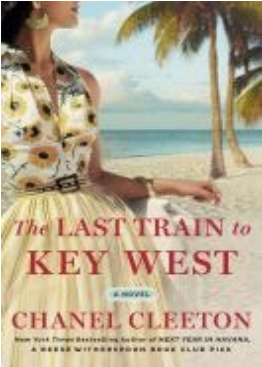
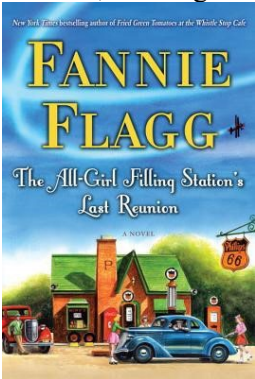
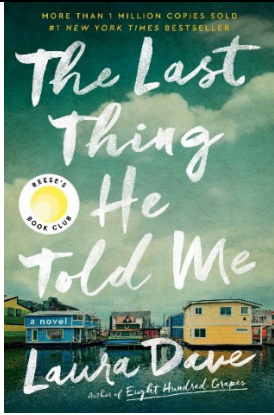
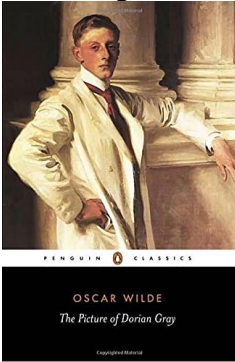
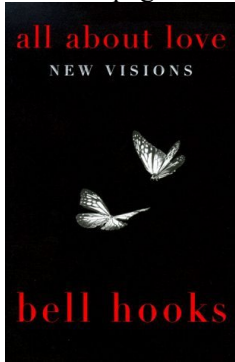
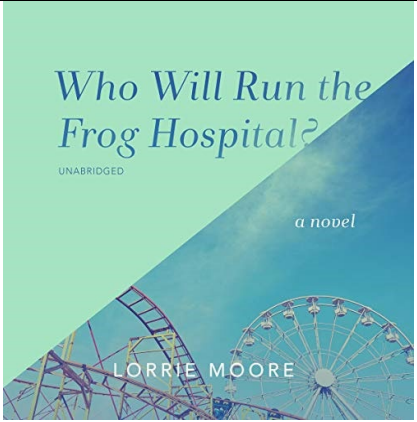


Women's Commission Book Group 2022-2023 Selected Books and Meeting Dates

Fridays from 12:00 p.m., Noon, until 12:45 p.m.

Meeting Dates / Venue	Title / Author	Category, Pages, Visual	Blurbs
<p>June 23, 2023</p> <p>Hybrid: In-person- 230 Ashe Admin. Building, Gables Campus</p> <p>Zoom: For Zoom info, Contact Magaly Medina-Perez</p>	<p><u>The Last Train to Key West</u> by Chanel Cleeton</p>	<p>Historical Fiction, 314 pages</p> 	<p>"In 1935 three women are forever changed when one of the most powerful hurricanes in history barrels toward the Florida Keys. For the tourists traveling on Henry Flagler's legendary Overseas Railroad, Labor Day weekend is an opportunity to forget the economic depression gripping the nation. But one person's paradise can be another's prison, and Key West-native Helen Berner yearns to escape. After the Cuban Revolution of 1933 leaves Mirta Perez's family in a precarious position, she agrees to an arranged marriage with a notorious American. Following her wedding in Havana, Mirta arrives in the Keys on her honeymoon. While she can't deny the growing attraction to her new husband, his illicit business interests may threaten not only her relationship, but her life. Elizabeth Preston's trip to Key West is a chance to save her once-wealthy family from their troubles after the Wall Street crash. Her quest takes her to the camps occupied by veterans of the Great War and pairs her with an unlikely ally on a treacherous hunt of his own. Over the course of the holiday weekend, the women's paths cross unexpectedly, and the danger swirling around them is matched only by the terrifying force of the deadly storm threatening the Keys"--</p>
<p>May 26, 2023</p> <p>Hybrid: In-person- 230 Ashe Admin. Building, Gables Campus</p> <p>Zoom: For Zoom info, Contact Magaly Medina-Perez</p>	<p><u>The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</u> By Fannie Flagg</p>	<p>Novel, 341 Pages</p> 	<p>"<i>The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</i> by Fannie Flagg (New York: Random House 2013), author of <i>Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe</i>, which was made into a movie. This is a duel plot novel set in present day Alabama and 1940s Pulaski, Wisconsin."</p> <p>It's 2005 and we meet Sookie Poole in her lakeside Alabama home after she has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to putting her feet up. But then one day a package arrives. Its contents knock Sookie sideways, propelling her back to the 1940s, and four irrepressible sisters whose wartime adventures force them to reimagine who they are, and what they are capable of. We follow Sookie's struggle with self-doubt, self-identity and what it means to be family.</p> <p>This is a book filled with great characters. Sookie's formidable mother Lenore Simmons Krackenberry, will remind you of someone you know. Imagine being one of Sookie's very confused neighbors watching her trying to feed birds. In it you learn about some courageous women who served our country in WWII. Women who were called WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) who tested and ferried aircraft for the U.S.</p>
<p>April 14, 2023</p> <p>Hybrid: In-person-</p>	<p>NOTE CHANGE OF BOOK</p>	<p>Mystery, fiction 320 Pages</p>	<p>The Bibliofile:</p>

