

## 2010-2011 Coffee, Books, and More Book Discussion Schedule

The Coffee, Books, and More book discussion meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. in Meeting Room B

Books are available 30 days prior to the discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

### March 17

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

A portrait of the immigrant experience follows the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960s and their difficult melding into an American way of life.

### April 21

*Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919* by Stephen Puleo

Describes the 1919 collapse of a steel tank containing more than two million gallons of molasses in Boston--a disaster that claimed the lives of twenty-one people, injured 150, and caused widespread destruction--the causes of the tragedy, its aftermath, and the sweeping social changes that transformed the era.

### May 19

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel* by Jamie Ford

When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.

### June 16

*Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

A profoundly compelling portrait of the perfect English butler and of his reaction to his fading insular world in post-war England.

### July 21

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another.

### **August 18**

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows  
As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey--a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.

### **September 15**

*Homer and Langley* by E.L. Doctorow  
A tale inspired by a true story finds the blind Homer Collyer closeted within a once-grand Fifth Avenue mansion with his damaged brother and remembering a life marked by colorful characters, political events, and technological achievements.

### **October 20**

*The Tears of Autumn* by Charles McCarry  
Paul Christopher begins to investigate the assassination of John Kennedy in 1963, thinking it results from the Vietnamese assassination of Ngo Dinh Diem.

### **November 17**

*The Lacuna: A Novel* by Barbara Kingsolver  
The story of Harrison William Shepherd, a man caught between two worlds -- Mexico and the United States in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s -- and whose search for identity takes readers to the heart of the twentieth century's most tumultuous events.

December 15

No book discussed – Holiday party and planning meeting

## **2011**

### **January 19**

*The Pluto Files: The Rise and Fall of America's Favorite Planet* by Neil deGrasse Tyson  
An exploration of the controversy surrounding Pluto and its planet status from a renowned astrophysicist at the heart of the controversy.

### **February 16**

*I Know This Much is True* by Wally Lamb  
Dominick Birdsey, a forty-year-old housepainter living in Three Rivers, Connecticut, finds his subdued life greatly disturbed when his identical twin brother Thomas, a paranoid schizophrenic, commits a shocking act of self-mutilation.