Hampton Community Library “Murder by the Book Club” Selections 2018 to Current

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| *Zero Days* by Ruth Ware  June 2024 | Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband Gabe are the best in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect: her. On the run and quickly running out of options, Jack must decide who she can trust as she circles closer to the real killer. |
| *Strange Sally Diamond* by Liz Nugent  May 2024 | Sally Diamond cannot understand why what she did was so strange. She was only doing what her father told her to do, to put him out with the rubbish when he died. Now with attention from the media and worried police, Sally begins to discover the horrors of her childhood. As Sally steps into the world for the first time, making new friends and finding independence, she learns that people don’t always mean what they say. But when messages start arriving from a stranger who knows far more about her past than she knows herself, Sally’s life will be thrown into chaos once again. |
| *Everyone Here Is Lying* by Shari Lapena  April 2024 | William Wooler is a family man who’s been having an affair that ended horribly this afternoon at a motel up the road. When he returns to his house, devastated and angry, to find his difficult nine-year old daughter Ella unexpectedly home from school, William loses his temper. Hours later, Ella’s family declare her missing. As information comes to light that may or may not be true, Ella’s neighbors become increasingly unhinged. Who took Ella Wooler? |
| *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman  March 2024 | A crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined. A failed bank robber bursts in and takes everyone in an apartment hostage. As pressure mounts with police and tv coverage, the eight strangers slowly open up to one another and reveal long-hidden truths. The robber must decide which is the most terrifying prospect: going out to face the police, or staying in the apartment with this group of impossible people. |
| *Jar of Hearts* by Jennifer Hillier  February 2024 | Popular Angela Wong disappears at 16. Fourteen years later her remains are discovered near her then best friend’s (Georgina Shaw) childhood home. Geo is arrested, but is Geo’s high school love Calvin James a serial killer? Geo knows what happened to Angela, but when more bodies turn up killed in the exact same manner at Angela it’s up to detective Kaiser Brody to uncover the truth. |
| *The Never Game (Colton Shaw #1)* by Jeffery Deaver  January 2024 | Inspiration for the upcoming CBS series Tracker. Shaw makes a living helping police solve crimes and locate missing persons for private citizens. A Silicon Valley search takes him into the dark heart of America’s cutthroat billion dollar video gaming industry. When another person goes missing, is a madman bringing a twisted video game to life? |
| *The Better Sister* by Alafair Burke  December 2023 | Two estranged sisters must set aside mistrust and old resentments when a family member is a suspect in his father’s death – a man who was the ex of one sister and the husband of the other. The sisters unite to find the truth behind the murder and past family secrets. |
| *The Thursday Murder Club (#1)* by Richard Osman  November 2023 | Four unlikely friends meet up once a week at their retirement village to investigate unsolved murders. When a brutal killing takes place at their residence they find themselves in the middle of their first live case. |
| *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham  October 2023 | Twenty years ago Chloe’s father was arrested for the murder of six teenage girls. Now a psychologist, Chloe treats troubled teens and becomes paranoid when more teenage girls go missing. |
| *The Silent Wife (Will Trent #10)* by Karin Slaughter  September 2023 | To unmask the killer of a prisoner during a prison riot, GBI investigator Will Trent must find a serial killer who may be responsible for a cold case crime that may have been botched by corrupt law enforcement, and Will needs help from the corrupt lawman’s widow. |
| *The Overnight Guest* by Heather Gudenkauf  August 2023 | True crime writer Wylie Lark retreats to an isolated farmhouse where decades earlier two people were murdered and a girl disappeared. Trapped by a storm with a small child discovered outside, Libby learns that there are others willing to do anything to find them. |
| *The Family Upstairs (#1)* by Lisa Jewell  July 2023 | Libby Jones discovers she is the sole inheritor of her newly discovered birth parents’ million dollar mansion, a house where 25 years ago 3 persons were discovered murdered, four children were missing, and an infant found alive. Now others know Libby’s identity and are looking for her. |
| *The Perfect Marriage* by Jeneva Rose  June 2023 | Would you defend your husband if he was accused of killing his mistress? A successful defense attorney defends her struggling writer husband. Is he guilty or innocent? |
