

## 2022 Bookies Book Discussion Group

Bookies is held the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am

- January 19     ***Bluebird, Bluebird*** by Attica Locke  
An African American Texas Ranger investigates two murders in a small town with an explosive history of racism. Winner of the 2018 Edgar Award and Anthony Award for Best Novel. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- February 16   ***Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*** by Maggie O’Farrell  
A portrait of a marriage and the loss of a beloved child, inspired by the story behind Shakespeare's play Hamlet. Winner of the 2021 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- March 16       ***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Michele Richardson  
Inspired by a true story from the 1930s, this book follows a woman bringing books to those in need through the Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project. *Available on hoopla and Libby.*
- April 20       ***Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*** by Robert Kolker  
A family of twelve children spanning the baby boom seems to be living the American dream, but in reality is struggling tragically with mental illness. Fascinating true story on the science of schizophrenia. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- May 18         ***The Night Watchman*** by Louise Erdrich  
Winner of the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, this novel celebrates Chippewa life while focusing on one man’s fight to protect Chippewa land. *Available on hoopla, Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- June 15         ***Ask Again, Yes*** by Mary Beth Keane  
A saga of two Irish American families that explores friendship, betrayal, forgiveness and the incredible power of love over several generations. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- July 20         ***Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker*** by Jennifer Chiaverini  
A fictionalized account of the real-life friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and her dressmaker Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave. *Available on hoopla, Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- August 17       ***Deacon King Kong*** by James McBride  
Kirkus Reviews calls this “an exuberant comic opera set to the music of life.” An unlikely hero, a struggling church deacon, tries to set things right in his 1969 Brooklyn neighborhood. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*

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- September 21 ***Educated*** by Tara Westover  
A tender and raw memoir of a girl's unconventional upbringing in a family of survivalists – and her fight to be educated. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- October 19 ***The Good Sister*** by Sally Hepworth  
A gripping psychological thriller about twin sisters with a childhood secret that threatens to tear apart their adult lives. *Available on Libby and eReadIllinois.*
- November 16 ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
Insight into the natural world from an award-winning author who draws on her background as a botanist and an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. *Available on hoopla and Libby.*
- December 21 ***The Printed Letter Bookshop*** by Katherine Reay  
A heart-warming story of new beginnings for three women searching for a better life, all while working together in a special book store. *Available on hoopla and Libby.*