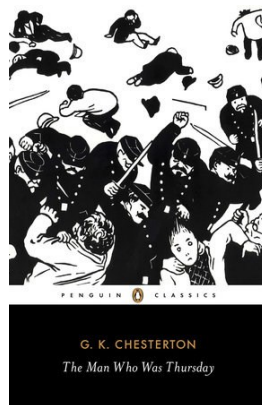


October 6th

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2001)

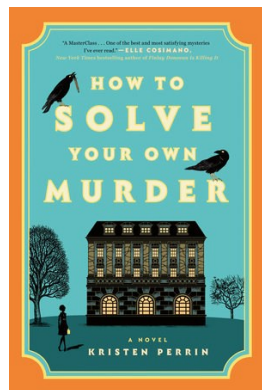
Barcelona, 1945: In the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War an antiquarian book dealer's son finds solace in a mysterious book. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes the discovery that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book the author has written. Soon this quest opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets—an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love. (PenguinRandomHouse)



November 3rd

The Man Who was Thursday: A Nightmare by G.K. Chesterton (1909)

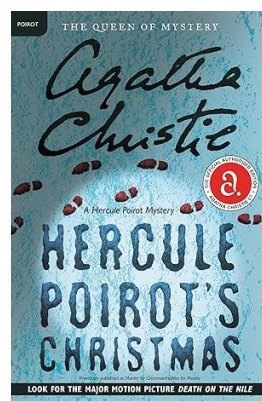
The Central Anarchist Council is a secret society sworn to destroy the world, governed by seven men, who hide their identities behind the names of the days of the week. Yet one of their number is not the revolutionary he claims to be, but a detective named Gabriel Syme, sworn to infiltrate the organization and bring the architects of chaos to justice. When he discovers another undercover policeman on the Council, Syme begins to question his role in their operations. (PenguinRandomHouse)



December 1st

How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin (2024)

It's 1965 and Frances Adams is at an English country fair with her two best friends when a fortune-teller makes a bone-chilling prediction—one day, Frances will be murdered. Frances spends a lifetime trying to solve a crime that hasn't happened yet, compiling dirt on every person who crosses her path in an effort to prevent her own demise. For decades, no one takes Frances seriously, until nearly sixty years later, when Frances is found murdered, like she always said she would be. (PenguinRandomHouse)