| *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson  May 2023 | YA. A young woman’s final year project delves into the closed case of a schoolgirl murdered five years ago. Her research uncovers secrets that point to another suspect, who will go to great lengths to bury the truth. |
| *The Best Day Ever*  April 2023 | Paul Strom is the perfect husband: breadwinner, protector, provider. As Paul and his wife Mia drive out of the city toward the countryside for a romantic weekend, a spike of tension begins to wedge itself between them. How much do they trust each other? And how perfect is their marriage, or any marriage, really? |
| *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz  March 2023 | Jacob Finch Bonner, former young novelist now third-rate teacher, hasn’t written or published anything in years. He discovers and publishes as his own a former student’s unpublished story, becoming wealthy, famous, praised and read all over the world. Who was this student, and how did he get the idea for his “sure thing” of a novel? What is the real story behind the plot, and who stole it from whom? |
| *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci  February 2023 | Travis Devine routinely boards the 6:20 commuter train to Manhattan for his work as an entry-level analyst at the city’s most prestigious investment firm. When a former girlfriend is found hanging in a storage room of his office building the NYPD call on him to participate in a clandestine investigation into his firm. There’s a killer out there with their own agenda, and Devine is the bullseye. |
| *Survive the Night* by Riley Sager  January 2023 | Charlie Jordan is being driven across the country by a serial killer she met thru the college ride share board…maybe. On the road they share their stories, carefully avoiding the subject dominating the news: the Campus Killer, who’s tied up and stabbed three students in the span of a year. Could she be his next victim? |
| *Lost Hills (Eve Ronin #1)* by Lee Goldberg  December 2022 | Deputy Eve Ronin’s rapid rise to homicide detective is put to the test when she is called upon the blood-spattered home of a missing single mother and her two kids. Suspecting murder but with no corpses, Eve has to battle her insecurities and media pressure to capture a vicious killer. |
| *Gone for Good (Det. Annalisa Vega #1)* by Joanna Schaffhausen  November 2022 | Amateur sleuth Grace Harper is determined to identify the Lovelorn Killer, who murdered seven women, penned love letters to them in the local papers, with no trace of him for twenty years. Detective Vega has to decipher clues Grace unearthed which may have led to her death, clues to a killer who haunts Annalisa. |
| *No Exit* by Taylor Adams  October 2022 | A college student is forced to wait out a fierce blizzard at a remote highway rest stop with four strangers. When she discovers a little girl lockd in an animal crate in a van outside, she must break the girl out of the van and escape. But who can she trust? |
| *The Survivors* by Jane Harper  September 2022 | Kieran Elliott returns with his family to his coastal hometown. Twelve years prior a devastating storm took lives, destroyed property, and caused psychological damage to numerous residents. At about the same time a young girl went missing and Kieran’s unwise decisions that day led to the death of two men. Now, his guilt returns when a young woman is found dead on the beach. |
| *The Ruins* by Scott B. Smith  August 2022 | Two young couples enjoying a Mexican vacation venture into the jungle when a friend disappears. Their fun day trip spirals into a nightmare when they find a terrifying presence that lurks in an ancient ruins site. |
| *Never Look Back* by Alison Gaylin  July 2022 | Robin Diamond is contacted by a true crime podcast producer who believes Robin’s mother is connected to a series of murders committed by a teenage couple in the 1970s. After Robin’s father is killed in a home invasion and her mother’s life hangs in the balance, Robin must ask: how well do we really know our parents, our partners, ourselves? |
| *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave  June 2022 | Newlywed Hannah Hall’s husband, Owen, disappears after leaving her a cryptic note: to protect his teen daughter Bailey. When the FBI and US Marshals arrive for clues to Owen’s disappearance, Hannah and Bailey put aside their animosity to discover the truth about Owen, his past, and their future. |
| *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley  May 2022 | On an island off the coast of Ireland guests gather to celebrate an extravagant wedding fit for a celebrity. Resentments and jealousies mingle with the reminiscences, and then someone turns up dead. Who didn’t wish the happy couple well, and why? |
| *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer (Lynn) Barnes  April 2022 | A high school student has no idea why a billionaire stranger would bequeath his entire fortune to her. She is forced to move into his sprawling mansion where every room bears the owner’s love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. It also houses the family just dispossessed, who are determined to take her down. |
