

JANUARY 4

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

Emigrating with her mother from Hong Kong to Brooklyn, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life as an exceptional schoolgirl during the day and sweatshop worker at night, an existence also marked by her first crush and the pressure to save her family from poverty. Selected as a Suburban Mosaic Book of the Year. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

FEBRUARY 1

We Need to Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver

Eva never really wanted to be a mother—and certainly not the mother of the unlovable boy who murdered nine people two days before his sixteenth birthday. Now, two years later, it is time for her to come to terms with marriage, career, family, parenthood, and Kevin's horrific rampage. Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

MARCH 7

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, an American journalist embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

APRIL 4

Lark and Termite by Jayne Anne Phillips

Set during the 1950s in West Virginia and Korea, this is the story of two children—Lark, on the verge of adulthood, and her brother, Termite, a child unable to walk and talk but filled with radiance—who grow up with their mother and aunt while their soldier-father fights for his life during the chaotic early months of the Korean War. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

MAY 2

Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith by Jon Krakauer

The author of *Into Thin Air* shifts his focus from extremes of physical adventure to extremes of religious belief in this true story of an appalling double murder committed by two Mormon Fundamentalist brothers who insist God commanded them to kill. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

JUNE 6

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Many scientific and medical advances of the modern world have been made possible by cells taken from one African-American woman in 1951 without her knowledge or consent. This fascinating tale intertwines her story with that of her family's search for answers. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

JULY 11

NOTE: 2ND WEDNESDAY DUE TO HOLIDAY

Let the Great World Spin: A Novel by Colum McCann

In the dawning light of a late-summer morning in 1974, the people of lower Manhattan stare up in disbelief as a mysterious tightrope walker dances between the Twin Towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. Among those watching, ten ordinary lives become extraordinary in this intricate portrait of a city and its people. Winner of the National Book Award. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

AUGUST 1

The Confession by John Grisham

When Travis Boyette is paroled because of an inoperable brain tumor, he decides to do the right thing and tell police about a crime he committed, one for which another man is about to be executed. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

SEPTEMBER 5

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
The author of *Seabiscuit* chronicles the ordeal of an Olympic runner turned World War II airman whose bomber crashed in the South Pacific. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Lt. Louis Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity, and suffering with hope, resolve, and humor. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

OCTOBER 3

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

In 1851 French Bishop Latour is dispatched to New Mexico to reawaken its slumbering Catholicism. Moving along the endless prairies, he spreads his faith the only way he knows—gently, although he must contend with the unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

NOVEMBER 7

The Paris Wife: A Novel by Paula McLain

Captivated by the charismatic Ernest Hemingway, Hadley soon finds herself married and living in Paris. There she makes a convincing transformation from an overprotected child to a brave young woman who endures poverty and loneliness to support her husband's career. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

DECEMBER 5

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

Struggling to regain her voice and express her true feelings to her husband, ghostwriter Ruth Young discovers that her inability to speak closely parallels the story of her mother Lu Ling's early life in China. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.