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2023 Library Committee Member Picks

Each month a Library Committee member selects a new book for our collection and provides a brief description. This month Lila W. chose the following title:

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. The death of the brother of Major Ernest Pettigrew, a retired, proper English gentleman, sparks an unexpected friendship with Pakistani shopkeeper Mrs. Jasmina Ali. They are drawn together by their love of literature and loss of their spouses. The charming, witty, sometimes surprising tale of a later-life romance explores clashes with culture and tradition in their quintessential English village.

Becoming Marie Antoinette by Juliet Grey. A sympathetic portrayal of young Austrian 'Toinette' as she is schooled and groomed for a future as Queen of France, an innocent pawn in a deadly political game. Meticulously recreates the sumptuous court with its lavish clothes, sparkling jewels, and treacherous rivalries.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Magic of Dogs by Amy Newmark. 101 tales of family, friendship and fun.

The Deceivers by Alex Berenson. Former CIA agent John Wells must deal with the deadliest mission of his life - an extraordinary confluence of sleeper cells, sniper teams, false flag operations, double agents high in the U.S. government, and a Russian plot to take over the government itself.

The Demon Crown by James Rollins. Commander Grayson Pierce of Sigma Force must eradicate an inexplicable extinction-level threat tracing back to a terrifying secret buried a century ago under the National Mall by Alexander Graham Bell. He must expose those involved by joining forces with Sigma's greatest enemy, the Guild.

Dogs on the Trail: a Year in the Life by Blair Braverman. Chronicles a year in the life of her and her musher husband's dog team including everyday things: storing a thousand pounds of raw meat, scouting new trails with the dogs, decisions that go into putting a team together, and how she trains puppies to be brave. Great photographs.

Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev. This Russian classic of generational conflict between a father and his returning graduate son with a friend shocked Russian society when encountering its nihilistic hero following publication in 1862.

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Furlough by Jacob Moon. Freed from prison for a crime he didn't commit, Eddie wants to unite with the young child he's never met but a fateful decision lands him back in jail, an unwitting accomplice to murder. He executes a jailbreak, a mysterious killer is sent to find him, and a veteran homicide detective must battle the corrupt head prosecutor.

Good Talk, Dad: The Birds and the Bees . . . and Other Conversations We Forgot to Have by CBS correspondent Bill and TV host Willie who have an extended conversation on areas of mutual interest, agreement, and disagreement. Told in a unique back-and-forth banter style, the father-son team laugh together at their shared journey.

The Last Tudor by Philippa Gregory. Historical fiction relating the story of Jane Grey, the 9-Days' Queen, Bloody Mary Tudor, Jane's two younger sisters Katherine and Mary, a beautiful dwarf disregarded by the court of Queen Elizabeth, the last Tudor.

The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki. Historical fiction about Post, a socialite who built Mar-a-Lago and was married four times but also a philanthropist supporting the arts and an American businesswoman who inherited from her father what she and her second husband turned into General Foods Corporation.

Mary B by Katherine J. Chen. Beneath Mary Bennet, the overlooked middle sister with plain appearance and bookish demeanor, simmers an inner life brimming with passion, humor, and imagination—and a voice that demands to be heard. Set before, during, and after the events of *Pride and Prejudice*.

Murder at the Marina (LP) by Ellen Jacobson. Mollie is hoping for diamonds for her 10th wedding anniversary. Instead, clueless hubby presents her with a rundown boat. She's not impressed. When she discovers someone murdered on board, things get even worse. Quirky characters, adorable cats, and loads of chocolate.

Random Acts of Kindness by Animals: Inspiring True Tales of Animal Love by Stephanie LeLand. Captivating stories, big and small, from simple acts of kindness to grand gestures of compassion performed by various animals. From dogs to dolphins, read true stories of animal love, devotion, and bravery.

Skeleton Hill (LP) by Peter Lovesey. Battle and burial are built into the history of Lansdown Hill so no great shock when part of a skeleton is unearthed there. It becomes one of the most puzzling cases Peter Diamond, Bath's Head of CID, must solve as it involves golf, horse racing, Civil War re-enactment, and the Cyrillic alphabet.

Vigil Harbor by Julia Glass. An insular Massachusetts coastal village 10 years from now confronts climate instability, political violence, and domestic upheavals. Told through 8 individualized but intersecting narrators including 2 strangers with hidden motives.

The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Russell. It's July 1913 in mining town Calumet, Michigan where 25-year-old Annie Clements spent her whole life. As she struggles to improve the future of her town, her husband becomes increasingly frustrated with her growing independence. An historical portrait of the early labor movement.

Series/Prolific Authors

Christie - <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> (LP)	Grafton - <i>M is for Malice</i> (LP)
Cussler - <i>Journey of the Pharaohs</i>	McCall Smith – <i>Tears of the Giraffe; The Kalahari Typing School for Men</i>
Gardner - <i>Case of the Foot-Loose Doll</i> (LP)	