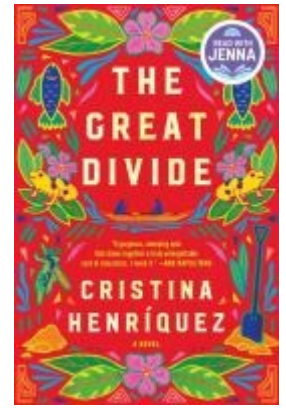
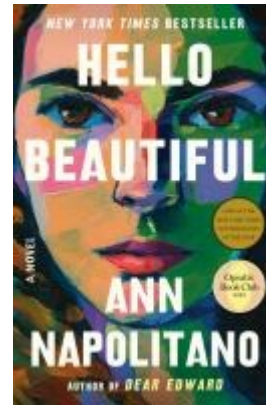


LUNCHTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Books That Will Keep You Reading:

**Brown Bag Lunch Book Group
Fall 2024**



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, and will be held **in person**.

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Tuesday, September 24; 12:30 -2:00 p.m. for in-person discussion

“William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him--so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all. With the Padavanos, William experiences a newfound contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos. But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another....Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough to draw them back together when it matters most?” (Excerpted from *Booklist*).

The Great Divide by Cristina Henríquez

Tuesday, November 12; 12:30 -2:00 p.m. for in-person discussion

“It is said that the canal will be the greatest feat of engineering in history. But first, it must be built. For Francisco, a local fisherman who resents the foreign powers clamoring for a slice of his country, nothing is more upsetting than the decision of his son, Omar, to work as a digger in the excavation zone. But for Omar, whose upbringing was quiet and lonely, this job offers a chance to finally find connection. Ada Bunting is a bold sixteen-year-old from Barbados who arrives in Panama as a stowaway alongside thousands of other West Indians seeking work. Alone and with no resources, she is determined to find a job that will earn enough money for her ailing sister's surgery. When she sees a young man--Omar--who has collapsed after a grueling shift, she is the only one who rushes to his aid. John Oswald has dedicated his life to scientific research and has journeyed to Panama in single-minded pursuit of one goal: eliminating malaria. But now, his wife, Marian, has fallen ill herself, and when he witnesses Ada's bravery and compassion, he hires her on the spot as a caregiver. This fateful decision sets in motion a sweeping tale of ambition, loyalty, and sacrifice ” (Excerpted from WLS online catalog).

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