

# Book Talking

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## 2016 schedule

**January 26 “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah** This epic panorama of WWII illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. It tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France.

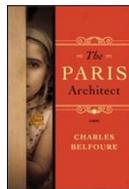
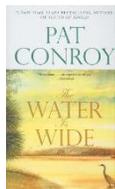
**February 23 “The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion” By Fannie Flagg** Mrs. Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama, has just married off the last of her daughters and begins a search for answers that takes her to California and back to the 1940s in Pulaski, Wisconsin where a girl named Fritzi takes on the job of running her family’s filling station.

**March 22 “The Water is Wide” by Pat Conroy** Pat Conroy writes about his own experiences as a teacher on Yamacraw Island in South Carolina.

**April 26 “Paris Architect” by Charles Belfoure** In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money - and maybe get him killed. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it.

**May 24 “Driftless” by David Rhodes** This novel is set in Words, Wisconsin, and has an extraordinary cast of characters. There is a middle-aged couple who zealously guard their farm from a scheming milk cooperative; a lifelong invalid, crippled by conflicting emotions about her sister; a cantankerous retiree, haunted by childhood memories after discovering a cougar in his haymow’ and a former drifter who forever alters the ties that bind the community.

**June 28 “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline** Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to “aging out” out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only hope for Molly. While helping Vivian, Molly discovers that Vivian was a young Irish immigrant who was orphaned in New York City and put on a train to the Midwest.



**July 26 “The Apple Orchard” by Susan Wiggs** Tess Delaney receives the news that her grandfather who she never met is in a coma and that she is destined to inherit half of a hundred-acre apple orchard estate called Bella Vista. The rest is willed to Isabel Johansen, the half-sister she never knew she had.

**August 23 “Driven: From homeless to hero, my journeys on and off Lambeau Field”** From Green Bay Packer player, Donald Driver recalls his time growing up in Houston, spending nights living in a U-Haul trailer with and mother. He recalls stealing cars and selling drugs with his brother to get by. Using his speed, skill and smile he became a fan favorite at Lambeau Field. He writes about his wife and children in this story as well.

**September 27 “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd** Sarah Grimke’s eleventh birthday is celebrated by her being given ownership of ten year old Handful, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other’s destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

**October 25 “Boys In the boat: Nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics” by Daniel James Brown** It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington’s eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler.

**November 22 “Leaving Time” by Jodi Picoult** Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who worked with elephants, and who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Desperate to find the truth, Jenna enlists two unlikely allies in her quest: Serenity Jones, a psychic who rose to fame finding missing persons, and Virgil Stanhope, the jaded private detective who’d originally investigated Alice’s case. As the three work together to uncover what happened to Alice, they realize that in asking hard questions, they’ll have to face even harder answers.

**December 20 “Christmas Wedding Ring” by Susan Mallery** In her youth, Molly Anderson couldn't help crushing on gorgeous bad boy Dylan Black—even though he had eyes only for her older sister. Years later, dumped by her fiancé just before Christmas, she's finally ready to take Dylan up on his promise. The only gift she truly wants now is Dylan's love, but when he discovers the secret she's been keeping, she may lose him again...this time forever.

