

Here are some of the latest book recommendations from our Tuesday book group members. We will vote on our next selections at our April 25th meeting, choosing from these and other titles.

Other book suggestions are welcome. New members are also welcome. Please email Renee or visit our website. rnixon@htlibrary.org htlibrary.org/book-group



Group Member Suggestions





Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, Demon Copperhead is the story of a boy born in the1980s to a teenage single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and coppercolored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (2021)

Modern Historical, 1960s, Humor

Set in the 1960s, this historical fiction follows a young woman who dreams of becoming a scientist. She faces discrimination and challenges in her field but finds her place as a chemist and a woman who challenges the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, Lessons in Chemistry is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

Member Suggestions Continued



The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles (2021) Historical Fiction, WWI

This historical fiction novel set during the Nazi occupation of France follows the story of a young woman working at the American Library in Paris who risks her life to protect the library's books and readers. Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, this is an unforgettable story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring us together.



The Orphan Daughter by Cari Noga (2020) Relationship Fiction, Michigan Setting

Set on Traverse City's scenic Old Mission Peninsula, The Orphan Daughter follows the unlikely trajectory that joins 45-year-old Jane McArdle and her 11-year-old niece, Lucy. After the sudden death of Jane's estranged half-sister and brother-in-law, Jane learns that she is her niece's new guardian.



Killers of a Certain Age by Marcia Muller (2021) Thriller, Humor

They've spent their lives as the deadliest assassins in a clandestine international organization, but now that they're sixty years old, four women friends can't just retire – it's kill or be killed in this action-packed thriller by New York Times bestselling and Edgar Award-nominated author Deanna Raybourn.

Member Suggestions Continued



Murder Your Employer by Joel Hames (2021) Crime Mystery/ Thriller

From the diabolical imagination of Edgar Award-winning novelist, playwright, and story-songwriter Rupert Holmes comes a devilish thriller with a killer concept: The McMasters Conservatory for the Applied Arts, a luxurious, clandestine college dedicated to the fine art of murder where earnest students study how best to "delete" their most deserving victim.

Ideas from the 2023 Michigan Notable Books List

See the complete list of Michigan notable books on the Library of Michigan Website.



Chevy in the Hole: A Novel by Kelsey Ronan (2022) Literary Fiction

A gorgeous, unflinching love letter to Flint, Michigan, and the resilience of its people, Kelsey Ronan's Chevy in the Hole follows multiple generations of two families making their homes there, with a stunning contemporary love story at its center.

Note: This author used to be in Renee's Flint Young Writers' group in the late 90s!



We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula by Caitlin Horrocks (2022) Nonfiction

A work of creative nonfiction that tells the story of the Gossard sisters, who founded a lingerie company in the 1920s in a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and the challenges they faced as women entrepreneurs in a male-dominated industry.