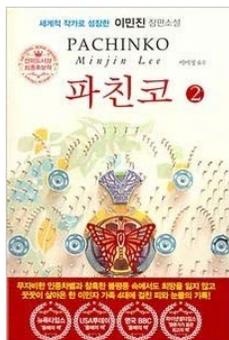
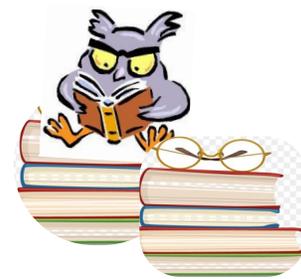


North County Branch Library

Book Discussion Group

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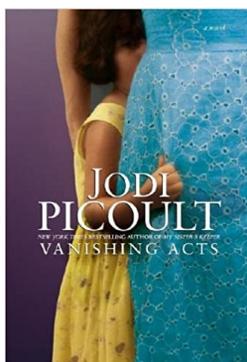
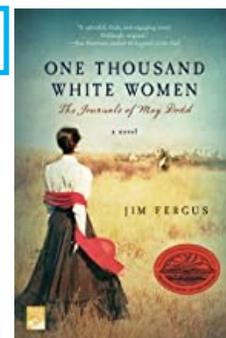


Pachinko by Min Jin Lee Tuesday Jan. 12 at 7 pm

Early 1900s Korea: Sunja, prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister marries her and takes her to Japan. So begins the saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the web of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.

1,000 White Women by Jim Fergus Tuesday Feb. 9 at 7 pm

An American western with an unusual twist, this is an imaginative fictional account of the controversial "Brides for Indians" program, a clandestine U.S. government "brides for horses" exchange intended to instruct "savages" in the ways of civilization and to assimilate the Indians into white culture through the offspring of these unions. May Dodd, imprisoned in a lunatic asylum by her father for running off with his foreman, jumps at the chance to accept Pres. Grant's offer. May's humorous and intelligent journals describe the adventures of some very colorful white brides (including one black one), their marriages to Cheyenne warriors, and the natural abundance of life on the prairie before the final press of the white man's civilization. Fergus portrays the perceptions and emotions of women with tremendous insight.

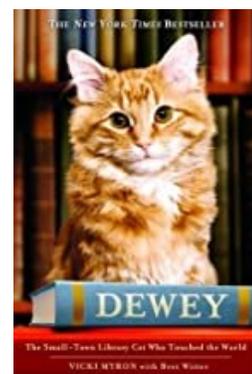


Vanishing Acts by Jodi Picoult Tuesday Mar. 9 at 7 pm

Single mom Delia Hopkins works with the local police and a bloodhound named Greta to find lost children. Delia's close relationship with her divorced father, Andrew, who runs a senior-citizens' home, grows strained when he's suddenly arrested on kidnapping charges. The victim is Delia herself, named Bethany Matthews before her father stole her from a drunken Mexican mother in Arizona. Delia has believed her mother Elise was dead. When Andrew is extradited to Phoenix, the strange history of the case unravels, complicated by the choice of Delia's fiancée, Eric (father of Sophie), as Andrew's lawyer. Picoult presents alternating viewpoints, so that the truth seems constantly to be shifting. When Delia finally meets Elise, she can't quite vilify a woman who has been sober for many years and works as a curandera (healer). The magnetic Eric is a recovering alcoholic who falls off the wagon when stressed. Meanwhile, Delia and Sophie make a fascinating digression into the mythical world of the local Hopi tribe.

Dewey by Vicki Myron Tuesday Apr. 13 at 7 pm

One freezing night in 1988, an eight-week-old kitten was left in the book drop of the Spencer Public Library. Head librarian Myron immediately fell in love with him, as did the rest of the library staff, and so *Dewey Readmore Books* became the library cat. Dewey grew into a handsome feline, making many friends in his 19 years at the library by sitting in laps and greeting library visitors at the door with an uncanny knack for knowing just who needed his affections: children, the elderly, and those on the fence regarding a library cat. Dewey's fame grew from town to town, then state to state, and, amazingly, worldwide. Dewey had an intense, special bond with Myron, who survived the loss of her family farm, a breast cancer scare, and an alcoholic husband. This charming and heartwarming story of an extraordinary feline will be welcomed by cat lovers and librarians who wish they had a library cat.



Call 730-6135 or email <http://www.hclibrary.us/eventsignup.htm> to reserve a book & a spot.

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