Galesburg Public Library Book Club Kits

If you have a book club kit title to suggest, please speak to a Reference librarian.

***Always the Young Strangers* by Carl Sandburg.** Carl Sandburg's touching memoir about growing up in Galesburg. Related DVD: *Boyhood on the Prairie* or *A Visit with Carl Sandburg*.

***The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.** Classic fiction covering a few days in the life of teenager Holden Caulfield, who has run away from his prep school at the start of Christmas break. Related DVD: *Catching Salinger: The Search for the Reclusive Writer J. D. Salinger*.

***Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer.** Oskar Schell, who lost his father in the World Trade Center, hunts for the lock that matches the mysterious key left behind by his father. Related DVD: *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*.

***Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.** Dystopian novel set in a future American society where books are outlawed and firemen burn any house that contains them. Related DVD: *Fahrenheit 451*.

Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe. A collection of the Gothic master's classic works. Read and discuss a few poems and stories or the whole collection. Related DVD: *The House of Usher.*

***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.** Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of Guernsey during the German occupation and of an extraordinary society.

***Harvest Poems* by Carl Sandburg.** A representative collection of Carl Sandburg's poems. Related DVD: *Dust and Dreams.*

***The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.** Fiction set in Mississippi in the 1960s, when a southern society girl causes a stir by interviewing the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Related DVD: *The Help*.

***The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.** Fantasy about a hobbit who leaves his comfortable home to go on an adventure with 13 dwarves and a wizard. Theatrical movie part 1 due out December 2012.

***The Host* by Stephenie Meyer.** Dystopian romance set in a future where the Earth has been taken over by aliens, but small bands of humans struggle to survive and take back the planet. Theatrical movie due out March 2013.

***The Hour I First Believed* by Wally Lamb.** Fiction about a school nurse trapped in the Columbine library during the shootings, how she copes, and her husband's quest for meaning and faith. Related DVD: *Bowling for Columbine,* Michael Moore's documentary about gun control.

The Hunger Games **by Suzanne Collins.** Fiction set in a future North America where teenagers are forced to fight to death on a television show; one 16-year-old girl volunteers to take her younger sister's place in the Hunger Games. Related DVD: *The Hunger Games*.

Little Heathens **by Mildred Armstrong Kalish**. Nonfiction detailing one woman's memories of growing up in Iowa during the Great Depression. Related DVD: *The People in the Pictures: Stories from the Wettach Farm Photos*.

Lone Wolf **by Jodi Picoult.** A novel that looks at the intersection between medical science and moral choices, as two siblings disagree over whether to keep their comatose father on life support.

A Long Way from Chicago **by Richard Peck.** Warm and humorous fiction about two young siblings from Chicago spending summers from 1929-1942 with their unforgettable grandmother in central Illinois.

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand **by Helen Simonson**. Fiction about Major Ernest Pettigrew, honor-bound Englishman and widower, who falls for Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper in the small village in which they live.

My Ántonia **by Willa Cather**. Classic novel about a young Bohemian girl who immigrates to Nebraska with her family in the late 19th century.

Of Men and Their Mothers **by Memeve Medwed.** Comic fiction in which Maisie clashes with her former mother-in-law while trying to raise her son and run her organizing business.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil **by John Berendt.** Nonfiction about a murder trial in Savannah, Georgia in the 1980s. Related DVD: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency **by Alexander McCall Smith.** Mystery set in Botswana about Mma Precious Ramotswe and her No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency. Related DVD: first episode from the HBO television series of the same name.

Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie. Fiction about a bluesman's gift of a guitar to a Native American on a reservation. Related DVD: *Chiefs*.

The Time Traveler's Wife **by Audrey Niffenegger.** Fiction about a man with a genetic disorder that causes him to time travel and the wife who has to cope with his frequent absences and dangerous experiences. Related DVD: *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

An Unsuitable Job for a Woman **by P.D. James.** 1972 English mystery featuring private detective Cordelia Gray. Related DVD: *Mystery: An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*.

The Vow by Kim and Krickitt Carpenter. Tells the true story of a couple in a car accident that left the wife with no memory of their marriage. Related DVD: *The Vow*.