| *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager  March 2022 | A woman returns to the house made famous by her father’s bestselling horror memoir. Having no memory of her previous time living there, she encounters strange happenings. Is the place really haunted by evil forces, as her father claimed? Or are there more earthbound – and dangerous – secrets hidden within its walls? Inspired by “The Amityville Horror” and optioned for feature film. |
| *The Magpie Murders (Susan Ryeland #1)* by Anthony Horowitz  February 2022 | Editor Susan Ryeland has worked with a bestselling crime writer for years but becomes troubled by his recent behavior. His latest tale depicts a murder at a local manor house, but Sussan suspects the story hides one of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition, and murder. |
| *The Whisper Man* by Alex North  January 2022 | Twenty years ago a serial killer abducted and murdered five residents. He was caught but detectives always suspected he had an accomplice. Now imprisoned, “the whisper man” may hold clues to finding a young boy who just vanished. |
| *Stillhouse Lake (Stillhouse Lake #1)* by Rachel Caine  December 2021 | Gina Royal’s perfect suburban life is shattered when a car accident reveals her husband’s secret life as a serial killer. Reinventing herself in a small town, she is taunted by a killer |
| *When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole  November 2021 | The gentrification of a Brooklyn neighborhood takes on a sinister new meaning when a longtime resident joins a new neighbor in uncovering the truth behind her neighbors’ disappearances and the “new” neighborhood |
| *In The Dark* by Loreth Anne White  October 2021 | Eight guests are given a luxury vacation at a secluded wilderness spa. Cut off from the outside world by a fierce storm, their secrets are revealed, and surviving becomes part of a diabolical game. Two homicide cops battle brutal elements to rescue the hunted guests. |
| *The Law of Innocence (Mickey Haller #7)* by Michael Connelly  September 2021 | Defense attorney Mickey Haller is charged with murder after police find the body of a client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Defending himself from a jail cell he sets out to find who framed him. |
| *Pines (Wayward Pines #1)* by Blake Couch  August 2021 | Secret Service agent Ethan Burke arrives in Wayward Pines in search of two missing federal agents. Awaking from a violent accident in the hospital with no ID and no cell phone, Ethan questions why he isn’t allowed any contact with the outside. And are the electrified fences encircling the town keeping the residents in, or something else out? |
| *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore  July 2021 | Two sisters travel the same Philadelphia streets, though their lives couldn’t be more different. Then one of them goes missing at the same time a mysterious string of murders begins. |
| *All the Missing Girls* by Meghan Miranda  June 2021 | A story about the disappearances of two young women, a decade apart, told in reverse. Unraveling the truth about her neighbors’ disappearances – Day 15 to Day 1 – Nicolette finds shocking truths and questions how far we go to protect loved ones. |
| *The Last Passenger* by Charles Finch  May 2021 | (Charles Lennox series #13) Scotland Yard detective in 1955 suspects foul play when the body of a young man is found in a first- class rail car with no luggage, empty pockets, and no sign of violence. |
| *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson  April 2021 | (Malcolm Kershaw #1) Bookseller finds himself at the center of FBI investigation because a very clever killer has started using his list of fiction’s most ingenious murders. |
| *Dry Bones* by Craig Johnson  March 2021 | (Longmire series #11) The largest, most complete T-rex fossil is discovered, and the fight for ownership begins between ranchers, tribes, lawmen, and the FBI. When the Cheyenne rancher on whose property the fossil was found is also found dead, Walt works with others to investigate a sixty-six million year old case that’s starting to heat up fast. |
| *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewell  February 2021 | Laurel’s 15-year old daughter disappeared ten years ago. Now Laurel meets a man whose 9-year old daughter is the spitting image of her lost child, bringing back a flood of memories and unanswered questions. |
| *The Chain* by Adrian McGinty  January 2021 | Rachel’s child is kidnapped, and the caller tells her to pay a ransom and find another child to abduct. The caller’s son has been taken and will die if Rachel doesn’t do as told. An unending and ingenious scheme that turns victims into criminals and is making someone else very rich in the process. |
| *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides  December 2020 | One uneventful evening famous painter Alicia shoots her fashion photographer husband five times in the face and then never speaks another word. Psychotherapist works with Alicia to unravel the reason. |
