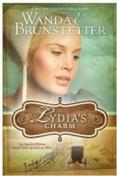


Monday Book Talk Selections for 2017-2018

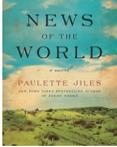
First Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, Large Meeting Room



September 11: [Lydia's Charm by Wanda Brunstetter](#)

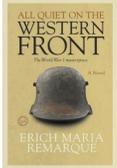
(Note: Because of Labor Day we will meet the 2nd Monday of September)

Widowed and jobless, Lydia King moves her son and herself to Charm, Ohio to be close to her mother and help with her grandfather. As fall colors the countryside, will anonymous gifts left for Lydia bring her hope for a new life and romance, or will another tragedy flood her with infinite despair?



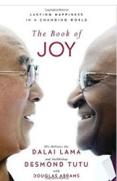
October 2: [News of the World by Paulette Jiles](#)

In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings from newspapers to audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan girl who was captured by a band of Kiowa raiders to her relatives in San Antonio.



November 6: [All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque](#)

Paul Baumer enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I. Youthful and enthusiastic, they fall to pieces under the first bombardment. And as horrible war plods on year after year, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the hate that pits young men of the same generation against each other.



December 4: [The Book of Joy by His Holiness the Dalai Lama & Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams](#)

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. In this book they look back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?

January: BREAK



February 5: [Etta and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper](#)

83-year-old Etta has never seen the ocean. So early one morning she takes a rifle, some chocolate, and her best boots and begins walking the 3,232 kilometers from rural Saskatchewan, Canada eastward to the sea. Otto saw the ocean when he crossed it many years ago to fight a war. Russell, who has always loved Etta from afar, is determined to go after her. James, well you just have to meet James on the page.



March 5: [Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J Ryan Stradal](#)

Each chapter in this original debut tells the story of a single dish and character, at once capturing the spirit of the Midwest and the rise of foodie culture, while delving into the ways food creates community and a sense of identity. Quirky and hilarious, this mother-daughter story is about life's missed opportunities and joyful surprises.



April 2: [Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney](#)

She took 1930s New York by storm, working her way up writing copy for R.H. Macy's to become the highest paid advertising woman in the country. Now it's 1984 and Lillian is on her way to a party. On a walk that takes her over 10 miles around the city, she reviews her life and all the ways New York has changed—and has not.



May 7: [The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald](#)

Broken Wheel, Iowa has never seen anyone like Sara, who traveled all the way from Sweden just to meet her book-loving pen pal, Amy. When she arrives, however, she finds Amy's funeral guests just leaving. The residents of Broken Wheel are happy to look after their bewildered visitor—there's not much else to do in a dying small town that's almost beyond repair. Find out what happens when Sara decides to open a bookstore.