## Some Recommendations from Our Adult Summer Reading Club

## **Fiction**

**Angelina's Bachelors** by Brian O'Reilly - Managing sudden joblessness by cooking sumptuous feasts that she shares with her neighbors, a recent widow is offered a job as cook for a retiree and his elderly sister.

**Betrayal** by Danielle Steel - Shattered by her boyfriend's infidelity, a movie director also discovers that one of her associates has been stealing from her and joins with a dashing FBI agent to identify her hidden enemy.

**The Darlings** by Cristina Alger - Working on the legal team for his billionaire father-in-law's hedge fund, a man must determine where his loyalties ultimately lie when a huge scandal threatens the family business.

**Faithful Place** by Tana French – A detective finds himself back in the dark tangle of relationships he left behind 22 years ago when a suitcase belonging to his first love shows up.

**Canada** by Richard Ford - A 15-year-old's world collapses when his parents are jailed for a bank robbery and he and his twin sister must flee across the border to an obscure town in Canada.

**The Darkest Road** by Tami Hoag - In the 1980s, a FBI agent taps into the powers of science-based forensic techniques to stop a killer who is terrorizing Oak Knoll, California. (Deeper than the Dead novels #3)

**The Ghost of Hannah Mendes** by Naomi Ragen – A ghost of a 16<sup>th</sup> century ancestor prompts a dying woman to send her granddaughters on a quest to find her missing medieval manuscript.

**Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn - When a woman goes missing her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, a suspect, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

**The Innocent** by David Baldacci – A freelance hit man working for the government rescues a teenage girl whose parents' disappearance may be linked to a vast, high-level cover-up.

**Matrimony** by Joshua Henkin - In 1987, an encounter between the scion of a New York City old money family and a beautiful Jewish aspiring writer ignites a love affair spurred on by family tragedy that spans 20 years.

*Minding Frankie* by Maeve Binchy - A recovering alcoholic turns to a loving network of family and friends for help after agreeing to care for the baby that a terminally ill former girlfriend claims is his.

**Moral Disorder** by Margaret Atwood - Interconnected tales that span the life of a skeptical, stoic, book-loving woman named Nell.

**The Murderer's Daughter** by Randy Susan Meyers - Thirty years after the murder of their mother by their father, two sisters find their lives on the brink of collapse as their father is about to be paroled.

**The Newlyweds** by Nell Freudenberger - The tale of a 24-year-old Bangladeshi woman, who becomes the email—order bride of a 34-year-old electrical engineer in Rochester, N.Y.

**On Folly Beach** by Karen White – A young widow, mired in grief, begins to move on when she comes across hidden love notes in a box of books the relics of clandestine love affair from the 1940s.

**Other Waters** by Eleni N. Gage – A psychiatric intern in New York returns to India to get to the bottom of her father's claim that a curse has been placed on their family as the result of a property dispute.

**Pages for You** by Sylvia Brownrigg - A seventeen-year-old develops a lusty obsession for a female graduate student teacher, but as the two become closer, she learns more about her teacher than she ever wanted to.

**Prodigal Summer** by Barbara Kingsolver - A wildlife biologist is caught off guard by a hunter, while a bookish city wife faces a difficult identity choice and elderly neighbors find attraction amidst a feud.

**Sacre Bleu: A Comedy d'art** by Christopher Moore – A baker-turned-painter and Toulouse-Lautrec vow to discover the truth behind the untimely death of their friend van Gogh, which leads them on a surreal odyssey.

**The Sandcastle Girls** by Chris Bohjalian - Parallel stories of a woman who falls in love with a soldier during the Armenian Genocide and a modern-day New Yorker rediscovering her Armenian past.

**The Secret Between Us** by Barbara Delinsky - An otherwise responsible mother lies to police to protect her daughter after a car accident that causes the death of a local teacher.

**Secret Confessions of the Applewood PTA** by Ellen Meister - Three women who form the publicity committee of a PTA launch a campaign to bring George Clooney to their Long Island backyard.

**Serpent's Kiss** by Melissa de la Cruz – A family of witches must deal with a series of events which culminates in an explosive Thanksgiving family reunion that results in magical mayhem. (Witches of East End novels #2)

**Shadow of Night** by Deborah E. Harkness - A reluctant witch and a vampire geneticist journey back to 1590 England, intent on finding a magic teacher and locating an enchanted manuscript. (All Souls Trilogy #2)

**The Street Sweeper** by Elliot Perlman - a Polish Jew tells of his ordeal in a Nazi death camp to a black American ex-con while evidence of black American soldiers liberating a concentration camp is unearthed.

**Where Dreams Begin** by Lisa Kleypas - A beautiful and passionate young woman risks her reputation when she decides to follow rake Zachary Bronson into a scandalous but satisfying partnership.

**The Uninvited Guests** by Sadie Jones – When the birthday celebration of an Edwardian young woman is interrupted by the arrival of survivors from a train wreck the evening undergoes a strange transformation.

**When God was a Rabbit** by Sarah Winman - Traces the bond of love and secrets between a woman and her brother, a relationship marked by a secretive friend and historical events from more than three decades.

**A Woman of Consequence** by Anna Dean – In Regency England, an amateur sleuth sets out to disprove the notion that a visiting young lady suffered a fall because of sighting a ghost. (Dido Kent Mysteries #3)

## Non-Fiction

*Mr. and Mrs. Madison's War* by Hugh Howard – An acclaimed historian presents a gripping account of the War of 1812 as James and Dolley Madison experienced it.

**Thunder Dog** by Michael Hingson & Susy Flory - The story of a four-legged superhero named Roselle, who led her blind owner out of the ruins of the World Trade Center.

**What Einstein Told His Cook** by Robert Woke – This award-winning Washington Post food columnist provides reliable and witty explanations for common food questions, while debunking misconceptions

**The Widow Clicquot** by Tilar J. Mazzeo - Brings to life the fascinating woman behind the champagne, who after her husband's death, defied convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business.

**Wild** by Cheryl Strayed - the story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe and built her back up again.

**Zoobiquity** by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz & Kathryn Bowers - Presents an understanding of what animals can teach us about the human body and mind.