

Feb. 12 & March 12, (also discussion of Book Group reformation)

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles (462 pg), discussion facilitator - Mary Shukie
(http://catalog.prattlibrary.org/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=A+Gentleman+in+Moscow&te=&dt=list)

A Russian count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

April 9,

The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene (222 pg), discussion facilitator - Will Howard
(http://catalog.prattlibrary.org/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=&qu=TITLE%3DThe+Power+and+the+Glory+&qu=AUTHOR%3DGraham+Greene+&dt=list)

The book's hero is an unnamed priest on the run from Mexican authorities after a state governor has ordered the military to dismantle all vestiges of the religion. Churches are burned. Relics, medals, and crosses are banned. The price for disobedience is death.

May 14,

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande (282 pg), discussion facilitator - Jean-Marie Moore
(http://catalog.prattlibrary.org/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=&qu=TITLE%3DBeing+Mortal+&qu=AUTHOR%3DAtul+Gawande+&dt=list)

The book addresses hospice care and the current state of care in regard to age-related frailty, serious illness and impending death. Gawande's reflections are interspersed with personal stories.

June 11,

The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott (247 pg), discussion facilitator - Neil Kenny
(http://catalog.prattlibrary.org/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=&qu=TITLE%3DThe+Ninth+Hour+&qu=AUTHOR%3DAlice+McDermott+&dt=list)

Catholic Brooklyn, in the early part of the twentieth century: Decorum, superstition, and shame collude to erase the man's brief existence. Yet his suicide, although never spoken of, reverberates through many lives and over the decades—testing the limits and the demands of love and sacrifice, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, even through multiple generations.

July 9,

The Sun does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton (272 pg), discussion facilitator - Ann Vinup
(http://catalog.prattlibrary.org/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=&qu=TITLE%3DThe+Sun+does+Shine+&qu=AUTHOR%3DAnthony+Ray+Hinton+&dt=list)

In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. With no money and a different system of justice for a poor black man in the South,

Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. As Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive, but find a way to live on Death Row. For the next twenty-seven years he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates.