

DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB BOOK LIST FOR 2021-2022

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	LED BY
9/14	The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	Heather McGhee	Charlotte McNaughton
10/12	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Kreuger	Elinor Boyce
11/9	One Thousand White Women	Jim Fergus	Pat Sheehy
12/14	A Wife in Watercolor	Barbara Shamp	Barbara Shamp
1/11	The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane	Lisa See	Sheri Borrin
2/8	How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America	Clint Smith	Rebecca Moscoco
3/8	Afterlife	Julia Alvarez	Laura Zeller
4/12	Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents	Isabel Wilkerson	TBD
5/10	A Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island	Earl Swift	Linda Strauss
6/14	The Sweetness of Water	Nathan Harris	Barbara Sears
7/12	Lab Girl	Hope Jahren	Lynn Masiello

Diversity Book Club Policies and Procedures

Members of the Diversity Book Club are paid-up members of the Coastal-Georgetown AAUW Branch. Club management duties are performed by a Point Person and member volunteers.

Point Person Duties:

Represent the DBC to the President and Board of Directors as needed and to the general membership at monthly meetings.

Provide information on meeting dates, books, facilitators, and other relevant book club information to the president and members responsible for the directory, newsletters, and monthly calendar.

Volunteer Support:

Membership

Maintain a current membership list and send welcome communication with information about the club and yearly book selections, meeting location, etc. to new members.

Communication

Send out email notices of Book Club meetings and directions to the location one week in advance of the meeting.

Venue

Manage monthly meeting location needs. In 2021-22 meetings are scheduled at the Lewes Public Library.

Arrange location for annual book selection and social to be held during July or August at the end of the year.

Annual Meeting Facilitation

Facilitate members' choosing books for the following year. Selection criteria are described in the *Diversity Book Club Selection Process & Criteria* below.

Review dates and venue/s for the coming year's meetings.

Solicit volunteers for the club's basic functions.

Problem Solver

Take care of details and issues that arise. Encourage members to share thoughts and ideas and to learn through our readings and discussions.

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COASTAL GEORGETOWN AAUW (CGAAUW) DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

Book selection is carried out at an annual club meeting and is based on the following criteria: 1) diversity categories; 2) AAUW Policy and Issues; 3) member recommendations.

Diversity Categories. The National AAUW Diversity Statement includes the diversity categories noted below. The CGAAUW Book Club encourages book selections that reference and build upon these categories.

- Age
- Disability
- Ethnicity

- Gender
- Gender identity
- Geographical location
- National origin
- Race
- Religious beliefs
- Sexual orientation
- Socioeconomic status

AAUW Priority Issues. National AAUW describes three issues of priority for achieving the mission of Equality for All: Education, Leadership, and Economic Security. These issues support topics such as gender bias in schools, the stem gap, women and student debt, Title IX, the gender pay gap, global connections, barriers and bias, the future of work, workplace sexual harassment, and many other social justice and equality issues.

Book Genres. Book types and genres may include literary fiction, historical fiction, women's fiction, short stories, non-fiction, memoir, biography, and autobiography, essays, history, graphic novels, poetry, and science fiction. Diverse genres offer valuable opportunities for thoughtful consideration of diversity categories and AAUW issues.

Examples of book topics which meet these criteria and provide fertile ground for discussion include

- Social justice issues
- Women's issues
- The Immigrant experience
- Women heroines and groundbreakers
- Ethnic, religious and racial groups, e.g., Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific, Indigenous peoples
- The environment including animals, plants, climate change, energy choices, and more
- Gender, LGBTQ+ and identity issues
- Barriers to equality which may include aging, disability, life cycles, relationships
- Other hot topics, all of which may pertain to the present day or the past

Note: It is highly recommended that book club members nominate only books they have themselves already read and which reflect the above criteria.