



## 2018 Manteno Library Book Club Reading List

**January:**     ***The Child Finder, Rene Denfeld***

A haunting , richly atmospheric, and deeply suspenseful novel from the acclaimed author of the *Enchanted* about an investigator who must use her unique insights to find a missing little girl.

**February:**   ***Good Me Bad Me, Ali Land***

How far does the apple really fall from the tree? Milly's mother is a serial killer--will Milly be good or is she bad?

**March:**       ***Life She Was Given, Ellen Marie Wiseman***

A vivid and daring novel about the devastating power of family secrets-- beginning in the poignant, lurid world of a Depression era traveling circus and coming full circle in the transformative 1950's.

**April:**        ***The Rent Collector, Camron Wright***

"The Rent Collector" powerfully illustrates how literacy can change lives and how anyone can "rise from the ashes" in the most unlikely places.

**May:**         ***The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah***

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are. The **Nightingale** tells the tale of two sisters separated by years of experience, ideals, passion and circumstance , each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France. A heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

**June:**         ***The Boys in the Boat, Daniel James Brown***

The story of nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronical of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

**August:        The Life We Bury, Allen Eskens**

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College Student Joe Tolbert has to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of person for an English class assignment. Joe meets Carl Iverson, a Vietnam vet convict-of murder and soon Joe's life is never the same.

**September:   A Little Life, Hanya Yanagihara**

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An epic about love and friendship in the twenty-first century that goes into some of the darkest places fiction has ever travelled and yet somehow improbably breaks through the light.

**October:       When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi**

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A profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question- What makes a life living?

**November:     The Nest, Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeny**

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A warm, funny and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives.

**December:     Stay With Me, Ayobami Adebayo**

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This celebrated, unforgettable first novel gives voice to both husband and wife as they he story of their marriage- and the forces that threaten to tear it apart.