

GREAT BOOKS READING LIST 2023–2024
Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Falls Church, Virginia

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and how to participate.*

September

9/26/23 *Inferno Cantos 1-5*
Dante [download from [infernobydante.wordpress.com](https://www.infernobydante.wordpress.com)]

October

10/10/23 *Jon*
George Saunders [Great Books volume: *Imperfect Ideal*]

10/24/23 *Hiroshima*
John Hersey [*New Yorker Magazine*, 8/23/46, available
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1946/08/31/hiroshima>]

November

11/14/23 *The Importance of Being Ernest*
Oscar Wilde [Play: Available on Project Gutenberg]
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*No meeting scheduled for 11/28

December

12/12/23 *Abel Sanchez*
Miguel de Unamuno [Book: Available on Project Gutenberg]

*No meeting scheduled for 12/26

January

1/9/24 *Through the Looking Glass*
Lewis Carroll [Book: Available on Project Gutenberg]

1/23/24 *The Beast in the Jungle*
Henry James [Novella: Available on Project Gutenberg]

February

2/13/24

Hedda Gabler

Henrik Ibsen [Play: Available on Project Gutenberg]

2/27/24

The Machine Stops

E.M. Forster [Great Books volume: *Imperfect Ideal*]

March

3/12/24

To Room 19

Doris Lessing [Great Books volume: *Great Conversations 5*]

3/26/24

Human Personality

Simone Weil [Great Books volume: *Great Conversations 5*]

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April

4/9/24

A Still Moment

Eudora Welty [Great Books volume: *Great Conversations 5*]

4/23/24

Man and Nature (selection)

George Perkins Marsh [Great Books volume: *Keeping Things Whole*]

May

5/14/24

What Is Political Philosophy? (Chapter 1 from the book of same title). Leo Strauss [Reading to be scanned and distributed via email by moderator prior to the meeting]

5/28/24

The Economics of the Coming Spaceship Earth

Kenneth Boulding [Great Books volume: *Keeping Things Whole*]

June

6/11/24

What Is Art?

Leo Tolstoy [Available on Project Gutenberg]

6/25/24

Recognition of Gaia (selection)

James E. Lovelock [Great Books volume: *Keeping Things Whole*]

July

7/9/24

Selected Poems: “The Windhover,” “Pied Beauty,” “Carrión Comfort,” “The Wreck of the Deutschland”
Gerard Manley Hopkins [Available on poetry.com]

7/23/24

The Bell

Iris Murdoch [Book: Questions are available in the Discussion Guide in the Great Books volume: *Great Conversations 5*]

August

8/13/24

Bright and Morning Star

Richard Wright [Great Books volume: *Great Conversations 5*]

8/27/24

Assignment TBA

Request to Participate

Discussions are held virtually on Zoom unless otherwise noted. Please email Amy Azzam (the group's volunteer coordinator) at amyazzam@gmail.com for a Zoom invite or more information.

Great Books Discussion Series

A "Great Books" discussion concentrating on literary classics (both traditional and modern) usually meeting at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. **All are welcome!**