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[Duluth, MN] Book clubs at the Main Duluth Public Library are back and better than ever!

Starting in February, the Main Library will offer four in-person book clubs to the Duluth community. Each month book club attendees will pick out a new book for the following month. If you have a DPL card, books will be available at the circulation desk at the Main Library to check out while supplies last.

Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, dig into the true meaning of the story, and promote a love of literature. Though these book clubs are in-person, library staff are monitoring COVID-19 cases and the meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

"We ask, as we do with all our patrons, that COVID-19 guidelines are followed. If the book clubs prove to be endangering the health of the staff or participants we will move to an online setting," said Book Club Coordinator, Sarah Villanueva, "the meeting will be conducted just as the book club would be with patrons being emailed the meeting link before the book club date."

Below is a list of the different book clubs being offered and a description of each one:

The Book Club in a Bar- Thursday, February 10, 2022 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Books and food go together like peanut butter and jelly, so why not have both? Each month participants will meet at a different local bar to discuss their book of the month. February's pick is *The Woman in Cabin 10* by *Ruth Ware* and the meeting site is Grandma's Saloon in Canal Park. Registration is required on our website.

The Non-Fiction Book Club- Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Main Library, Green Room: Are true stories your thing? Do you like memoirs, true crime, factual truth bombs? The Non-Fiction Book Club is for you! February's choice is *Furiously Happy* by *Jenny Lawson*, a comedic memoir exploring extreme depression and neurodivergent. In Lawson's book, you will learn what it is like for a person whose brain works differently and how they process the world around them.

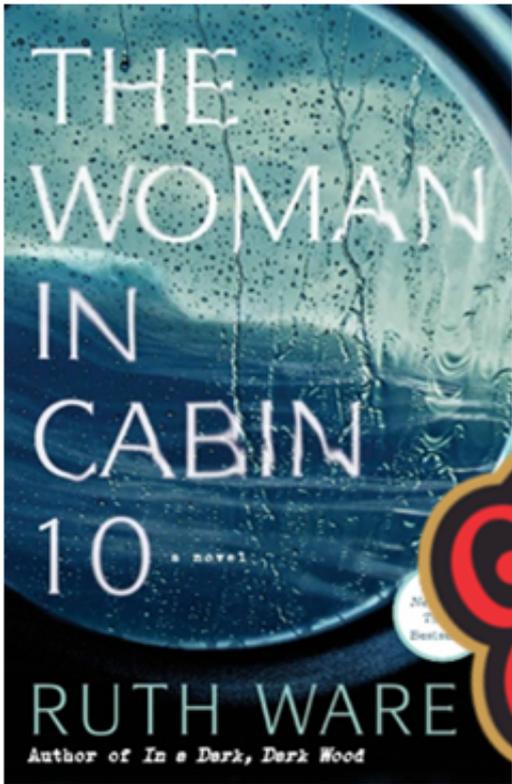
The Morning Book Club- Thursday, February 17, 2022 – 10:00 am – 11:00 am, Main Library, Gold Room: Do you enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea with your book club? We are offering a morning book club for those of you whose evenings are full and you just need a break to talk about books. This month we will be discussing *Kristin Hannah's The Nightingale*, the tale of two sisters and their struggles and triumphs through the Nazi occupation of France. Read the book now before it becomes a movie later in 2022!

The Diversity Book Club- Thursday, February 17, 2022 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Main Library, Gold Room: Book clubs offer us a chance to read into the lives of those different from us. Our minds are opened to new experiences all from the comfort of our armchairs. We read to broaden our horizons, and choosing diverse books is a fantastic way to start conversations with those different from us. In February's book, *Felix Ever After* by *Kacen Callender*, Felix Love wants to fall in love. But when an internet bully dead names Felix in front of his entire school life becomes even more challenging. Told with amazing finesse and charm, Callender will introduce us to what it is like to be transgender and how to find love in this world.

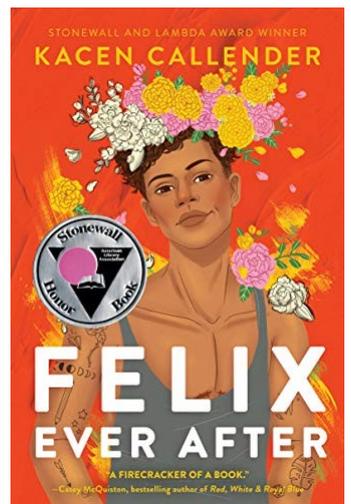
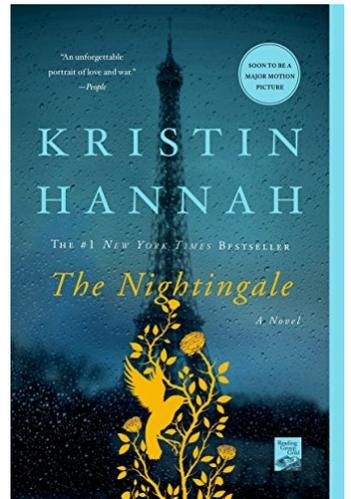
A list of questions for each book club can be found on our online calendar, duluthlibrary.org.

