Wanaque Library Book Discussion - 2020

Please Note: Selection may change up to 5 weeks ahead of the meeting. RSVP to Lindemulder@wanaguqelib.org

The Handmaid's Tale (Margaret Atwood)
Thursday, January 16 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
At once a scathing satire, an ominous warning, and a tour de force of narrative suspense, The Handmaid's Tale is a modern classic.

Age of Innocence (Edith Wharton)
Thursday, February 20 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, February 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
Winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize...a masterful portrait of desire and betrayal during the sumptuous Golden Age of Old New York, a time when society people "dreaded scandal more than disease."

The Zookeeper's Wife (Diane Ackerman)
Thursday, March 19 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.
After their zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages.

Island of Sea Women (Lisa See)
Thursday, April 16 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
A story of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them—introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

An American Marriage (Tayari Jones)
Thursday, May 21 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:30 p.m.
This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control.

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
Thursday, June 18 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30 p.m.
A magnificent novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

Educated (Tara Westover)
Thursday, July 16 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, July 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Where the Crawdads Sing (Delia Owens)
Thursday, August 20 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, August 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heart-breaking coming-of-age story and a surprising tale of possible murder... we are forever shaped by the children we once were... subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

The Mayor of Casterbridge (Thomas Hardy)
Thursday, November 19 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
Hardy's powerful and sympathetic study of the heroic but deeply flawed Henchard, is also an intensely dramatic work, tragically played out against the vivid backdrop of a close-knit Dorsetshire town.

Lincoln in the Bardo (George Saunders)
Thursday, October 15 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30 p.m.
Formally daring, generous in spirit, deeply concerned with matters of the heart, it is a testament to fiction’s ability to speak honestly and powerfully to the things that really matter to us.

Book Roundtable
Thursday, December 10 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday, December 16 @ 6:30 p.m.
While we will not discuss a specific book, we will meet informally to talk about books you have read independently this year, and to hear suggestions for next year’s reading list.