| Meeting<br>Date | Title                       | Author          | Description   | # pages | Year<br>Published | Library<br>Available Date | Library Return<br>Date |
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| 11/2/2023       | News of the World           | Paulette Jiles  | After the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas giving live readings from newspapers to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. He is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan girl to her relatives in San Antonio. The 400-mile journey through unsettled territory proves to be difficult and dangerous.   | 240     | 2017              | 10/1/2023                 | 11/3/2023              |
| 12/7/2023       | Remarkably Bright Creatures | Shelby Van Pelt | After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has helped her cope since her 18-year-old son Erik mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over 30 years ago. Marcellus, an octopus at the aquarium, has not considered assisting his human captors until he forms a friendship with Tova.  * Due to high demand for this book, some copies at library will be in large print; one audio copy was also ordered; also available as e-Book thru library. | 368     | May<br>2022       | 11/1/2023                 | 12/8/2023              |
| 1/4/2024        | The Joy Luck Club           | Amy Tan         | In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. They gather to raise their spirits and despair over their daughters, as their daughters grow up before their eyes.  | 352     | 2006              | 12/1/2023                 | 1/5/2024               |
| 2/1/2024        | Fahrenheit 451              | Ray Bradbury    | A classic that will resonate well with current events, such as social media and book banning.   | 249     | 1953              | 1/1/2024                  | 2/2/2024               |
| 3/7/2024        | The Boston Girl             | Anita Diamant   | Addie is The Boston Girl, a spirited daughter of Jewish immigrants, born in 1900. From growing up in her 1-room tenement apartment to coming of age and finding the love of her life, 85-year-old Addie recounts her adventures with humor and compassion.  | 336     | 2015              | 2/1/2024                  | 3/8/2024               |
| 4/4/2024        | If The Creek Don't Rise     | Leah Weiss      | A portrait of a North Carolina mountain town and its buried secrets. Then a stranger sweeps in and knocks the world off-kilter for everyone in town.  | 320     | 2017              | 3/1/2024                  | 4/5/2024               |

| 5/2/2024  | Half-Broke Horses          | Jeannette Walls | The story of Lily Casey Smith, grandmother of Jeannette Walls who wrote The Glass Castle. At age 15, Lily left home to teach in a frontier town, riding 500 miles on her pony. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane and raised two children on a vast ranch in Arizona in the early 1900's.   | 272 | 2010         | 4/1/2024  | 5/3/2024  |
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| 6/6/2024  | Graceland                  | Nancy Crochiere | A warm-hearted, witty debut novel of three generations of women on their action-packed road trip to Memphis.  *** Author will join our meeting in person  *** May need to buy our own copies - only 3 or 4 copies in our 30-town library system   | 400 | May<br>2023  | 5/1/2024  | 6/7/2024  |
| 8/1/2024  | The River                  | Peter Heller    | When two friends decide to canoe the Maskwa River in northern Canada, they anticipate long days of leisurely paddling and nights of stargazing. Then a wildfire approaches and an argument between a man and a woman along the river bank may have ended badly. This author was recommended by a librarian who says we should try one of his books. | 272 | 2020         | 6/1/2024  | 8/2/2024  |
| 9/5/2024  | Lessons in Chemistry       | Bonnie Garmus   | In the 1960's, chemist Elizabeth Zott finds herself a single<br>mother and reluctant star of America's most beloved<br>cooking show, Supper At Six. But Elizabeth isn't just teaching<br>women to cook. She is daring them to change the status<br>quo.<br>** Book kit at Windsor Library - 10 copies.  | 400 | 2022         | 8/1/2024  | 9/6/2024  |
| 10/3/2024 | Small Mercies              | Dennis Lehane   | In the summer of 1974 in south Boston, Mary Pat's teenage daughter goes missing and a young black man is found dead by the subway tracks. A thriller, a brutal depiction of criminality and power, and a portrait of the dark heart of American racism.   | 320 | Apr<br>2023  | 9/1/2024  | 10/4/2024 |
| 11/7/2024 | Lady Tan's Circle of Women | Lisa See        | Inspired by the true story of a woman physician from 15th-century China. Tan is born into an elite family and raised by her grandparents. Her grandmother is one of only a few female doctors in China, and she teaches her granddaughter the pillars of Chinese medicine - looking, listening, touching and asking.                                | 357 | June<br>2023 | 10/1/2024 | 11/8/2024 |

| 12/5/2024  | How Can I Help You | Laura Sims      | Suspense novel about two librarians. Margo has a past as a nurse associated with countless premature deaths. Patricia notices Margo has an edge and watches her carefully. These two female narrators hurtle toward a stunning climax.                             | 256 | July<br>2023 | 11/1/2024 | 12/6/2024 |
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| 1/9/2025<br>(** Changed<br>from 1/2 due<br>to the<br>holidays) | Anxious People     | Fredrik Backman | From the author of A Man Called Ove, an apartment open house is interrupted when a bank robber bursts in and takes the attendees hostage. Each of them carries a lifetime of hurts, secrets and passions which they share as they try to escape their predicament. | 352 | 2021         | 12/1/2024 | 1/10/2025 |

We usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7:15pm (with some variations between Memorial Day and Labor Day) at the Meeting House.

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