

Book Chat at Caribou

JANUARY 9

Stones From the River by Ursula Hegi

Born in the small German town of Burgdorf, Trudi Montag is a Zwerg—a dwarf—who yearns to be like everyone else. As she matures to become the town's librarian and unofficial historian, especially during the volatile years of World War II, Trudi learns that being different is a secret that everybody shares.

FEBRUARY 20

The Saving Graces: A Novel by Patricia Gaffney

A story about true friendship follows the lives of the Saving Graces—Emma, Rudy, Lee, and Isabel—four very different women who find strength in the love, loyalty, and courage they all share.

APRIL 2

The Shipping News by Annie Proulx

After the death of Quoyle's unfaithful wife, he retreats with his two daughters to his ancestral home on the starkly beautiful Newfoundland coast, where a rich cast of local characters all play a part in Quoyle's struggle to reclaim his life. Winner of both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

MAY 14

Please Look After Mom: A Novel by Kyung-Sook Shin

When a mother goes missing amid the crowds of Seoul Station, her family is confronted with sobering realizations of memories that suggest she may not have been happy. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

JUNE 25

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.

AUGUST 6

The Wednesday Sisters: A Novel by Meg Waite Clayton

From their first meeting during the turbulent summer of 1968, five young California mothers—Frankie, Linda, Brett, Ali, and Kath—form a sister-like bond as they confront the ups and downs of life and pursue their mutual dreams of becoming writers. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

SEPTEMBER 17

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.

OCTOBER 29

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

DECEMBER 3

Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference by Warren St. John

In a fascinating true story, a wildly diverse group of young kids miraculously unite as a team against the backdrop of a Southern community that has become the first American home for scores of families in flight from the world's war zones. Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.