

## January Newsletter

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### Book Event Highlights

**Wednesday, January 9th at 7 pm:** [Sa'ud Abdul Khabeer](#), author of *[Muslim Cool: Race, Religion and Hip Hop in the United States](#)*, AADL Downtown Branch Multi-purpose Room, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

**Thursday, January 10th at 7 pm:** Arthur Nusbaum, owner of [Third Mind Books](#) and author of *[Starting from San Francisco: Thomas Rain Crowe in Conversation with Third Mind Books](#)*, Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Ave.

**Thursday, January 10th at 7 pm:** [Peter Leonard](#), author of *[Raylan Goes to Detroit](#)*, Literati Bookstore, 124 E. Washington.

**Wednesday, January 16th at 7 pm:** [Michelle Kuo](#), author of the 2019 *[Washtenaw Reads](#)* pick *[Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship](#)*, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington.

**Thursday, January 24th at 4 pm:** [James Forman Jr.](#), Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *[Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America](#)*, University of Michigan Weiser Hall, Room 1010

**Thursday, January 24th at 5:30 pm:** [Elif Batuman](#), author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated novel, *[The Idiot](#)*, hosted by the Helen Zell Writers' Program, UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State St.

Visit our [events calendar](#) for more January book events!

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### Event Photo Highlight



**Carolyn Hermann and her transgender teen son Eli answer questions for attendees at the Ann Arbor event for the I am Jazz Countywide Day of Reading, sponsored by the Washtenaw and Livingston Counties Transgender Task Force, hosted by [Bookbound Bookstore](#), Thursday, December 6th.**

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Happy New Year!

Another year has come to an end and we are excited by the continued growth of the Ann Arbor Book Society. This year we organized our board, doubled our volunteers and became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization! In 2019, we look forward to building our board, redeveloping our website, and finding fun and creative ways to celebrate the book community in Ann Arbor and support the organizations that foster it. But we need your help! We've created a short survey to find out a bit about your reading interests and how you interact with Ann Arbor's book culture and the Ann Arbor Book Society.

We hope you will take a few minutes to answer our questions so we can develop our organization to best serve the book community we love.

## Readers Survey

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### **Reading Challenge**

A new year is upon us, and what better way to start it then to think about what you'll read in 2019? With so many excellent books regularly hitting the shelves, it can be overwhelming to decide what to read next, so we compiled a reading challenge to help you on your way. While you may not be inspired to read all types of books below, we are confident you'll find some suggestions that will spark your interest and broaden your perspective. Who knows? You may even discover some books that will change your life!

Good luck and happy reading!

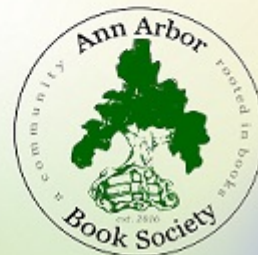
# ANN ARBOR BOOK SOCIETY

## 2019 READING CHALLENGE

### Read a book...

- ☐ of poetry
- ☐ of short stories
- ☐ by an author of a different gender than your own
- ☐ by an author of a different ethnicity than your own
- ☐ with a protagonist who has a disability
- ☐ with an LGBT+ protagonist
- ☐ by a Michigan author
- ☐ that takes place in Michigan
- ☐ that's been translated into English
- ☐ that takes place in a country you have not visited
- ☐ about a historical figure
- ☐ that is a memoir
- ☐ that was given to you as a gift
- ☐ that has won an award
- ☐ about a bookstore or library
- ☐ published in the previous century
- ☐ that is a graphic novel
- ☐ a children's classic you always wanted to read
- ☐ published the year you were born
- ☐ that has been banned
- ☐ that challenges your point of view
- ☐ that has been made into a movie

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### Did You Know?

### Save the Date!

Saturday, February 23rd and  
Sunday, February 24th: [Friends of the  
Ann Arbor District Library Bag Sale](#)

Sunday, February 24th: [Third  
Annual African-American Family](#)





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