

Somerville Council on Aging Book Club

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Book Club

Third Friday of each month

Holland Street Center 10:00 am – 11:30 am

The Orphan Train - Christina Baker Kline

on Friday January 20



Orphan Train is an unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse... As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life—answers that will ultimately free them both.

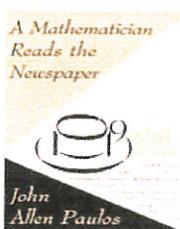
Me Before You - JoJo Moyes

on Friday February 17



They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . . Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life--steady boyfriend, close family--who has never been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life--big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel--and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is. Will is acerbic, moody, bossy--but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper - John Paulos on Friday March 17



John Allen Paulos is a master at shedding mathematical lights on our everyday world: What exactly did Lani Guinier say about quotas? What is the probability of identifying a murderer through DNA testing? Which are the real risks to our health and which the phony ones? Paulos now leads us through the pages of the daily newspaper, revealing the hidden mathematical angles of countless articles. From the Senate, the SATs, and sex to crime, celebrities, and cults, Paulos takes stories that may not seem to involve mathematics at all and demonstrates how mathematical naïveté can put readers at a distinct disadvantage. Even if you hated math in school, you'll love the numerical vignettes in this book.

NOTE: We have also selected 3 alternates in the event that any one of the above is not available: The Pilot's Wife, A Long Way Down, and the non-fiction Tuesdays with Morrie. If any alternate is needed, you will be notified of the change.

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Ask for the COA book at the circulation desk, they will check the book out on your library card.