

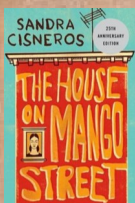
# Grand Island Public Library Adult Book Club



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Our Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. For more information, please call us at 308.385.5333 or log on to our website: [www.gilibrary.org](http://www.gilibrary.org)

# 2017 Adult Book Club



**January 3**

***The House on Mango Street*  
by Sandra Cisneros**

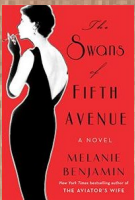
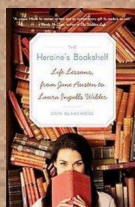
Told in a series of vignettes—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

**February 7**

***The Heroine's Bookshelf: Life Lessons from Jane Austen to Laura Ingalls Wilder*  
by Erin Blakemore**

Jo March, Scarlett O'Hara, Scout Finch—the literary canon is brimming with intelligent, feisty, never-say-die heroines.

An exploration of classic heroines and their equally admirable authors.



**March 7**

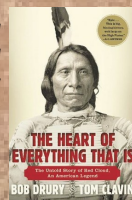
***The Swan of Fifth Avenue*  
by Melanie Benjamin**

Centered on two dynamic, complicated, and compelling protagonists—Truman Capote and Babe Paley—this book is steeped in the glamour and perfumed and smoky atmosphere of New York's high society.

**April 4**

***The Heart of Everything That Is: The Untold Story of Red Cloud, an American Legend*  
by Bob Drury**

This fiery narrative, fueled by contemporary diaries and journals, newspaper reports, eyewitness accounts, and meticulous firsthand sourcing, is a stirring chronicle of the conflict between an expanding white civilization and the Plains Indians who stood in its way.

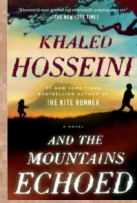


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*And The Mountain's Echoed*  
by Khaled Hosseini

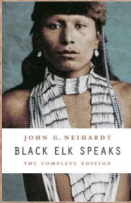
A novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. Centered on entire families, including cousins and caretakers. Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for each other.



June 6

*Black Elk Speaks*  
by John G. Neihardt

*Black Elk Speaks*, The story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950) and his people during the momentous twilight years of the nineteenth century, offers readers much more than a precious glimpse of vanished time. Black Elk's searing visions of the unity of humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt, have made this a book a classic that crosses multiple genres.



July 11

*Prayer's for the Stolen*  
by Jennifer Clement

An illuminating and affecting portrait of women in rural Mexico, and a stunning exploration of the hidden consequences of an unjust war, *Prayers for the Stolen* is an unforgettable story of friendship, family, and determination.



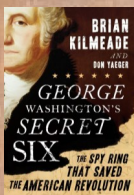
August 1

*The Sound of Glass*  
by Karen White

A richly, multi-layered mystery where interlinked stories and unearthed secrets of a damaged family lead to courage and healing.



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## September 5

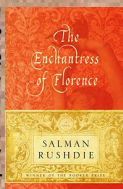
**George Washington's Secret Six**  
by Brian Kilmeade & Don Taeger

When George Washington beat a hasty retreat from New York City in August 1776, many thought the American Revolution might soon be over. Instead, Washington rallied—thanks in large part to little-known, top-secret group called the culper Spy Ring.

## October 3

**The Enchantress of Florence**  
by Salman Rushdie

The story of a mysterious woman, a great beauty believed to possess the powers of enchantment and sorcery, attempting to command her own destiny in a man's world. A profoundly moving and completely absorbing story about two cities at the height of their powers, Florence and Mughal.



## November 7

**Native Tongue**  
by Suzette Haden Elgin

Set in the twenty-second century, the novel tells of a world where women are once again property, denied civil rights and banned from public life. Earth's wealth depends on interplanetary commerce with alien races, and linguists—a small, clannish group of families—have become the ruling elite by controlling all interplanetary communication.

## December 5

**Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End**  
by Atul Gawande

Full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling. *Being Mortal* asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.

