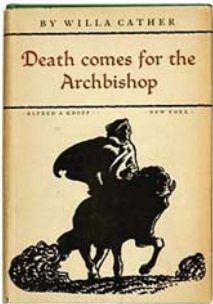
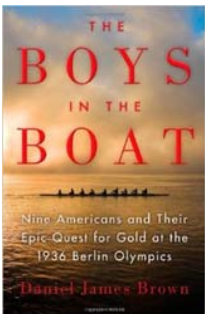


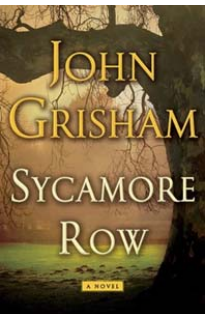
Selections 2014-2015



DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP (Willa Cather) - Monday, September 8, 2014
Based on two real life French Catholic priests who were sent to the American Southwest in 1851, Willa Cather's 1927 novel captures the essence of their experiences. As the two men travel through the countryside, they meet a wide variety of people along the way. Their adventures take on mythical and religious significance, such as when Father Latour finds himself quite lost and then sees a juniper tree in the shape of a cross that leads him to food and shelter.



THE BOYS IN THE BOAT (Daniel James Brown) - Monday, October 6, 2014
Here's the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal. Can the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, defeat elite rivals from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936. Trust in one another makes them a victorious team. Here's a story of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together—beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate story of nine working-class boys from the American west who, in the depths of the Great Depression, showed the world what true grit really meant.



SYCAMORE ROW (John Grisham) - Monday, November 3, 2014
Once again John Grisham takes his readers to that famous courthouse in Clanton and lawyer Jake Brigrance as he again finds himself embroiled in a fiercely controversial trial- one that will expose old racial tensions and force Ford County to confront its tortured history. Seth Hubbard is a wealthy man dying of lung cancer. He trusts no one. Before he hangs himself from a sycamore tree, he leaves a new, handwritten, will. It is an act that drags his adult children, his black maid, and Jake into a momentous conflict.

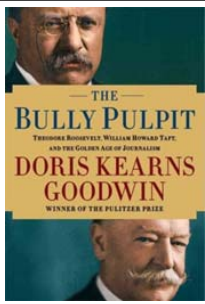
Christmas in Rhyme

Monday, December 15, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Fogartie Hall

**Come and share your favorite appetizer, dessert or goodie —
and a favorite Christmas poem or story.**

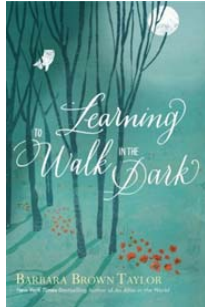


A LAND MORE KIND THAN HOME (Wiley Cash) - Monday, January 5, 2015
Set not far away, in a small, mountainous town in western North Carolina this is the story about a minister, a congregation, faith-healing, skepticism, family tensions and the power of evil, even in church! A fascinating read, with much fodder for discussion, this novel will hold your attention and definitely be one that you will want to discuss with others.



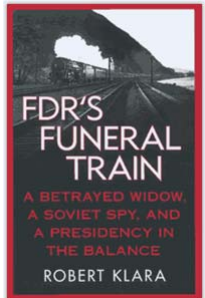
***THE BULLY PULPIT* (Doris Kearns Goodwin) - Monday, February 2, 2015**

Another great work by an author who spins a great story as she relates history to us. Here's the story of the once strong but shattered friendships of these two presidents. One of the Best Books of the Year as chosen by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *Time*, *USA TODAY*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and more. "A tale so gripping that one questions the need for fiction when real life is so plump with drama and intrigue" (Associated Press). Here's also the story of the muckraking press, which arouses the spirit of reform that helps Roosevelt push the government to shed its laissez-faire attitude toward robber barons, corrupt politicians, and corporate exploiters of our natural resources.



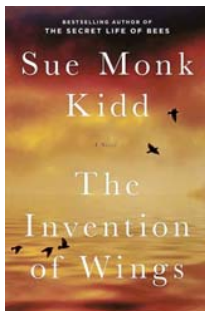
***LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK*, (Barbara Brown Taylor) - Monday, March 2, 2015**

Our friend, Kirk Neely, pastor at Morningside Baptist Church says, "Here is a new book worth reading." Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.



***FDR'S FUNERAL TRAIN* (Robert Klara) - Monday, April 6, 2015**

John Renfro (of our BBC) says that he was fascinated by this rather short book because, as a boy, he was privileged to see the train slowly pass through Spartanburg carrying the body of Franklin D. Roosevelt on a three-day, thousand-mile odyssey through nine states before reaching the president's home where he was buried. It passed with darkened windows; few gave thought to what might be happening aboard. A closer look inside the train, however, would reveal a Soviet spy about to leak a state secret, a newly widowed Eleanor Roosevelt, who just found out that her husband's mistress was in the room when he died, and the entire family of incoming President Harry S Truman. Here's the intriguing thrilling story of what took place behind the Pullman shades.



***THE INVENTION OF WINGS* (Sue Monk Kidd) - Monday, May 4, 2015**

Here's a South Carolina story recounting two of our state's passionate and prophetic women, the Grimké sisters. In the early 1830s, Sarah Grimké and her younger sister, Angelina, were the most infamous women in America. They had rebelled so vocally against their family, society, and their religion that they were reviled, pursued, and exiled from Charleston under threat of death. Their crime was speaking out in favor of liberty and equality and for African American slaves and women, arguments too radically humanist even for the abolitionists of their time.



***THE BOOK THIEF* (Markus Zusak) - Monday, June 1, 2015**

A #1 *New York Times* bestseller that is now a major motion picture. Here's an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist — books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

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