



New Brunswick Free Public Library

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Book Discussion Calendar 2016-2017



Mondays, 1:30 p.m. at the Henry Guest House

- Sept. 26 Curtis Sittenfeld in *Eligible: a Novel* creates a modern, tender, and hilarious retelling of *Pride and Prejudice*.
- Oct. 31 *The Kitchen House: a Novel* by Kathleen Grissom is the story of a young Irish immigrant girl on a tobacco plantation in Virginia at the turn of the 19th century.
- Nov. 28 Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* is the true story of Stevenson's founding of an organization to defend innocent people who have been condemned to death.
- Dec. 12 *Excellent Daughters: the Secret Lives of Young Women who are Transforming the Arab World* by Katherine Zoepf is an informative account of the lives of Middle Eastern women.
- Jan. 30, 2017 Jeff Hobbs in *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League*, recounts his roommate Robert Peace's return to Newark to teach after Yale, his slide into drugs, and his murder at age 30.

- Feb. 27 *My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels, Book One* by Elena Ferrante is an intense exploration of a lifelong friendship between Lila and Elena.
- Mar. 27 Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer* is a fascinating and darkly comic examination of the legacy of the Vietnam War.
- Apr. 24 Mary Gaitskill in *The Mare: a Novel* explores what happens when a 12 year old Dominican girl from Brooklyn makes a two week visit to a middle aged couple in upstate New York.
- May 22 *The Known World: a Novel* by Edward P. Jones is an inspired and unflinching look at slavery and its consequences. Winner of a Pulitzer Prize.
- June 12 David McCullough in *The Wright Brothers* tells the story of how the Wright Brothers learned to fly and the part played by their sister Katherine.



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