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Mt Laurel Book Club - Spring 2023



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Author of OVER BUT THE SHOUT

THE BEST COOK IN

THE WORLD

Tales from My Momma's

Southern Table





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The Thursday Murder Club: A Novel Richard Osman January 5, 1 pm and 7 pm

Meeting weekly in their retirement village" s Jigsaw Room to exchange theories about unsolved crimes, four savvy septuagenarians propose a daring but unorthodox plan to help a woman rookie cop solve her first big murder case.



The Personal Librarian Marie Benedict February 2, 1 pm and 7 pm

Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.



West with Giraffes : A Novel Lynda Rutledge March 2, 1 pm and 7 pm

Inspired by true events, this part adventure, part historical saga and part coming-of-age love story follows Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.



The Bridge of San Luis Rey Thornton Wilder April 6, 1 pm and 7 pm

When Lima's most famous bridge suddenly and mysteriously collapses, plunging five people to their certain deaths, one man discovers his mission. He was the only apparent eyewitness and nothing will stop him from unearthing the truth.



Southern Table

The Best Cook in the World : Tales from My Momma's Table Rick Bragg May 4, 1 pm and 7 pm

Presents a food memoir, cookbook, and tribute to the author's mother, sharing classic family recipes-many of them pre-dating the Civil War--and preparation secrets for such traditional fare as short ribs, biscuits, and perfect mashed potatoes. **We will be cooking for this book club!**



The Whalebone Theatre Joanna Quinn June 1, 1 pm and 7 pm

In 1928, 12-year-old orphan Cristabel Seagrave and the rest of the household build a theatre from a whales skeletal rib cage, where imagination comes to life and where her acting comes into play years later as she becomes a British secret agent on a dangerous mission in Nazi-occupied France.

We will be reading The Candy House by Jennifer Egan and Take What You Can Carry by Gian Sardar this fall. Let us know what other books you'd like to nominate. Call, email, or stop in the library.