

## **Book Club 2022-2023 Dates**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Book</b>
Sept. 11	<b>Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin</b>
Oct. 9	<b>Sycamore Row by John Grisham</b>
Nov. 13	<b>The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin</b>
Jan. 8, 2023	<b>The Baker's Secret by Stephen Kiernan</b>
Feb. 12	<b>The Rent Collector by Camron Wright</b>
Mar. 12	<b>Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce</b>
April 9	<b>Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry</b>
May 7	<b>Pot-luck, pick books for next year</b>

## **2022-23 Book club book descriptions**

### **Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin**

For fans of bestselling WWII fiction comes a powerful novel from Lynn Austin about three women whose lives are instantly changed when the Nazis invade the neutral Netherlands, forcing each into a complicated dance of choice and consequence.

### **Sycamore Row by John Grisham**

Now we return to that famous courthouse in Clanton as Jake Brigance once again finds himself embroiled in a fiercely controversial trial - a trial that will expose old racial tensions and force Ford County to confront its tortured history.

### **The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin**

January 12, 1888. The gripping true story of an epic prairie snowstorm that killed hundreds of newly arrived settlers and cast a shadow on the promise of the American frontier.

### **The Baker's Secret by Stephen Kiernan**

On June 5, 1944, as dawn rises over a small town on the Normandy coast of France, Emmanuelle is making the bread that has sustained her fellow villagers in the dark days since the Germans invaded her country.

### **The Rent Collector by Camron Wright**

Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash.

### **Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce**

It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a schoolteacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist—the golden beetle of New Caledonia.

### **Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry**

From the simple setting of his own barber shop, Jayber Crow, orphan, seminarian, and native of Port William, recalls his life and the life of his community as it spends itself in the middle of the 20th century. Surrounded by his friends and neighbors, he is both participant and witness as the community attempts to transcend its own decline. And meanwhile Jayber learns the art of devotion and that a faithful love is its own reward.