| *The Lucky One* by Lori Rader-Day  November 2020 | Young woman recognizes the man who kidnapped her as a child thru a website called The Doe Pages. She hunts for answers with another victim to stop the man before he hurts someone else. |
| *Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King  October 2020 | A master suspense gives insight into the mind of an obsessed, insane killer who plans another mission to kill and who can only be stopped by three unlikely heroes. |
| *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly  September 2020 | (Mickey Haller #1) Criminal defense attorney Haller operates out of the back seat of his Lincoln town car. His defense of a Beverly Hills playboy tests his quest for innocence and justice. |
| *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger  August 2020 | Forty years ago 13-year old Frank Drum experienced a summer of family tragedies to his father, mother, sister, and brother. Frank recalls his emergence from that summer through his wisdom and the enduring grace of God. |
| *Find Me* by Anne Frasier  July 2020 | (Inland Empire #1) FBI profiler Reni Fisher is an ‘innocent’ participant in her serial killer father’s string of murders as a child. Det. Daniel Ellis’s mother disappeared when he was a child. Is she a victim of Reni’s father, and can they help each other find closure? |
| *Don’t Make a Sound* by T.R. Ragan  *Death is in the Details* by Heather Sunseri  June 2020 | (Sawyer Brooks #1) Crime reporter Sawyer Brooks is forced to face her past in River Rock when a girl is slain in a grisly fashion similar to three cold cases. She is pulled into the horrors of her family history with her two estranged sisters.  (Paynes Creek #1) Faith Day is cursed with a condition that forces her to recall in detail past horrors. She teams with agent Luke Justice to catch an arsonist and serial killer who may or may not be her convicted stepbrother. |
| *The Defense* by Steve Cavanagh  May 2020 | (Eddie Flynn #1) Former con artist turned lawyer Eddie Flynn is forced to defend the infamous head of Russian mafia in order to save his kidnapped ten year old daughter. |
| *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke  April 2020 | A Texas Ranger must solve the murders of a black lawyer and a white woman before racial fault lines erupt. An explosive thriller about love, race and justice. |
| *Our House* by Louise Candlish  March 2020 | Estranged couple share use of a house, but one day strangers move in. The the husband and children disappear. The wife soon discovers her husband’s many lies. |
| *The Clockmaker’s Daughter*  by Kate Morton  February 2020 | London archivist Elodie Winslow uncovers a satchel possibly containing clues to a murder and missing heirloom from one hundred fifty years earlier. |
| *I Know Who You Are* by Alice Feeney  January 2020 | Aimee Sinclair returns home to find her husband missing, suspecting he left her after a fight. A little girl wanders away from home, and bad things happen. Two stories where nothing is as it seems. |
| *Reconstructing Amelia* by Kimberly McCreight  December 2019 | Mother learns from daughter’s exclusive private school that her daughter jumped to her death because of cheating. But anonymous text says she didn’t. Mother seeks the truth and vindication. |
| *Redemption Road* by John Hart  November 2019 | A boy with a gun waits for the man who killed his mother. A troubled detective confronts her past in the aftermath of a brutal shooting. A good cop leaves prison after 13 years and encounters a body on an abandoned church altar deep in the forest. Tension, secrets and betrayals. |
| *Believe Me* by J.P. Delaney  October 2019 | Woman works for law firm to catch infidelity by husbands. When wife of a target is murdered, police ask her to lure confession for person of interest. |
| *Bone Music* by Christopher Rice  September 2019 | (Burning Girl #1) Girl raised by serial killers rescued at age 7. Now a woman she’s secretly dosed with experimental drug that gives her power a corporation wants to control. Victim turned avenger. |
| *It’s Always the Husband* by Michele Campbell  August 2019 | Three women meet in college and become fast friends. 20 years later one of them is standing at the end of a bridge and another is urging her to jump. Cuts back and forth between college and adult years to determine how and why their friendships changed. |
| *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson  July 2019 | Every day Christine wakes up with unfamiliar man and face. An accident two decades earlier decimated her ability to form new memories. Every day she gets closer to the truth. |
| *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens  June 2019 | College student Joe Talbert must interview a stranger for a class assignment. He chooses Carl Iverson, a convicted murderer and Vietnam veteran who only has months to live. Writing about the heroism of the soldier and the despicable acts of the convict, Joe unravels the tapestry of Carl’s conviction before it’s too late. |
