw their way to fairy-tale success, and where a present-day journalist becomes consumed with uncovering a dark secret buried deep within the Barbizon's glitzy past. (2)*☺

Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic by Sam Quinones (362.293 QUI) - In 1929, in the blue-collar city of Portsmouth, Ohio, a company built a swimming pool the size of a football field; named Dreamland and it became the vital center of the community. Now, addiction has devastated Portsmouth, as it has hundreds of small rural towns and suburbs across America--addiction like no other the country has ever faced. How that happened is the riveting story of *Dreamland*.



The Dressmaker by Rosalie Ham (FIC HAM, LP FIC HAM, dvd FIC DRE) - Ham's descriptions of the materials, colors and fashions of the 1950s are detailed in this novel. Tillie the dressmaker's secrets are revealed slowly and skillfully, and the final scene is brilliant and satisfying. This is a novel of dark humor, revenge and high fashion. *

Eat Dirt by Josh Axe (616.34 AXE) - Doctor of Natural Medicine and wellness authority Dr. Josh Axe delivers a groundbreaking, indispensable guide for understanding, diagnosing, and treating one of the most discussed yet little-understood health conditions: leaky gut syndrome.

Emily and Einstein: A Novel of Second Chances by Linda Francis Lee (FIC LEE) - Emily Portman is an up-and-coming New York City editor whose life is everything she imagined it would be. She has a job she loves and a beautiful Upper West Side apartment with her husband, Sandy. But everything changes in one night when Sandy dies in a tragic accident, and soon Emily is stunned to discover that her marriage was made up of lies. Haunted by distorting memories of the man she lost, Emily's only comfort is a mysterious, scruffy dog named Einstein, who comes into her life at just the right moment and stands by her side as she confronts her own past, and embarks on finding new and true love. *

A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner (FIC MEI, LP FIC MEI, cd FIC MEI) - Susan Meissner has written a courageous novel, moving with great insight between the haunting parallel stories of two women trying to recover from the losses of a terrible

fire in 1911 New York City and the unforgettable fall of the twin towers on 9/11. An uncommon celebration of the human spirit in the face of unspeakable tragedy, *A Fall of Marigolds* is a beautiful reminder that although life is perilous, love is a powerful healer. *

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (Y AND) - During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out and disease sweeps the streets. Mattie flees the city with her grandfather, but she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic. *

The Food Lab: Better Home Cooking Through Science by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt (664.07 LOP) - This is the *New York Times* bestselling winner of the 2016 James Beard Award for General Cooking and the IACP Cookbook of the Year Award. Ever wondered how to pan-fry a steak with a charred crust and an interior that's perfectly medium-rare from edge to edge when you cut into it? How to make homemade mac 'n' cheese that is as satisfyingly gooey and velvety-smooth as the blue box stuff, but far tastier? How to roast a succulent, moist turkey (forget about brining!) and use a foolproof method that works every time? Kenji shows that often, conventional methods don't work that well, and home cooks can achieve far better results using new, but simple, techniques. (3)

The Girls of Ennismore by Patricia Falvey (FIC FAL, cd FIC FAL) - Two friends, born of vastly different worlds, dare to defy convention and the strict bindings of social class in Falvey's latest novel. Rich in authentic historical and Irish detail, *The Girls of Ennismore* is a compelling story of love, duty, and reinvention, highlighting the vast rewards—or grave consequences—of following one's heart. Fans of *Downton Abbey* will devour this sweeping tale. *

Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood (FIC ATW) - This novel is an enjoyable modern retelling of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" both in the main narrative and in the play within the novel. Margaret Atwood's new take on Shakespeare's play of enchantment, retribution, and second chances leads us on an interactive, illusion-ridden journey filled with new surprises and wonders of its own.

Heaven by Randy Alcorn (236.24 ALC) - What will heaven be like? Randy Alcorn presents a thoroughly biblical answer, based on years of careful study, written in an engaging, reader-friendly style. His conclusions will surprise readers and stretch their thinking about this important subject. *Heaven* will inspire readers to long for

heaven while they're living on earth.

In a Dark, Dark Wood by Ruth Ware (FIC WAR, LP FIC WAR, cd FIC WAR) - When reclusive writer Leonora is invited to the English countryside for a weekend away, she reluctantly agrees to make the trip. But as the first night falls, revelations unfold among friends old and new, an unnerving memory shatters Leonora's reserve, and a haunting realization creeps in: the party is not alone in the woods.

In This Grave Hour: A Maisie Dobbs Novel by Jacqueline Winspear (MYS WIN, LP FIC WIN) - Winspear's compelling series entry feels very timely in light of our current political climate over issues of refugees and immigration. Fans will line up to get this installment, but it also serves as a good introduction for new readers. It is superlative crime fiction that breaks the boundaries of the genre.

Joanne Trattoria Cookbook: Classic Recipes and Scenes From An Italian-American Restaurant by Joe Germanotta (641.5945 GER) - A collection of recipes and anecdotes, inspired by the world famous restaurant Joanne Trattoria, owned by Joe Germanotta, father of Lady Gaga. With never-before released family photos, heartwarming testimonials and entertaining anecdotes from the extended Joanne family, as well as a moving foreword by the Germanottas' older daughter, Golden Globe®-and six-time Grammy®-winning, Academy Award-nominated global icon Lady Gaga, *Joanne Trattoria Cookbook: Classic Recipes and Scenes from an Italian-American Restaurant* will delight both fans and foodies alike.

Karl Marx: Greatness and Illusion by Gareth Stedman Jones (B MAR) - An original and illuminating account of Marx's journey through the intellectual history of the nineteenth century. Stedman Jones explores the friendships, affinities, rivalries and hatreds that shaped Marx's life with elegance and analytical brilliance. He anchors his narrative in a startlingly textured account of the society and politics of Marx's era.

The Last Oracle by James Rollins (FIC ROL, LP FIC ROL, cd FIC ROL) - *New York Times* bestselling author James Rollins brings back SIGMA Force to battle a group of rogue scientists who've unleashed a bioengineering project that could bring about the extinction of humankind. *This is Book 5 of the Sigma Force Series.*

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly (FIC KEL, LP FIC KEL, cd FIC KEL) - Inspired by actual events and real people, Martha Hall Kelly has woven together the stories of three women during World War II that reveal the bravery, cowardice, and cruelty of those days. It is a vivid re-creation of the world of Ravensbrück. (2)*☺