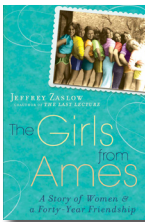


DECEMBER 5

The Girls From Ames: A Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship by Jeffrey Zaslow



Meet the Ames Girls: eleven childhood friends who formed a special bond growing up in Iowa. As young women, they moved to eight different states yet managed to maintain an enduring friendship that would carry them through college and careers, marriage and motherhood, dating and divorce, a child's illness, and the mysterious death of one member of their group.

Book Chat @ Caribou 2011



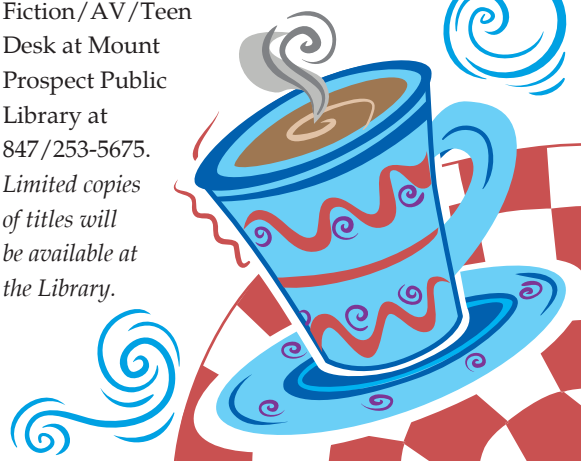
CARIBOU COFFEE

Discussions will take place approximately every sixth Monday at 7 p.m.

The group meets at Caribou Coffee, 90 East Northwest Highway, in downtown Mount Prospect and will be led by Readers Advisor Donna Culhane and other MPPL staff.

*No registration is required;
just drop by.*

For more information contact the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk at Mount Prospect Public Library at 847/253-5675. *Limited copies of titles will be available at the Library.*

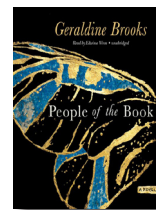


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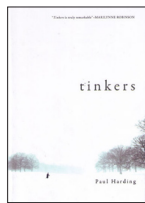
People of the Book by Gwendolyn Brooks



A young Australian book conservator is called to analyze a priceless six-hundred-year-old Jewish prayer book that has been salvaged from a destroyed Bosnian library. When she discovers a series of artifacts in the centuries-old binding, she unwittingly exposes an international cover up.

FEBRUARY 21

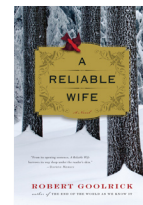
Tinkers by Paul Harding



On his deathbed, surrounded by his family, George Washington Crosby's thoughts drift back to his childhood and the father who abandoned him when he was twelve.

APRIL 4

A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick



Ralph Truitt, a wealthy businessman with a troubled past, lives in a remote nineteenth-century Wisconsin town and has advertised for a reliable wife. His ad is answered by Catherine Land, a woman who makes every effort to hide her own dark secrets.

MAY 16

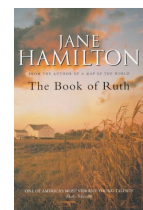
Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky by Chris Greenhalgh



Portrays the love affair between fashion designer Coco Chanel and composer Igor Stravinsky while his family stayed at her villa after being exiled from Russia.

JUNE 27

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton



The black sheep of her troubled family, Ruth struggles to keep the peace between her mother, her young son, and her slightly off-the-wall husband and to put the pieces back together when a heated situation boils over. Winner of the PEN/Hemingway Foundation Award for best first novel.

AUGUST 8

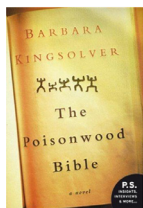
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson



Retired Major Ernest Pettigrew leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village.

SEPTEMBER 19

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver



The family of a fierce evangelical Baptist missionary begins to unravel after they embark on a 1959 mission to the Belgian Congo, where they find their lives forever transformed over the course of three decades by the political and social upheaval of Africa.

OCTOBER 24

Sister Carrie



by Theodore Dreiser

Young Carrie Meeber leaves home for the first time and experiences work, love, and the pleasures and responsibilities of independence in late-nineteenth-century Chicago and New York.