

# Ocean Township Library Book Club

**First Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm**  
**Copies of books available at the Circulation desk**

**January 5, 2016**

***The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox***  
**by Maggie O'Farrell**

Edinburgh shop-owner Iris Lockhart receives a stunning phone call: Her great-aunt Esme - whom she never knew existed - is being released from the institution where she has been locked away for more than 60 years. Esme has been labelled sane enough to coexist with the rest of the world, but this family stranger will surely bring secrets with her when she leaves the ward.

**February 2, 2016**

***Dept. of Speculation*** by Jenny Offill

They were young and sure of their love, and Dept. of Speculation was their code name for all the thrilling uncertainties that lay ahead. When their marriage reaches a sudden breaking point, the wife analyzes what is lost and what remains. In language that shimmers with rage and longing and wit, this is a brilliantly suspenseful love story.

**March 1, 2016**

***An Unnecessary Woman*** by Ribah Alameddine

The late life-crisis of reclusive, septuagenarian Aaliya draws out musings on literature, art and philosophy, which are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and her volatile past. Fighting her aging body and spontaneous emotional upwellings, Aaliya is faced with an unthinkable disaster. A nuanced rendering of one woman's life in the Middle East and an enduring ode to literature and its power to define who we are.

**April 5, 2016**

***Mumbai Mornings*** by P.A. Chawla

Centering mostly on conversations between Saya and her mother, relatives long relegated to memory reappear through her mother's stories. Saya comes to realize that no life is ordinary. This tale casts an unsparing eye on the frailties and foibles of fathers and daughters, sons and lovers. This is a book about ambitious men and women striving for beauty and longing for redemption.

**May 3, 2016**

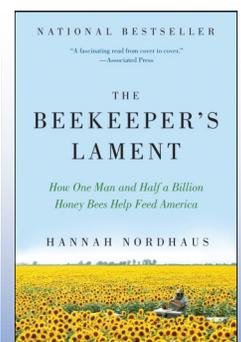
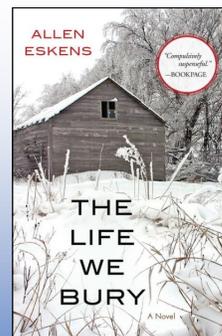
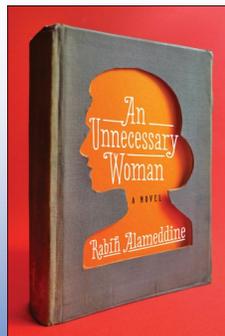
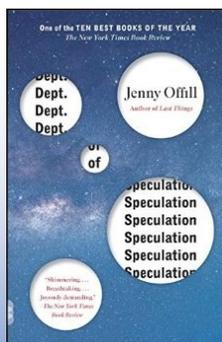
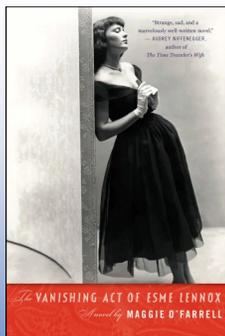
***Life We Bury*** by Allen Eskens

Armed with a class assignment to interview a stranger and write a biography, college student Joe Talbert meets Carl Iverson at the local nursing home. Carl has been medically paroled to the home, after spending 30 years in prison for rape and murder. Joe cannot reconcile Carl's valor in Vietnam with the despicable acts of the convict and throws himself into uncovering the truth.

**June 7, 2016**

***The Beekeeper's Lament: How One Man and Half a Billion Honeybees Feed America***  
**by Hannah Nordhaus**

Recounts the experience of John Miller, one of the country's foremost migratory beekeepers, who, despite mysterious epidemics that threaten the American honeybee population - and the nation's agribusiness - forges on and moves ahead in a new natural world.



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