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Marple Library makes it easy to run your book club discussions. Our On-the-Go Book Club Bags contain multiple copies of the book, large print copies (when available), as well as discussion questions. Bags may be checked out for up to 8 weeks and can be picked up at or returned to any Delaware County library. Late fees are \$3 per day. For more information, or to reserve a bag, see a Librarian at the Reference Desk. Updated by BC 9/2025

On-the-Go Book Club Bag Collection

The Accidental by Ali Smith

Barefoot, thirty-something Amber shows up at the door of a Norfolk cottage that the Smarts are renting for the summer. Dazzled by her seeming exoticism, the Smarts begin to examine the accidents of their lives under the searing lens of Amber's perceptions. **Bag #10**

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a story of courage and redemption. **Bag #25**

All We Were Promised by Ashton Lattimore

A housemaid with a dangerous family secret conspires with a wealthy young abolitionist to help an enslaved girl escape, in volatile pre-Civil War Philadelphia. **Bag #30**

Apeirogon by Colum McCann

Two fathers, a Palestinian and an Israeli, navigate the physical and emotional checkpoints of their conflicted world before devastating losses compel them to work together to use their grief as a weapon for peace. **Bag #38**

The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley

When Julian Jessup, an eccentric, lonely artist who believes that most people are not honest with each other, writes the truth about his own life in a green

journal and leaves it behind, others start writing in their own truth, which leads to unexpected friendship and love. **Bag #42**

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

A story inspired by the marriage between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh traces the romance between a handsome young aviator and a shy ambassador's daughter whose relationship is marked by wild international acclaim. **Bag #29**

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help Jewish children flee the Nazis. **Bag #43**

Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth of her own son, who died in a tragic accident. **Bag #12**

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

In the industrial 1860s at the dawn of the Carnegie Empire, Irish immigrant Clara Kelly finds herself in desperate circumstances. Looking for a way out, she seeks employment as a lady's maid in the home of the prominent businessman Andrew Carnegie. **Bag #19**

Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips

The shattering disappearance of two young girls from Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula compounds the isolation and fears of a tight-woven community, connecting the lives of neighbors, witnesses, family members and a detective throughout an ensuing year of tension. **Bag #40**

Drive Your Plow over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk

When her neighbor turns up dead, and then other bodies turn up under strange circumstances, Janine, a recluse in a remote Polish village who prefers the company of animals to humans, inserts herself into the investigation, certain she knows whodunit. **Bag #41**

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

A love story that unfolds in a world being irrevocably transformed by migration. In a country teetering on the brink of civil war, two young people meet--sensual, fiercely independent Nadia and gentle, restrained Saeed. They embark on a furtive love affair, thrust into premature intimacy by the unrest roiling their city. **Bag #5**

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The classic story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. **Bag #20**

Heft by Liz Moore

Arthur weighs 550 pounds and has not left his home in a decade. Kel is a poor kid in a rich school who pins his hopes on a baseball career. An unexpected connection transforms both their lives as they find sustenance and friendship in the most surprising places. **Bag #15**

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household. **Bag #14**

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen critical to its success. **Bag #7**

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves. **Bag #21**

I Dare Me: How I Rebooted and Recharged My Life by Doing Something New Every Day by LuAnn Cahn

In this inspiring book, Lu Ann recounts how a new “first” every day brought excitement and wonder back into her world. And more than that, she helps readers see how they can do it too. **Bag #34**

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

An ambitious young lawyer on the brink of having it all disregards a vivid dream about how different her life will be in five years, before meeting the man in her vision nearly five years later. **Bag #39**

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

A minor traffic accident becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives. **Bag #2**

The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier

Forced to leave England and struggling with illness in the wake of a family tragedy, Quaker Honor Bright must rely on strangers in the harsh landscape of 1850 Ohio and joins the Underground Railroad to help runaway slaves escape

to freedom. **Bag #27**

Letters from Home by Kristina McMorris

In 1944, Liz Stephens reluctantly agrees to ghostwrite a letter to soldier Morgan McClain, who is stationed overseas, for her friend Betty and becomes torn by her feelings for a man who doesn't know her true identity. **Bag #26**

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

Ursula Todd is born on a cold snowy night in 1910 -- twice. As she grows up in Britain, Ursula dies and is brought back to life repeatedly. With a seemingly infinite number of lives, Ursula may be able to alter the history of the world if she so chooses. **Bag #28**

The Many Lives of Mama Love by Lara Love Hardin

No one expects the police to knock on the door of the million-dollar two-story home of the perfect cul-de-sac housewife. But soccer mom Lara Love Hardin has been hiding a shady secret: she is funding her heroin addiction by stealing her neighbors' credit cards. **Bag # 45**