| *The 7-1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton  May 2019 | Evelyn Hardcastle will be murdered at 11 pm. Aiden Bishop wakes up each day for eight days in the body of a different witness. Until he can identify her killer and break the cycle, Evelyn will die. A novel of mystery and unexpected creativity. |
| *The Broken Girls* by  Simone St. James  April 2019 | Four troubled girls bond at a Vermont boarding school in 1950. Rumor is the school is haunted, then one girl mysteriously disappears. 64 years later journalist Fiona Sheridan begins a story about her older sister’s death, testing the results of her murder trial and the school’s hidden secrets. |
| *Prey* by Michael Crichton  March 2019 | In the Nevada desert, an experiment goes horribly wrong and a cloud of micro-robots is released. This cloud is self-sustaining and programmed as a predator. Evolving swiftly, it becomes more deadly with each passing hour, preying on humans, after every attempt to destroy it has failed. |
| *Monkeewrench* by P.J. Tracy  February 2019 | People are dying for the new computer game by the software company Monkeewrench. When murders occur that mimic scenarios in the game, company employees debate notifying police of the link and exposing past secrets. |
| *Just Between Us* by Rebecca Drake  January 2019 | Three suburban Pittsburgh friends enter into a conspiracy with a fourth friend to cover up a crime. A thrilling glimpse into the underbelly of suburbia, where not all neighbors can be trusted, and even the closest friends keep dangerous secrets. You never really know what goes on in another person’s mind, or their marriage. |
| *Bad Move* by Linwood Barclay  December 2018 | (Zack Walker #1) Safety-minded Zack moves his family into a seemingly crime-free boring neighborhood. Victimized by a petty thief and then stumbling across a dead body, Zack’s paranoid tendencies get him implicated when another local murder occurs. He overrides his safety-first instincts, taps into his delusions of machismo, and tracks down the killer himself. |
| *My Sister’s Grave* by Robert Dugoni  November 2018 | (Tracy Crosswhite #1) Seattled homicide detective Tracy Crosswhite has spent 20 years questioning the facts surrounding her sister Sarah’s disappearance and the murder trial that followed. When Sarah’s remains are discovered nearby, Tracy doesn’t believe the right man had been convicted for the crime and searches for answers, uncovering secrets from her past and thrusting her into danger. |
| *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn  October 2018 | Not having left her home in ten months, Anna Fox’s lifeline to the real world is through her window. Drawn to her neighborly picture-perfect family of three, Anna witnesses a crime. But will anyone trust her account of what happened, and can she even trust herself? |
| *Tell No One* by Harlan Coben  September 2018 | Dr. David Beck’s life was shattered 8 years ago the night his wife was taken. Suddenly a message appears on his computer, a phrase only he and his dead wife know. Warned to tell no one, Beck chases a shadowy secret while being hunted down. |
| *The Zero Game* by Brad Meltzer  August 2018 | Two Washington staffers discover the clandestine Zero Game, realizing the game is more sinister than they imagined. They turn to a 16-year old Senate page when a ruthless killer threatens their lives. |
| *One Kick* by Chelsea Cain  July 2018 | (Kick Lannigan #1) Abducted at age 6 and released 6 years later, Kathleen Lannigan survived by learning to fight. When two children in Portland go missing in the same month, Kick is asked to help rescue the abductees, causing her terrifying past to resurface. |
| *The Waters of Eternal Youth*  By Donna Leon  June 2018 | (Commissario Brunetti #25) Venetian inspector delves into a case involving a potential drowning of a 15 year old girl who was left in a state of permanent childhood. Brunetti must determine if it was an intentional drowning and, if so, unearth the culprit. |
| *A Share in Death* by Deborah Crombie  May 2018 | (Duncan Kincaid & Gemma Jones #1) Scotland Yard detectives Kincaid and Jones hunt for killer while on holiday at Yorkshire time-share where a fellow visitor may be the killer. |
| *IQ* by Joe Ide  April 2018 | (Isaiah Quintabe #1) Intelligent loner Quintabe takes on cases the local police can’t or won’t touch. His determination and intelligence take him deeper into a far reaching and dangerous case |
| *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan  March 2018 | Bookstore clerk Lydia Smith unravels the mystery behind a patron’s suicide and unearths her own buried memories and a murderer named the Hammerman who came into Lydia’s life long ago and who never completely left. |
| *The Keeper of Lost Causes*  By Jussi Adler-Olsen  February 2018 | (Department Q #1) Copenhagen detective Carl Morck, working in a department of one, digs into a cold case of a liberal politician vanished five years earlier who is presumed dead but is not. |
| *The House of Silk: A Sherlock Holmes novel* by Anthony Horowitz  January 2018 | (Sherlock Holmes #1) Holmes and Watson use analysis and deduction to assist a fine arts dealer being menaced by a strange man in a flat cap from America and a shocking murder. |