**Your Next Book Club Pick…The Dog Days of Summer**

Have you ever wondered what is meant by the expression: “The Dog Days of Summer”? Well, I have, so I did a little research. The Dog Days of Summer are traditionally the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, during which the morning rise of the Dog Star, Sirius, occurs. Sirius is the brightest star that we see (not counting the sun) and is part of the constellation Canis Major or Greater Dog, hence the expression. Here are some very discussible title suggestions for your summertime book club meetings, all having the words summer or dog in their titles:

- **Summer Hours at the Robbers' Library** by Sue Halpern
- **The Summer Without Men** by Siri Hustvedt
- **The Summer Before the War** by Helen Simonson
- **One Summer: America, 1927** by Bill Bryson
- **Started Early, Took My Dog** by Kate Atkinson
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** by Mark Haddon

**New to Book Club in a Bag**

**Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI**
by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West...many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. ...Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

*Summary from the publisher*

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-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian
August is for Reading and Finding New Book Discussion Titles

For many people, August is the time of year for kicking off the sandals and picking up a book with a summer theme. This is a great time to relax and discover new books to share with your book group. Below you will find six titles, you may want to preview for upcoming book club selections:

How to Walk Away by Katherine Center

When an accident on what was supposed to be the happiest day of her life lands her in the hospital with a very uncertain future, Margaret struggles to come to terms with family secrets, heartbreak, and starting over before discovering love in an unexpected place.

The Husband Hour by Jamie Brenner

When a young widow’s reclusive life in a charming beach town is interrupted by a surprise visitor, she is forced to reckon with dark secrets about her family, her late husband, and the past she tried to leave behind.

The Lemonade Year by Amy Willoughby-Burle

Nina’s father has died, her marriage is over, and her job is in jeopardy. Her teenage daughter is slipping away from her, and her mother may or may not have fallen off the wagon. When the entire family gathers for the funeral, it is the first time in years that they are forced to deal with their issues.

The Seasonaires by Janna King

Working as cafefree seasonaires for a chic clothing brand, six Nantucket twenty-somethings find their summer fun interrupted by the machinations of the company’s owner, who stages dramatic conflicts among her workers while demanding they post their lives on social media.

The Secret to Southern Charm by Kristy Woodson Harvey

This critically acclaimed author returns with the second novel in her beloved Peachtree Bluff Series, featuring a trio of sisters and their mother who discover a truth that will change not only the way they see themselves, but also how they fit together as a family.

Women in Sunlight by Frances Mayes

Four American women become unexpected friends during a magical year in Tuscany marked by a writer’s complicated relationship with the subject of her biography, long-postponed dreams, and shifting senses of adventure and bravery.

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