The Ministry of Time by Kallie Bradley

A time travel romance, a spy thriller, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all. **Bag #35**

North Woods by Daniel Mason

A sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries—a daring, moving tale of memory and fate from the Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of *The Piano Tuner* and *The Winter Soldier*. **Bag # 44**

The Phoenix Crown by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

From bestselling authors Janie Chang and Kate Quinn, a thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, spanning from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles. **Bag #24**

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

Imagines the life story of Christina Olson, the subject of Andrew Wyeth's painting "Christina's World," describing the simple life she led on a remote Maine farm, her complicated family relationship, and the illness that incapacitated her. **Bag #4**

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American radio reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States' entrance into World War II, a meeting shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter. **Bag #16**

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium-and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago. **Bag #6**

Reunion by Elise Juska

A gripping story about three friends in their forties forced to reckon with their lives during a college reunion in coastal Maine. **Bag #31**

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

The author of *The Devil in the White City* and *Dead Wake* delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. **Bag #22**

Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel

For readers of Jon Krakauer and *The Lost City of Z*, a remarkable tale of survival and solitude--the true story of a man who lived alone in a tent in the Maine woods, never talking to another person and surviving by stealing supplies from nearby cabins for twenty-seven years. **Bag #13**

The Tell Amy Griffin

Is it possible to bury something so deep within yourself that it becomes unknowable, even to you? An astonishing memoir that explores how far we will go to protect ourselves, and the healing made possible when we face the secrets that terrify us and begin to share our stories. **Bag #3**

Three Days in June by Anne Tyler

As Gail navigates the chaos of her daughter Debbie's wedding preparations--including a job loss, exclusion from family events, and the unexpected arrival of her ex-husband Max--she faces a crisis that threatens the wedding and forces both parents to confront unresolved issues from their past. **Bag #17**

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Spanning 30 years, from Massachusetts to California, and lands in between and far beyond, this dazzling and intricately imagined novel examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love. **Bag #1**

Trust by Hernan Diaz

Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City. **Bag #8**

22 Britannia Road by Amanda Hodgkinson

Leaving Poland for England at the end of World War II, Silvana is accompanied by eight-year-old, near-feral Aurek, with whom she shares traumatic wartime

memories that set them apart from her husband, who has remade himself as an Englishman to forget the past. **Bag #18**

The Wager by David Grann

From the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. The powerful narrative reveals the deeper meaning of the events on *The Wager*, revealing it was not only the captain and crew on trial, but the very idea of empire. **Bag #23**

Ward D by Freida McFadden

Medical student Amy Brenner is spending the night on a locked psychiatric ward. Amy has been dreading her evening working on Ward D, the hospital's inpatient mental health unit. There are very specific reasons why she never wanted to do this required overnight rotation. Reasons nobody can ever find out. As the hours tick by, Amy grows increasingly convinced something terrible is happening within these tightly secured walls. When patients and staff start to vanish without a trace, it becomes clear that everyone on the unit is in grave danger. Amy's worst nightmare was spending the night on Ward D. Now she might never escape. **Bag #11**

Weyward by Emilia Hart

Told over five centuries through three connected women, this riveting novel follows Kate, in 2019, as she seeks refuge in Weyward Cottage; Altha, in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet, in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death. **Bag #33**

Where the Past Begins by Amy Tan

Bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* is at her most intimate, revealing the truths and inspirations that underlie her extraordinary fiction. Suffused with candor and characteristic humor, this memoir takes readers into the workings of her writer's mind, a journey that explores memory, imagination, and truth, with fiction serving as both her divining rod and link to meaning. **Bag #36**

The Widow's War by Sally Gunning

When Lyddie Berry's husband is lost in a whaling disaster, she becomes the dependent of her ruthless son-in-law, who tries to take everything she and her husband had worked for. **Bag #9**

The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks

When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. **Bag #37**

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Dominic Salt and his three children are the last caretakers of Shearwater, an island near Antarctica, home to the world's largest seed bank. As they endure rising sea levels and isolation, a mysterious woman, Rowan, washes ashore during a severe storm. Nursing Rowan back to health, the Salts find hope, but secrets surface - Rowan's reasons for coming, Dominic's hidden past, sabotaged radios, and a fresh grave. Facing intensifying storms, they must decide if they can trust each other to protect the precious seeds and overcome their past tragedies to build a new future together. **Bag #32**

The Women by Kristin Hannah

From the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds* comes Kristin Hannah's *The Women*—at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided. In 1965 twenty-year-old nursing student, Frances “Frankie” McGrath impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam. **Bag #46**

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