

2017 BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Evening Book Discussion – First Wednesday of the month Library Large Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

January 4	<u>The Wright Brothers</u> by David McCullough
February 1	<u>My Last Continent</u> by Midge Raymond
March 1	<u>Under the Harrow</u> by Flynn Berry
April 5	<u>Free Days With George</u> by Colin Campbell
May 3	<u>A Fine Imitation</u> by Amber Brock
June 7	<u>To Leave a Shadow</u> by Michael D. Graves
July 12 (regular date postponed)	<u>Vinegar Girl</u> by Anne Tyler
August 2	<u>When Breath Becomes Air</u> by Paul Kalanithi
September 6	<u>My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry</u> by Fredrik Backman
October 4	<u>Dark Matter</u> by Blake Crouch
November 1	<u>Miller's Valley</u> by Anna Quindlen
December 6	<u>The Memory of Lemon</u> by Judith Fertig



“Page Turners” Book Discussion – Second Tuesday of the month Library Large Meeting Room – 10:00 a.m.

January 10	<u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah
February 14	<u>The Wright Brothers</u> by David McCullough
March 14	<u>My Last Continent</u> by Midge Raymond
April 11	<u>Under the Harrow</u> by Flynn Berry
May 9	<u>Free Days With George</u> by Colin Campbell
June 13	<u>A Fine Imitation</u> by Amber Brock
July 18	<u>To Leave a Shadow</u> by Michael D. Graves
August 8	<u>Vinegar Girl</u> by Anne Tyler
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With the support of the Friends of the Library, multiple copies of the book discussion titles are available at the adult services desk of the library for checkout. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Molly Chenault at 340-6451 or chenaultm@emporialibrary.org

- ❖ **The Wright Brothers by David McCullough:** “On a winter day in 1903, two unknown brothers from Ohio changed history. But it would take the world some time to believe what had happened: the age of flight had begun, with the first heavier-than-air, powered machine carrying a pilot. In this thrilling book, master historian David McCullough draws on the immense riches of the Wright Papers to tell the human side of the Wright Brothers' story.”
- ❖ **My Last Continent by Midge Raymond:** “It is only at the end of the world—among the glacial mountains, cleaving icebergs, and frigid waters of Antarctica—where Deb Gardner and Keller Sullivan feel at home. Packed with emotional intelligence and high stakes—a harrowing, searching novel of love and loss in one of the most remote places on earth, a land of harsh beauty where even the smallest missteps have tragic consequences.”
- ❖ **Under the Harrow by Flynn Berry:** “When Nora takes the train from London to visit her sister in the countryside; she expects to find her waiting at the station, or at home cooking dinner. But when she walks into Rachel’s familiar house, what she finds is entirely different: her sister has been the victim of a brutal murder. Haunted by the murder and the secrets that surround it, Nora is under the harrow: distressed and in danger.”
- ❖ **Free Days with George by Colin Campbell:** “After Colin Campbell went on a short business trip abroad, he returned home to discover his wife of many years had moved out. Shocked and heartbroken, Colin fell into a spiral of depression and loneliness. Soon after, a friend told Colin about a dog in need of rescue...Colin adopted the traumatized dog, brought him home and named him George. George and Colin began a life-altering adventure and a deep healing process that brought them back to life...he may have rescued George but that in the end, it was George who rescued him. “
- ❖ **A Fine Imitation by Amber Brock:**” Vera Bellington has beauty, pedigree, and a penthouse at The Angelus—but behind the sparkling social whirl, Vera is living a life of quiet desperation. Then Emil Hallan arrives at The Angelus to paint a mural above its glittering pool. When the dangerous mysteries of Emil’s past are revealed, Vera faces an impossible choice—whether to cling to her familiar world of privilege and propriety or to risk her future with the enigmatic man who has taken her heart.”
- ❖ **To Leave a Shadow by Michael D. Graves:** “A 2016 Kansas Notable Book Award Winner: Pete Stone hadn't always been a private eye. He'd lost his dairy business at the toss of a coin when the depression hit. When Mrs. Lucille Hamilton walked through his door searching for her missing husband, Pete was the only one who believed her husband's death hadn't been a suicide. Set in 1930's Wichita.”
- ❖ **Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler:** “Kate Battista feels stuck. She’s always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don’t always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner. Dr. Battista has other problems. He is on the verge of a breakthrough and his research could help millions. There’s only one problem: his brilliant lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. When Dr. Battista cooks up a plan and – as usual – he’s relying on Kate to help him.”
- ❖ **When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi:** “At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade’s worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. *When Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi’s transformation from a naïve medical student into a young neurosurgeon at Stanford, guiding patients toward a deeper understanding of death and illness, and finally into a patient and a new father to a baby girl, confronting his own mortality.”
- ❖ **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry by Fredrik Backman:** “Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy; she is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. “
- ❖ **Dark Matter by Blake Crouch:** “Are you happy with your life?” Those are the last words Jason Dessen hears before the masked abductor knocks him unconscious. In this world he’s woken up to, Jason’s life is not the one he knows. Is it this world or the other that’s the dream? And even if the home he remembers is real, how can Jason possibly make it back to the family he loves? “
- ❖ **Miller’s Valley by Anna Quindlen:** “For generations the Millers have lived in Miller’s Valley. Mimi Miller tells about her life with intimacy and honesty. As Mimi eavesdrops on her parents and quietly observes the people around her, she discovers more and more about the toxicity of family secrets, the dangers of gossip, the flaws of marriage, the inequalities of friendship and the risks of passion, loyalty, and love. Home, as Mimi begins to realize, can be “a place where it’s just as easy to feel lost as it is to feel content.”
- ❖ **The Memory of Lemon by Judith Fertig:** “Claire “Neely” Davis is no ordinary pastry chef. Her flavor combinations aren’t just a product of a well-honed palate: she can “taste” people’s emotions, sensing the ingredients that will touch her customers’ souls, until she meets a free-spirited bride-to-be and her overbearing society mother. As she embarks on a flavorful quest to craft the perfect wedding celebration, she’ll uncover a family history that sheds light on both the missing ingredients and her own problems.”
- ❖ **The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah:** “Despite their differences, sisters Vianne and Isabelle have always been close. But when the Second World War strikes, Antoine is sent off to fight and Vianne finds herself isolated so Isabelle is sent by their father to help her. As the war progresses, the sisters' relationship and strength are tested.”