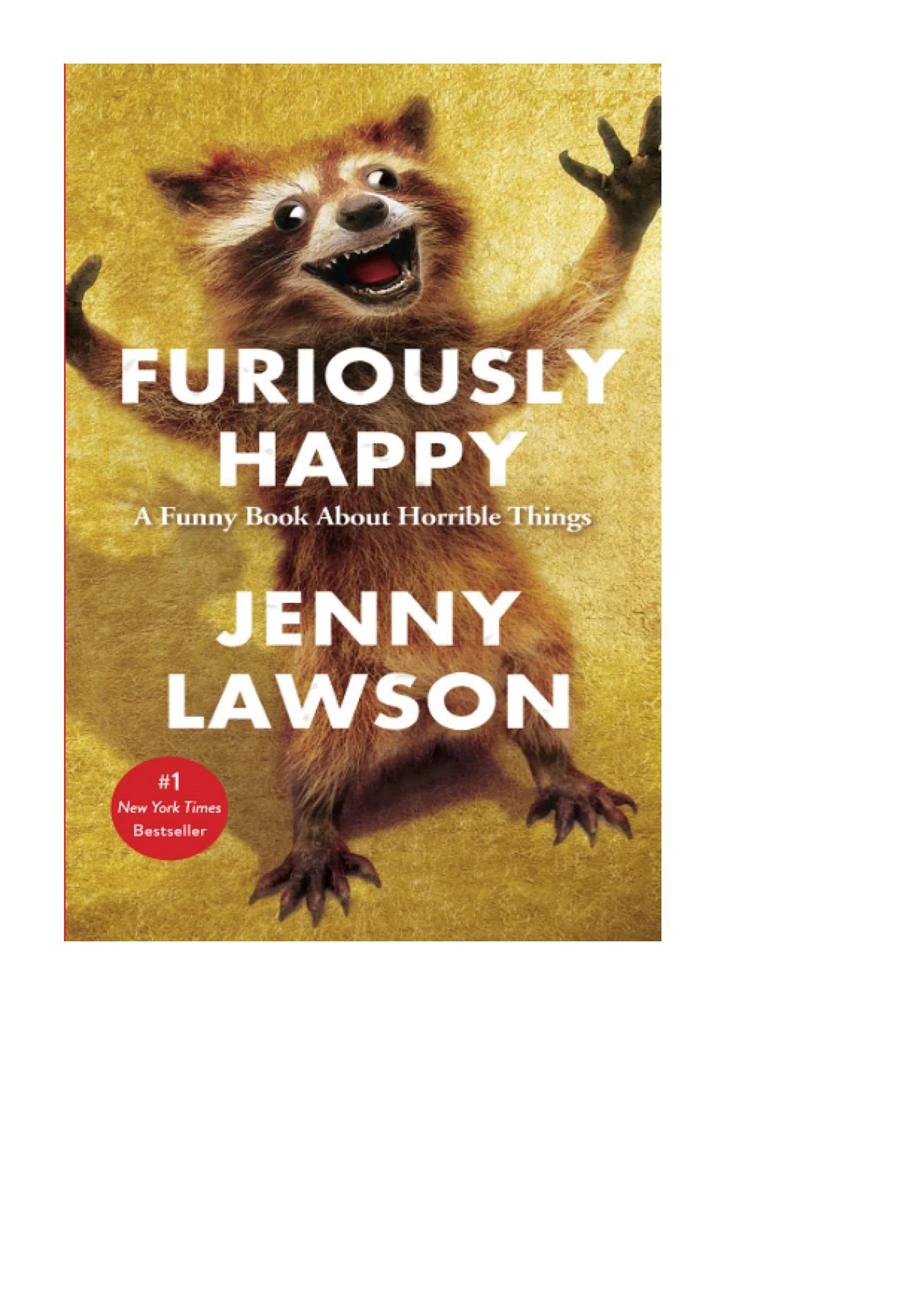
The two library branches also have book clubs of their own. They meet monthly.

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