

## COME READ WITH US!

The Pacific Beach Library Book Discussion Group is designed for all adult readers who want to talk about books, and provides an informal forum for the discussion of one selected book each month.

The Book Discussion Group meets in the Meeting Room/Gallery at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library on the first Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.

Copies of that month's selection may be picked up at the Circulation Desk of the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library.

For additional information about the PB Library Book Discussion Group, please email the Book Discussion Group Coordinator at: [BookDiscussion@pblibraryfriends.org](mailto:BookDiscussion@pblibraryfriends.org)



"A book is not only a friend,  
it makes friends for you.

When you have possessed a book  
with mind and spirit, you are enriched.

But when you pass it on  
you are enriched threefold."

- Henry Miller

## 2010 CALENDAR OF TITLES

Meet at 6:30 pm in the Community Room

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Discuss favorite books for the 2010 list

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Outcasts United  
by Warren St. John

### April 7

People of the Book  
by Geraldine Brooks

### May 5

The Man in the Wooden Hat  
by Jane Gardam

### June 2

The Passions of the Mind  
by Irving Stone

### July 7

The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears  
by Dinaw Mengestu

### August 4

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by Michael Chabon

### September 1

Alfred and Emily  
by Doris Lessing

### October 6

The Shadow of the Wind  
By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

### November 3

Honeymoon in Tehran  
by Azadeh Moaveni

### December 1

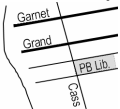
1999: A Novel of the Celtic Tiger and the Search for Peace  
by Morgan Llywelyn

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## 2010 CALENDAR



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# 2010 BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

**January 6**

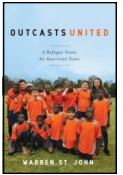
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**February 3**

**Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**  
by Lisa See

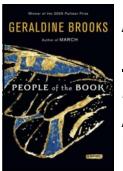
In 19th century China in a remote Hunan village, a seven year old girl named Lily is paired with a laotong, an “old same,” in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. Over the years Lily and Snow Flower exchange messages written on silk fans and handkerchiefs using *nu shu*, a unique language that women created in order to communicate in secret, but when a misunderstanding arises, their friendship threatens to tear apart.



**March 3**

**Outcasts United**  
by Warren St. John

The extraordinary tale of a refugee youth soccer team and the transformation of a small American town. This fast-paced chronicle of a single season is a complex and inspiring tale of a small town becoming a global community—and an account of the ingenious and complicated ways we create a home in a changing world. *One Book—One San Diego selection.*



**April 7**

**People of the Book**  
by Geraldine Brooks

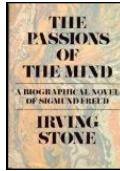
A fictionalized account of the turbulent history of the Sarajevo Haggadah, an illuminated manuscript which has survived into the 20th century thanks to people of various faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Hanna Heath, a manuscript conservator hired to restore the manuscript in 1996 Sarajevo, finds and pursues clues to crucial moments in the book's history.



**May 5**

**The Man in the Wooden Hat**  
by Jane Gardam

A portrait of a marriage, with all the bitter-sweet secrets and surprising fulfillment of the 50-year union of two remarkable people. A companion to Gardam's award-winning *Old Filth*, this novel is told from Betty's perspective.



**June 2**

**The Passions of the Mind**  
by Irving Stone

A novel about the life of Sigmund Freud, from the acclaimed author of the classic historical novels *Lust for Life* (Vincent Van Gogh) and *The Agony and the Ecstasy* (Michelangelo).

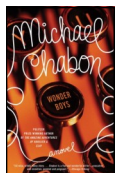


**July 7**

**The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears**

by Dinaw Mengestu

Sepha Stephanos fled the Ethiopian Revolution 17 years ago, for a new start in the United States. Now he finds himself running a failing grocery store in a poor section of Washington, D.C., his only companions two fellow African immigrants who share his bitter nostalgia and longing for his home continent. New hope is threatened by a series of racial incidents, as Sepha may lose everything all over again.



**August 4**

**Wonder Boys**  
by Michael Chabon

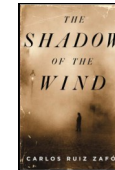
This novel introduces two unforgettable characters: Grady Tripp, a former publishing prodigy now lost in a fog of pot and passion and stalled in the midst of his endless second book, and Grady's student, James Leer, a budding writer obsessed with Hollywood self-destruction and struggling with his own searching heart.



**September 1**

**Alfred and Emily**  
by Doris Lessing

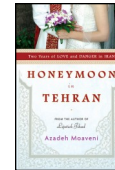
Lessing explores the lives of her parents, each irrevocably damaged by the Great War. In the fictional first half she imagines the happier lives they might have made for themselves had there been no war. This is followed by a piercing examination of their relationship as it actually was in the shadow of the devastating global conflict.



**October 6**

**The Shadow of the Wind**  
By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Barcelona, 1945—A great world city lies shrouded in secrets after the war, and a boy mourning the loss of his mother finds solace in his love for an extraordinary book called *The Shadow of the Wind*, by an author named Julian Carax. The boy soon realizes, though, that *The Shadow of the Wind* is as dangerous to own as it is impossible to forget.



**November 3**

**Honeymoon in Tehran**  
by Azadeh Moaveni

Azadeh Moaveni, Middle East correspondent for *Time* magazine, returned to Iran in 2005 to cover the rise of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, where she unexpectedly finds love and starts a family. Powerful and poignant, this is the harrowing story of a young woman's tenuous life in a country she thought she could change.



**December 1**

**1999: A Novel of the Celtic Tiger and the Search for Peace**

by Morgan Llywelyn

Llywelyn's Irish Century series is the story of the Irish people's epic struggle for independence through the tumultuous course of the twentieth century. *1999* brings the story from 1972 to the disarmament talks and beginnings of reconciliation among the Irish at the end of the twentieth century.