<p>325 Ashe Admin. Building, Gables Campus Zoom: For Zoom info, Contact R Hardeman</p>	<p><u>The Last Thing He Told me,</u> Laura Dave</p>		<p>“In The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave, Hannah Michaels finds out that her husband Owen is being investigated for a crime and has now gone missing. She's left alone with her 16-year-old stepdaughter, Bailey, who dislikes her. Together the two must work together to figure out the truth behind Owen's disappearance, leading down a path that reveals old family secrets and tests Hannah and Bailey's relationship.”</p>
<p>Jan. 27, 2023</p> <p>325 Ashe Admin. Building, Gables Campus</p>	<p><u>The Picture of Dorian Grey,</u> by Oscar Wilde</p>	<p>Classic Moral Fantasy Novel, 304 Pages</p> 	<p>Goodreads:</p> <p>“In this celebrated work Wilde forged a devastating portrait of the effects of evil and debauchery on a young aesthete in late-19th-century England. Combining elements of the Gothic horror novel and decadent French fiction, the book centers on a striking premise: As Dorian Gray sinks into a life of crime and gross sensuality, his body retains perfect youth and vigor while his recently painted portrait grows day by day into a hideous record of evil, which he must keep hidden from the world. For over a century, this mesmerizing tale of horror and suspense has enjoyed wide popularity. It ranks as one of Wilde's most important creations and among the classic achievements of its kind.”</p>
<p>Nov. 4, 2022</p> <p>In-person: 325Ashe Admin. Bldg.</p>	<p><u>All About Love,</u> by bell hooks</p>	<p>Love trilogy (although this book stands on its own.), 272 pages</p> 	<p>Four Minute Books:</p> <p>1-Sentence-Summary: All About Love teaches you how to get more affection and connection in your relationships by explaining why true love is so difficult these days and how to combat the unrealistic expectations society has set up that makes it so hard.</p>
<p>Sept. 30, 2022</p>	<p><u>Who Will Run the Frog</u></p>	<p>Novel, 147 pages</p>	<p>Amazon:</p>

<p>Via Zoom</p>	<p><u>Hospital?</u> by Lorrie Moore</p>		<p>“In this moving, poignant novel by the bestselling author of <i>Birds of America</i> we share a grown woman’s bittersweet nostalgia for the wildness of her youth.</p> <p>The summer Berie was fifteen, she and her best friend Sils had jobs at Storyland in upstate New York where Berie sold tickets to see the beautiful Sils portray Cinderella in a strapless evening gown. They spent their breaks smoking, joking, and gossiping. After work they followed their own reckless rules, teasing the fun out of small town life, sleeping in the family station wagon, and drinking borrowed liquor from old mayonnaise jars. But no matter how wild, they always managed to escape any real danger—until the adoring Berie sees that Sils really does need her help—and then everything changes.”</p>
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