



Winter 2024 Newsletter

Whether it's snowing, raining or even a rare sunny day, winter is a perfect time to choose a good book and spend some quiet time reading. It could be a book from the library, an e-book, audiobook or magazine from Overdrive, Libby or Hoopla, the choice is yours.

Beginning with this issue, we're sharing recommendations from the Library's Bookclub, as well as some activities to help while away some time. We're also reflecting back on the Holiday Stroll and festive activities at the library.



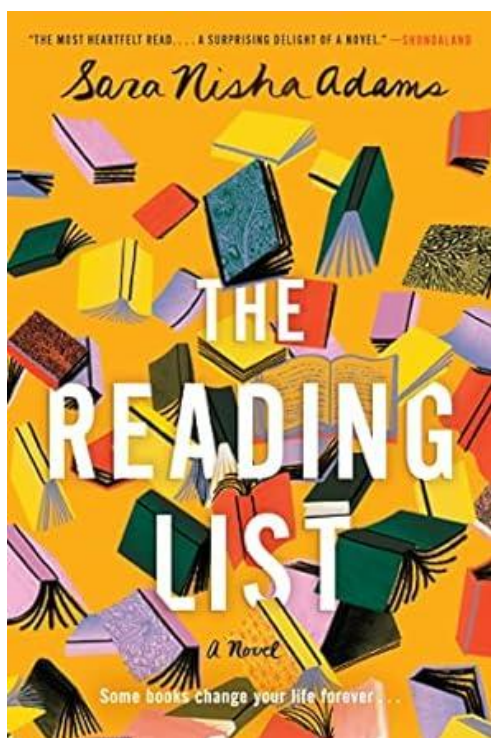


The Pompton Lakes Holiday Stroll took place early December in a Winter Wonderland, starting with the switch-on of the lights and tree, followed by a visit from Santa, a brass band and toasted smores next to the Friends' book sale.

Book club Recommendations

During 2023, our Book club have read and discussed countless books, each person bringing something new to the table. Here are some of the top-rated books of the year, according to some of our readers.

If you'd like to join-in with the discussion, the group meets on the first **Thursday** of the month at 11am. For more details on how you can participate, call the library at (973) 835-0482 or email HeleneZablocki@hotmail.com



Sara Nisha Adams (Fiction) 2021

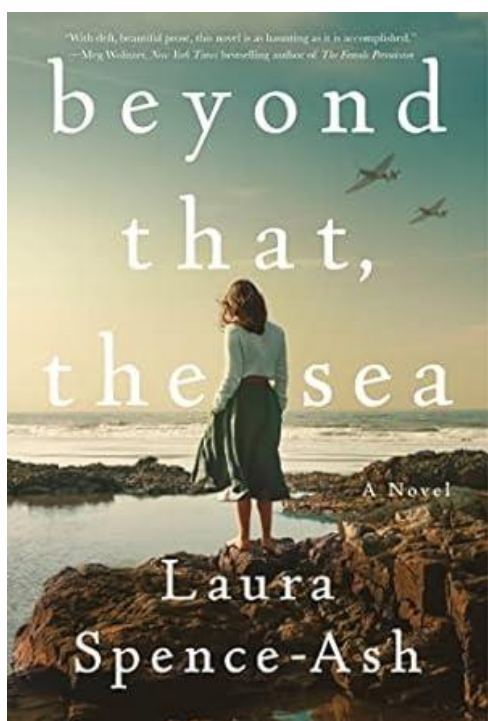
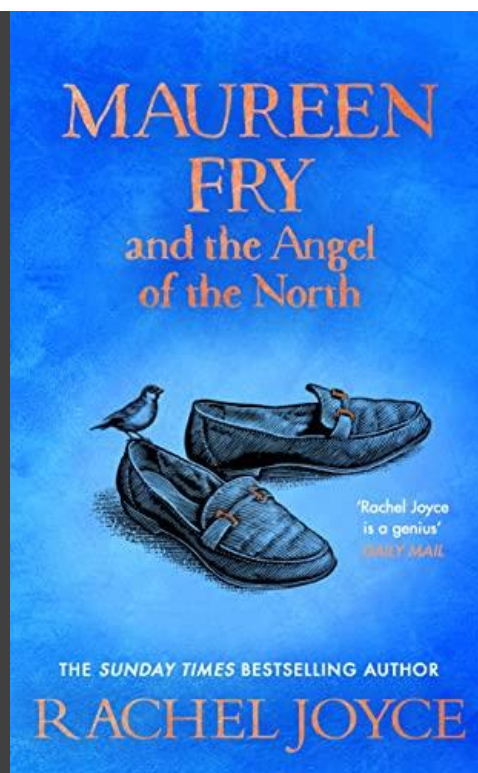
A list of books to be read is found inside a returned library book. It's an uplifting story of the power of books and libraries, and how they can inspire a community with an unusual and likeable cast of characters.

