



## Briarcliff Manor Public Library LUNCHTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Books That Will Keep You Reading:  
Brown Bag Lunch Book Group**

**Fall 2022**

Enjoy your lunch and join us at our popular Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion group. You may join the group at any time. Pick up books for the sessions at the library one month in advance or download them from the library through Overdrive/Libby. Discussions are led by library staff member, Lorraine Isaac. Two discussions are planned for the fall session.

**Tuesdays at 12:30-2:00 pm: September 20 and November 15.**

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

**Tuesday, September 20; 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Discussion via Zoom)**

“ This playfully thought-provoking novel from Towles ... follows a young man newly released from a juvenile work camp through 10 eventful days in 1954. Convicted of accidentally killing a classmate who was taunting him, 18-year-old Emmett Watson has been released a few months early because of his father’s death, and is transported home to Nebraska by the camp’s warden, who unknowingly brings along two work-camp stowaways in the trunk of his car. Just as Emmett is about to head west along the transcontinental Lincoln Highway with his solemn eight-year-old brother, Billy, stowaways Duchess and Woolly take off toward New York with Emmett’s prized baby blue Studebaker, in which Emmett has hidden all the money he has in the world. Emmett and Billy hop a boxcar in pursuit.... Towles ... juggles the pieces of his plot deftly, shifting from voice to voice, skirting sentimentality and quirkiness with a touch of wistful regret, and leading up to an ending that is bound to provoke discussion. ”

(Excerpted from *Booklist*)

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

**Tuesday, November 15; 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Location to be determined)**

“ In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. Pierpont Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white - her complexion is dark because she is African American. The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go - for the protection of her family and her legacy - to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.”

(Excerpted from WLS online catalog)

**\*Mark your calendar for our next BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) discussion on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00-8:30 pm (Location to be determined).**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:** Contact Lorraine Isaac at [Lisaac@wlsmail.org](mailto:Lisaac@wlsmail.org) or (914) 941-7072 to register or for any further information.