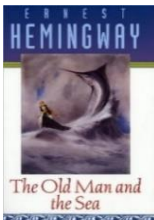
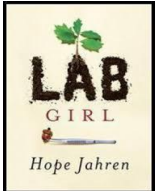
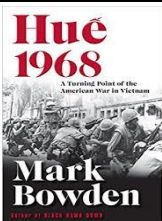
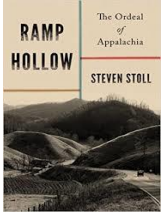
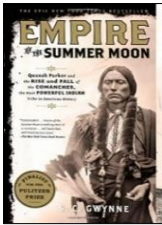
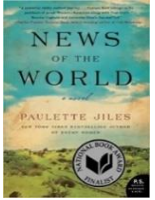


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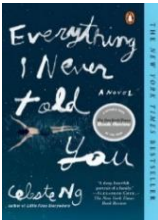
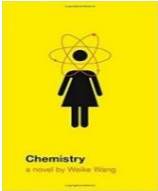
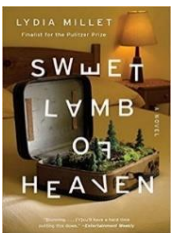
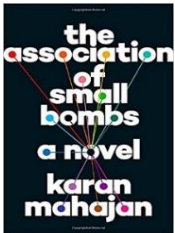
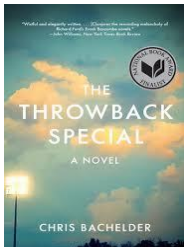
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We provide a library copy of each month's title to borrow

January 18	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> by Ernest Hemingway
	<p>The Old Man and the Sea revived Ernest Hemingway's career and was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1954. Told with great simplicity and power, it is the story of an old Cuban fisherman, down on his luck, and his supreme ordeal -- a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream. Truly a tale of struggle between man vs nature and throughout sublime recognition of the plight of both. Worth a reflective read as we start 2018.</p>
February 15	<i>Lab Girl</i> by Hope Jahren
	<p>The national bestseller <i>Lab Girl</i> by Hope Jahren is the Longwood Gardens 2018 Community Read book. Join us in reading about a geobiologist who has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. Lab Girl is a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. Warm, luminous, compulsively readable, <i>Lab Girl</i> vividly demonstrates the mountains that we can move when love and work come together. See: longwoodgardens.org/education/library-archives/community-read</p>
March 15	<i>Hue 1968: A Turning Point of the American War in Vietnam</i> by Mark Bowden
	<p>The first battle book from Mark Bowden since his #1 New York Times bestseller <i>Black Hawk Down</i>, <i>Hue 1968</i> is the story of the centerpiece of the Tet Offensive and a turning point in the American War in Vietnam. With unprecedented access to war archives in the U.S. and Vietnam, Bowden narrates each stage of this crucial battle through multiple viewpoints. Played out over 24 days and ultimately costing 10,000 lives, the Battle of Hue was by far the bloodiest of the entire war.</p>
April 19	<i>Ramp Hollow: The Ordeal of Appalachia</i> by Steven Stoll
	<p>A fresh, provocative account of Appalachia, and why it matters. Appalachian hunters and farmers went from pioneers to pariahs, from heroes to hillbillies, in the national imagination, and the area was locked into an enduring association with poverty and backwardness. Stoll traces these developments with empathy and precision, examining crucial episodes such as the Whiskey Rebellion, the founding of West Virginia, and the arrival of timber and coal companies that set off a devastating "scramble for Appalachia."</p>
May 17	<i>Empire of the Summer Moon</i> by Gwynn, S.C.
	<p>A stunningly vivid historical account of the forty-year battle between Comanche Indians and white settlers for control of the American West, centering on Quanah, the greatest Comanche chief of them all and his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, kidnapped by Comanches in 1836. S. C. Gwynne's account of these events is meticulously researched, intellectually provocative, and, above all, thrillingly told.</p>
June 21	<i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Jiles
	<p>National Book Award Finalist—Fiction. In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of <i>Enemy Women</i> that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.</p>

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July 19	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i> by Celeste Ng
	<p>Winner of the Alex Award· Winner of the APALA Award for Fiction. <i>“Lydia is dead. But they don’t know this yet,”</i> begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing. Both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, to understand one another.</p>
August 16	<i>Chemistry</i> by Weike Wang
	<p>A luminous coming-of-age novel about a young female scientist who is tormented by her failed research - and reminded of her delays by her peers, her advisor, and most of all by her Chinese parents, who have always expected nothing short of excellence from her throughout her life. For the first time, she's confronted with a question she won't find the answer to in a textbook: What do I really want?</p>
September 20	<i>Sweet Lamb of Heaven</i> by Lydia Millet
	<p>A young mother, Anna, is fleeing her cold and unfaithful husband, a businessman who’s just launched his first campaign for political office. Blending domestic thriller and psychological horror, this compelling page-turner follows a mother fleeing her estranged husband. A double-edged and satisfying story with a strong female protagonist, a thrilling plot, and a creeping sense of the apocalyptic, <i>Sweet Lamb of Heaven</i> builds to a shattering ending with profound implications for its characters—and for all of us.</p>
October 18	<i>The Association of Small Bombs</i> by Karen Mahajan
	<p>A bomb—one of the many “small” bombs that go off seemingly unheralded across the world—detonates in the Delhi marketplace. A young man named Mansoor survives, bearing the physical and psychological effects of the bomb. After a brief stint at university in America, Mansoor returns to Delhi, where his life becomes entangled with the mysterious and charismatic Ayub, a fearless young activist. Karan Mahajan writes brilliantly and provocatively about the effects of terrorism on victims and perpetrators.</p>
November 15	<i>Imagine Me Gone</i> by Adam Haslett
	<p>Told in alternating points of view by all five members of the family, this searing, gut-wrenching, and yet frequently hilarious novel brings alive with remarkable depth and poignancy the love of a mother for her children, the often inescapable devotion siblings feel toward one another, and the legacy of a father's pain in the life of a family. With his striking emotional precision and lively, inventive language, Adam Haslett has given us something rare: a novel with the power to change how we see the most important people in our lives.</p>
December 20	<i>The Throwback Special</i> by Chris Bachelder
	<p>Here is the absorbing story of twenty-two men who gather every fall to painstakingly reenact what ESPN called “the most shocking play in NFL history”. Over the course of a weekend, with great wit and empathy, the men reveal their secret hopes, fears, and passions as they choose roles, spend a long night of the soul preparing for the play, and finally enact their bizarre ritual. <i>The Throwback Special</i> is a moving and comic tale filled with pitch-perfect observations about manhood, marriage, middle age, and the rituals we all enact as part of being alive.</p>