

Conrad Public Library
2012-2013 Book Club

August 16: The Dry Grass of August by Anna Jean Mayhew (294 p.; 1954 civil rights)

September 20: The Weight of Silence by Heather Gudenkauf (373 p.; young selective mute girl goes missing)

October 18: We Need to Talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver (400 p.; who's to blame for teenage atrocity)

November 15: Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger (214 p.; coming of age)

December 20: The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado and/or The Christmas Shoes by Donna VanLiere

January 17: A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness (579 p.; a gothic adventure with witches, vampires and demons)

February 21: My Abandonment by Peter Rock (225 p.; inspired by true story)

March 21: The Kommandant's Girl by Pam Jenoff (395 p.; Nazi Poland)

April 18: Sea Glass by Anita Shreve (378 p.; marriage, money, and troubled times)

May 16: Winter Garden by Kristen Hannah (391 p.; Stalinist Leningrad)

June 20: Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht (338 p.; family saga set in the Balkans)

July 18: The Space Between Us by Thirty Umriger (321 p.; set in modern-day India)

The above titles were suggested by book club members and were drawn at the June meeting.

Other suggested titles were Mennonite in a Little Black Dress by Rhoda Janzen, The Distant Hours by Kate Morton, The Heights by Peter Hedges, The Thorn Birds by Colleen McCullough, My Antonia by Willa Cather, The Host by Stephenie Meyer, The Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve, She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb, Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson, Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck, The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by Erik Larson, Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson, Neither Wolf nor Dog by Kent Nerburn, Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Slayer by Seth Grahame-Smith, World War Z by Max Brooks, and The dirty Life: a Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love by Kristen Kimball.