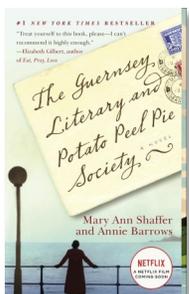


*Packing for Mars*  
by  
Mary Roach  
July 10

Space is a world devoid of the things we need to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy, beer. How much can a person give up? How much weirdness can they take? What happens to you when you can't walk for a year? have sex? smell flowers? What happens if you vomit in your helmet during a space walk? Is it possible for the human body to survive a bailout at 17,000 miles per hour? To answer these questions, space agencies set up all manner of quizzical and startlingly bizarre space simulations. As Mary Roach discovers, it's possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule (cadaver filling in for astronaut), Roach takes us on an entertaining trip into the science of life in space and space on Earth.



*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*  
by  
Mary Ann Shaffer  
August 14

In 1946 London, writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book.

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society boasts a charming cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

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**Brunch Bunch** meets the second Tuesday of each month.

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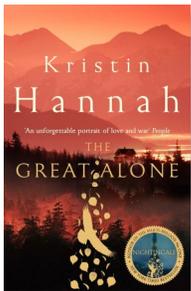
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# Brunch Bunch

The Brighton District Library **Brunch Bunch Book Group** meets at 11:30am the second Tuesday of each month. The group is led by Library staff, welcomes everyone, and does not require registration for its meetings.

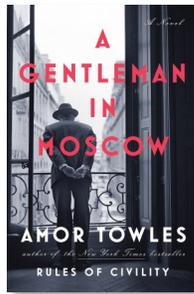
Brunch foods, juice, and hot beverages will be provided during this discussion.

Due to the Library renovation, the group will not meet in September or October of 2019



*The Great Alone*  
by  
Kristen  
Hannah  
June 11

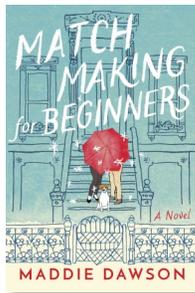
Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes the decision to move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid. Thirteen-year-old Leni hopes that the move will lead to a better future for her family, and is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown. At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers. The long, sunlit days and the generosity of the locals make up for the Allbrights' lack of Preparation. But as winter approaches, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates and the family begins to fracture. Soon the perils outside pale in comparison to threats from within. In their small cabin, covered in snow, blanketed in eighteen hours of night, Leni and her mother learn the terrible truth: they are on their own. In the wild, there is no one to save them but themselves.



*A Gentleman in Moscow*  
by  
Amor Towles  
July 9

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.



*Matchmaking for Beginners*  
by  
Maddie Dawson  
August 13

Marnie MacGraw wants an ordinary life—a husband, kids, and a minivan in the suburbs. Then Marnie meets Blix Holliday, her fiancé's irascible match-making great-aunt who's dying, and everything changes—just as Blix told her it would.

When her marriage ends after two miserable weeks, Marnie is understandably shocked. She's even more astonished to find that she's inherited Blix's Brooklyn brownstone along with all of Blix's unfinished "projects": the heartbroken, oddball friends and neighbors running from happiness.

There are also things Marnie must learn the hard way: love is hard to recognize, and the ones who push love away often are the ones who need it most.

# Books & Brews

Join us from 6:30pm to 7:30pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month, for Books and Brews, located at Brewery Becker in downtown Brighton. We meet every month and don't require registration – just drop-in!

Snacks, beer, and beverages are available for purchase at the Brewery.

This discussion group will continue to meet at Brewery Becker throughout the Library's renovation.



*The Keeper of Lost Things*  
by  
Ruth Hogan  
June 12

Anthony Peardew is the Keeper of Lost Things. Once a celebrated author of short stories, now in his twilight years, Anthony has sought consolation from the long-ago loss of his fiancée by lovingly rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind. Realizing that he's running out of time, he leaves his beautiful house and all the collected treasures to his unsuspecting assistant, Laura, the one person he trusts to fulfill his legacy.

Recovering from a bad divorce, Laura is in some ways one of Anthony's lost things. But when she moves into his lovely old Victorian mansion, her life suddenly begins to change. Anthony's final wishes set in motion a most serendipitous series of encounters as Laura sets out to realize Anthony's last wish: reuniting his cherished lost objects with their owners.