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Book Discussion Group: Fast facts

- We meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm.
- New members are accepted at anytime.
- There is no hold fee for the book—library staff reserves about 20 copies of the title, and participants pick them up at the circulation desk.
- Let us know if you would like an audiobook, or other format. We try out best to choose titles that are available as ebooks in the Overdrive catalog.
- We really discuss the book! That is one reason why members love attending. We also do special events like Skype visits periodically during the year.
- Discussions are facilitated by me, Claire Talbot, librarian here at the Greece Public Library. I am open to your suggestions and comments and can be reached at claire.talbot@libraryweb.org or by phone at 723-2495.
- Check out the dates on our website calendar at www.greecepubliclibrary.org. No registration is required.
A Journey to Read Across the States

Do you need some inspiration for Read Across the States? I know I am struggling, but I’m inspired to finish by my co-worker librarian Kirstra Otto. Kirstra has been determined to finish this challenge, and has only been reading “State” books the past several months. I, on the other hand, have been reading a lot of current fiction, my book group selections, and whatever captures my fancy. Right now I’ve finished 40 books, and just finished reading a childhood throwback By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Kirstra is currently reading book 45 - Dakota, by Martha Grimes (North Dakota). The challenge has definitely pushed me to read some books I wouldn’t have otherwise picked up, and I appreciate that it’s made me more aware of my own reading habits - both what kinds of books I pick, and when and how much I read. I’m definitely starting to feel a little constrained here at the end, and I’m looking forward to finishing! I’ve also found a few new (to me) authors that I’m excited to read more of their titles.

My next book will be a Kirstra recommendation—True Grit by Charles Portis. Arkansas—here I come!

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What is America's Best-Loved Book?

Designed to spark a national conversation about reading, The Great American Read is an eight-part PBS series that features testimonials from notable figures from the entertainment, sports, news and literary worlds, and culminates in the first-ever national vote to choose “America’s Best-Loved Book.” The project will explore how writers create their imaginary worlds, how we as readers are deeply affected by these stories, and what 100 very different books—sourced from the American public and curated by literary professionals — have to say about our diverse nation, the making of a modern culture, and our shared human experience. A two-hour Launch Event airs May 22. A one-hour re-launch episode airs Sept 11 after a summer of reading and voting, followed by five one-hour documentary episodes beginning Sept 18. These five entertaining and thought-provoking one-hour documentaries are designed to take a deeper dive into a range of themes—Who Am I?, Heroes, Villains & Monsters, What We Do for Love, and Other Worlds. The finale airs Oct 23. This exciting live or as-live episode includes a countdown of America’s top ten favorites, as we build to the announcement of the country’s choice for Best-Loved Book. We hope to celebrate the final choices right here at Greece Public Library. Stay tuned!
New Non-fiction: Spring into a good book

Lady in Red is the long-awaited collection of behind-the-scenes stories and iconic images of one of the most influential first ladies in modern history -- Nancy Reagan. Pub. 4/3/2018

Magnolia Table is infused with Joanna Gaines’ warmth and passion for all things family, prepared and served straight from the heart of her home, with recipes inspired by dozens of Gaines family favorites. Pub. 4/24/2018

North by Scott Jurek is a thrilling new memoir about his grueling, exhilarating, and immensely inspiring 46-day run to break the speed record for the Appalachian Trail. Pub. 4/10/2018

A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership is an upcoming autobiography by James Comey, the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Pub. 4/17/2018

Classics We Love...chosen by our book group.

The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham was first published in 1924. a story of redemption.

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper is set in 1757, during the French and Indian War.

The Old Man and the Sea is a short novel written by the American author Ernest Hemingway in 1951 in Cuba.

Middlemarch is a novel by the English author George Eliot, first published in eight installments during 1871–72.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens depicts the personal development of an orphan named Pip.

The Count of Monte Cristo, an adventure novel by French author Alexandre Dumas, was completed in 1844.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles explores morality, patriotism and loss of innocence through its narrator, Gene.

"A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say.”
Kurt Vonnegut
**SPRING FICTION PREVIEW**

*The Favorite Sister* by Jessica Knoll. A blisteringly paced thriller starring competitive sisters whose dark secrets and lies result in murder when they sign onto a reality TV show. Pub. 5/18/2018

*Circe* by Madeline Miller is an epic spanning thousands of years that's also a keep-you-up-all-night page turner. Pub. 4/10/2018

Paula McLain’s *Love and Ruin* returns to Ernest Hemingway in a novel about his passionate, stormy marriage to Martha Gellhorn, an independent war correspondent. Pub. 5/1/2018

*My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie give us a history lesson about Alexander Hamilton through the eyes of his wife, Eliza. Their storytelling brings history to life. A must read for all Hamilton fans! Pub. 4/3/2018

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**Vince Tofany Branch**
Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: 12 pm - 4 pm (October-April)

**Barnard Crossing Branch**
585-663-3357
Monday-Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday-Friday: 10 am – 5 pm

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