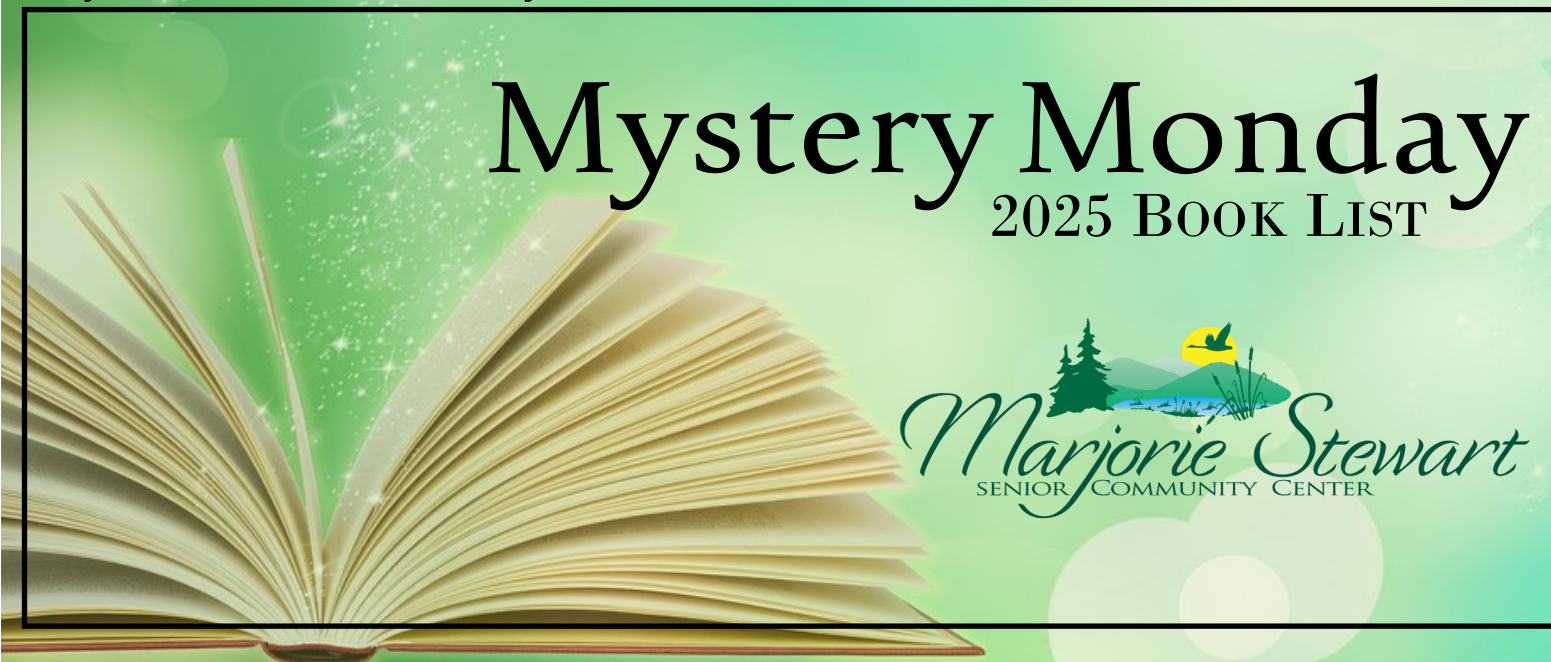


January 5th

Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie (1938)

On Christmas Eve, the Lee family's festivities are shattered by a deafening crash of furniture and a high-pitched wailing scream. Upstairs, in a locked bedroom, the tyrannical patriarch Simeon Lee lies dead in a pool of blood. When Hercule Poirot offers to assist, he finds an atmosphere, not of mourning, but of mutual suspicion. It seems everyone had their own reason to hate the old man. (HarperCollins)

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**WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR OF
MSSCC MYSTERY**

If you are a fan of mysteries, this is the book club for you! This year we're reading mysteries from all over the world, with selections from different mystery genres—cozy to gritty, magical to some of the beginnings of the genre as a whole. The oldest book this year is from 1909 and we're reading several that have come out in the last year. We'll explore the growth of mystery writing, characters, and plots through time and across the continents.

The Mystery Monday Book Group meets the first Monday of each month at 4pm here at the Marjorie Stewart Center. There are a limited number of MSSC book club books reserved for checkout behind the front desk of the Sherwood Library starting the day of the prior meeting. For example, March's book is available to pick up starting Feb. 3rd, etc.) We look forward to reading with you!

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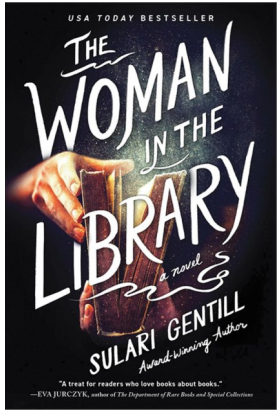
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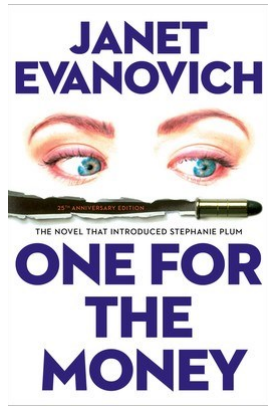
The tranquility of the library is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers, who'd happened to sit at the same table, pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room that morning—it just happens that one is a murderer. (Poisoned Pen Press)



June 2nd

The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John Le Carré (1963)

