

Book Discussion Group 2025

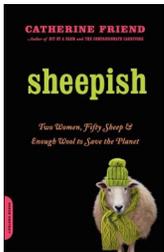
Lester Public Library • Wednesdays, 4:00 PM • Ages 18+

This group for adults meets the first Wednesday of every month. No registration is required; you may attend as few or as many meetings as you wish. Stop at the front desk to pick up current selection.



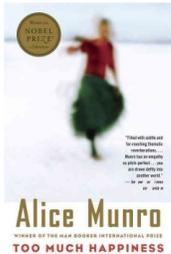
January 8: *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray

Frances Perkins met a young lawyer named Franklin Delano Roosevelt in turn-of-the-century New York, and despite initially not getting along, the pair formed a historic partnership that led them both to the White House.



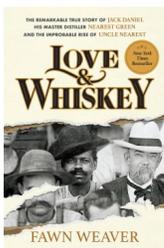
February 5: *sheepish* by Catherine Friend

What do you do when you love your farm, but it doesn't love you? After 15 years of farming, Catherine Friend is tired. But just as she thinks it's time to hang up her shepherd's crook, she discovers that sheep might be too valuable to give up. What ensues is a funny, thoughtful romp through the history of sheep, why small farms are important, and how each one of us—and the planet—would benefit from being very sheepish, indeed.



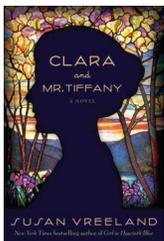
March 5: *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro

Nine new short works by the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author of *Love of a Good Woman*. Stories include that of a grieving mother who is aided by a surprising source, a woman's response to a humiliating seduction, and a 19th-century Russian émigré's winter journey to the Riviera.



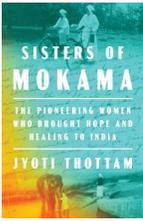
April 2: *Love & Whiskey* by Fawn Weaver

The life and legacy of Nearest Green, the African American distilling genius who played a pivotal role in the creation of the whiskey that bears Jack Daniel's name. Weaver brings to light not only the remarkable bond between Nearest Green and Jack Daniel but also Daniel's concerted efforts during his lifetime to ensure Green's legacy would not be forgotten.



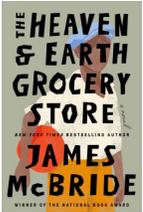
May 7: *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland

Hoping to honor his father and the family business with innovative glass designs, Louis Comfort Tiffany launches the iconic Tiffany lamp as designed by women's division head Clara Driscoll, who struggles with the mass production of her creations and grieves the losses of two husbands.



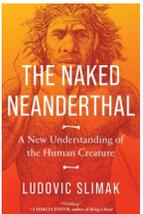
June 4: **Sisters of Mokama** by Jyoti Thottam

The inspiring true story of six intrepid Kentucky nuns who, in 1947, opened a hospital in the poorest state in India, and began taking in young Indian women as nursing students. The author's mother was part of that extraordinary group of students—in a time when few women dared to leave their house without the protection of a man.



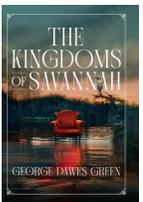
July 2: **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride

In 1972, after a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, an unforgettable cast of characters desperately protects a secret. Tensions rise as the truth about the town's past is uncovered, revealing the complicity of its white, Christian establishment in the events that transpired.



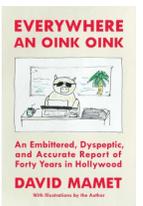
August 6: **The Naked Neanderthal** by Ludovic Slimak

An enlightening archaeological investigation from the Arctic Circle to deep Mediterranean forests. Renowned paleoanthropologist Slimak sifts through every detail left behind by Neanderthals, and deciphers their stories that reveal they had their own history, rituals and customs. And their own intelligence—very different from ours.



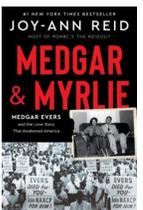
September 3: **The Kingdoms of Savannah** by George Dawes Green

On a balmy Southern night, locals gather at favorite watering hole Bo Peep's. Within an hour a man will be murdered and his companion will be "disappeared." Unlikely detective Morgana Musgrove, doyenne of Savannah society, is called upon to unravel the mystery behind these crimes. One by one she inveigles her unwilling children into helping with her investigation, and soon the family uncovers some terrifying truths that will rock Savannah's power structure to its core.



October 1: **Everywhere an Oink Oink** by David Mamet

The award-winning playwright, screenwriter and director reflects on his 40 years in Hollywood and his work with industry giants like Paul Newman, Jack Nicholson, Mike Nichols, Bob Evans and Sue Mengers.



November 5: **Medgar & Myrlie** by Joy-Ann Reid

Tracing the extraordinary lives and legacy of two civil rights icons, this gripping account of Medgar and Myrlie Evers is told through their relationship and the work that went into winning basic rights for black Americans, and the repercussions that still resonate today.



December 3: **The Lost Bookshop** by Evie Woods

Three characters, Opaline, Martha, and Henry, discover a mysterious Dublin bookshop that appears when they need it most. The three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.