The list contains books that should be read, at least once.

**Maureen by Rachel Joyce
(Fiction) 2022**

If you liked *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessey*, this third novel is a must read.

Filled with the quirky and appealing characters of the first two adventures, *Maureen* is a moving, eloquent story about love, forgiveness and grief.



**Beyond That, the Sea by
Laura Spence-Ash (Fiction)
2023**

This novel follows the story of Beatrix Thompson, an 11-year-old English girl, who is sent to live in the US during World War II, and the two families that she connects with over the years.

The book explores themes of identity, family, and dreams versus reality.

One Book, One Town, 2024

In previous years we've selected inspiring books including *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson, *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith and in 2023, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

We're on the lookout for an equally inspirational novel to read in 2024, and we have some ideas, but we'd be interested in any recommendations. Activities alongside reading the book could include Q&A sessions, movie adaptations, public readings or dramatizations. Simply reply the Newsletter to make suggestions.

Holiday Crafts

Leading up to the Holidays, we held a crafting session to create two variations of beautifully hand-crafted greeting cards. With a choice of materials, each had it's own unique look.

Congratulations to all those who gifted, and received, the cards!



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www.pomptonlakeslibrary.org/friends



Adult Coloring at Pompton Reformed Church

1st and 3rd Fridays at 1P

Come spend a relaxing hour or two, we'll provide the materials, you provide the fun. Crossword, word search and other puzzles will also be available.





Mahjong Club

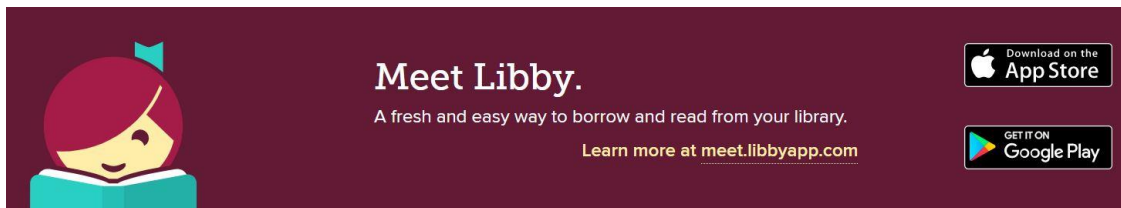
Learn to unlock the mysteries of this game that originated in Shanghai in the 1800s. Join our players for a fun, casual afternoon, learn the rules and enjoy the game.

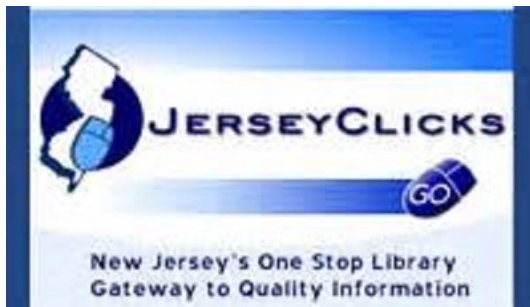
1st and 3rd Thursdays
2pm-4pm

Digital Resources Available from Home

The following resources can be accessed online for free as part of your Pompton Lakes library membership. Some of these resources will prompt you to register yourself, others may require you to input your library card identification number.

Pronunciator is a newly added language system- learn 163 languages. Features truly personalized courses that match your personal interests and occupation, movies, instructional videos, music with lyrics, custom study guides and audio lessons, quizzes, and more!





Additional links to educational, reading, career, and business resources and databases can be found on [the Pompton Lakes Library website](#).



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