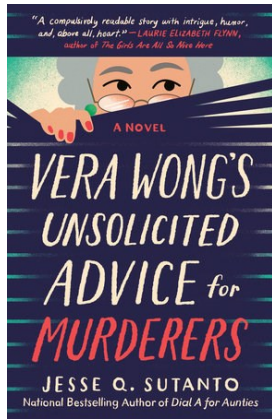
The head of the Cold War Berlin Station watches as his last agent is shot dead by East German sentries. As the Cold War comes to an end, Alec Leamas is offered a unique opportunity for revenge—to trap Mundt, the deputy director of the East German Intelligence Service—with himself as the bait. In the background is British intelligence officer George Smiley, ready to make the game play out just as Control wants. (PenguinRandomHouse)



March 3rd

One for the Money by Janet Evanovich (2019)

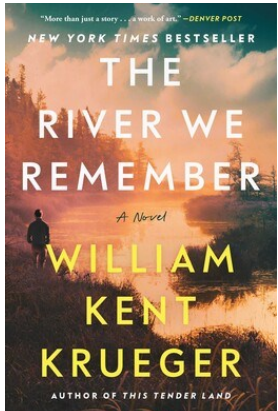
Stephanie Plum is out of work and out of money, Stephanie blackmails her bail-bondsman cousin Vinnie into giving her a try as an apprehension agent. Teaming up with el-primo bounty hunter Ranger, Stephanie sets out to take to catch a crook, her charismatic ex. Morelli, a former vice cop on the run from a charge of murder one. (Scibner)



July 7th

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Sutanto (2023)

Vera Wong likes nothing more than sipping on a good cup of Wulong and doing some healthy detective work on the Internet about what her Gen-Z son is up to. One morning, Vera finds a dead man in the middle of her tea shop. Before the cops take the body, Vera swipes a piece of evidence, laying in wait for the murderer to come to her shop to retrieve it. Who could do a better job sniffing out a wrongdoing quite like a suspicious mother with time on her hands? (PenguinRandomHouse)



April 7th

The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger (2024)

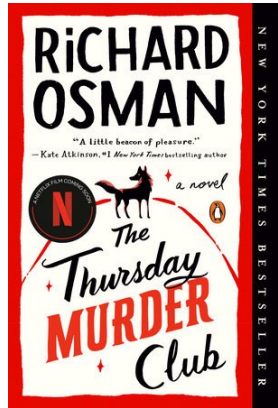
When the body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River, dead from a shotgun blast, vicious rumors swirl through the small town of Jewell, Minnesota. Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero who still carries scars from his military service, struggles not only to find the truth of Quinn's murder but also put to rest the demons from his own past as the town teeters on the edge of more violence. (Atria Books)



August 4th

The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson (2004)

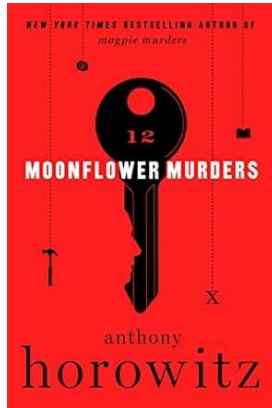
After twenty-five years as sheriff of Absaroka County, Walt Longmire's hopes of finishing out his tenure in peace are dashed when Cody Pritchard, who had been given a suspended sentence two-years earlier, is found dead near the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Somebody, it would seem, is seeking vengeance, and Longmire might be the only thing standing between Pritchard's friends and a Sharps .45-70 rifle. (PenguinRandomHouse)



May 5th

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman (2020)

Four unlikely friends meet weekly in a cozy retirement village to discuss unsolved crimes—meet the Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late? (PenguinRandom House)



September 9th

The Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz (2020)

Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is living the good life running a small hotel on a Greek island. That is until the Trehearnes come to stay. They tell a strange and mysterious tale of murder that seems to be wrapped up in the plot of a book that Ryeland had published featuring the detective Atticus Pund. When the Trehearnes reveal that their daughter is now missing, Ryeland steps in for the fictional Atticus Pund to solve the mystery and possibly prove someone innocent of a long conviction of murder. (HarperCollins)