

Turn the Page Book Club Book List by Month

About this event

Join us to explore this pivotal moment in history. Through reading bold and thought-provoking books, we'll uncover revolutionary ideas, challenge the status quo, and spark the conversations that shape tomorrow.

Book for June 2026: *A Resistance History of the United States* by Tad Stoermer explores the moments when people refused the stories meant to justify authority. That defiance took many forms: the women and men in Salem who would not confess to witchcraft; the Black Loyalists who seized their own freedom during the Revolutionary War; the Anti-Federalists who forced a Bill of Rights to limit nationalist power. Later generations carried their refusal into new terrain—Ona Judge's escape from enslavement, Henry David Thoreau's challenge to the state, the clandestine networks of the Underground Railroad, and the uncompromising resolve of John Brown and the Six, whose actions helped push the nation toward civil war and set the stage for the Radical Republicans' fight to build a new republic from the ruins.

Book for May 2026: *Taming Silicon Valley* by Gary Marcus contends that AI can make society or break it. It could revolutionize science, medicine, technology, and deliver us a world of abundance and better health. Or it could lead to the downfall of democracy, an explosion in cybercrime, and possibly even worse. It's also been wildly oversold. This book cuts through hype. He explains why current AI is both morally and technically inadequate and shows what we need to do as a society – and as individual citizens - to get to an AI that works for all of us.

Book for April 2026: *History of Puerto Rico: Pedro Albizu Campos The Struggle for Puerto Rican Independence* by Alex Alicea. Pedro Albizu Campos stands as one of Puerto Rico's most formidable historical figures. This book immerses readers in the story of a man who embodied anti-imperialist resistance. It traces Albizu Campos's intellectual evolution, his connections to worldwide decolonization movements. This book invites critical examination of colonial legacies and continuing self-determination movements. It challenges readers, Puerto Rican and international, to reconsider freedom's meaning and the sacrifices demanded in defending one's homeland. "Pedro Albizu Campos: The Struggle for Puerto Rican Independence" offers an opportunity to engage with justice's pursuit and discover how Albizu Campos's life shapes Puerto Rico's ongoing journey toward self-determination.

Book for March 2026: Copaganda: How Police and the Media Manipulate Our News by

Alec Karakatsanis From the prizewinning rising legal star, the deeply researched and definitive book on the way the media and police distract us from what matters “Copaganda,” as defined by Alec Karakatsanis, describes a special kind of propaganda that affects who and what we fear and what kinds of social investments we support to address our fears. At a time when the United States incarcerates five times more people per capita than its own historical average and five to ten times more people per capita than other countries, its vast punishment bureaucracy spends huge amounts of time and money manipulating the rest of us to see the world from its point of view.

Book for February 2026: *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community* by [African-American minister](#), [Nobel Peace Prize laureate](#), and [social justice](#) campaigner [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) Advocating for [human rights](#) and a sense of [hope](#), it was King's fourth and last book before his [1968 assassination](#).

Book for January 2026: *Gilded Rage* by Jacob Silverman. Over the last 15 years, a group of businessmen mostly based in Silicon Valley—startup founders and tech venture capitalists such as Elon Musk, Marc Andreessen, Peter Thiel, David Sacks, Vivek Ramaswamy, and JD Vance—traded liberal or libertarian views for increasingly extreme right-wing, conspiratorial, and faux-populist ones. Silverman concludes that there were many reasons why. Tech leaders’ business success and wealth, inflated by years of near-zero interest rates, fed an impenetrable faith in their own exceptionalism.

Book for December: *The 1619 Project A New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones. The 1619 Project is *The New York Times Magazine’s* award-winning reframing of American history that placed slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. The project, which was initially launched in August of 2019, offered a revealing new origin story for the United States, one that helped explain not only the persistence of anti-Black racism and inequality in American life today, but also the roots of so much of what makes the country unique.

Book for November: *Why Civil Resistance Works | The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict* by Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan

For more than a century, from 1900 to 2006, campaigns of nonviolent resistance were more than twice as effective as their violent counterparts in achieving their stated goals. By attracting impressive support from citizens, whose activism takes the form of protests, boycotts, civil disobedience, and other forms of nonviolent noncooperation, these efforts help separate regimes from their main sources of power and produce remarkable results, even in Iran, Burma, the Philippines, and the Palestinian Territories.

Book for October: *Why Fascists Fear Teachers*, by Randi Weingarten

*“Teachers are under siege not for anything they do wrong, but for what they do right. The title of my new book, *Why Fascists Fear Teachers*, is intended as a warning, but it may belie what the book is at its core: a love letter to teachers. I write about teachers’ seemingly small everyday acts, like fostering empathy, confidence, critical thinking and mastery, that cultivate opportunity and humanity in our young people.” – Randi Weingarten*

<https://www.aft.org/column/why-fascists-fear-teachers>

Book for September: *How to Stand up to a Dictator: The Fight for Our Future* is a memoir and journalistic exposé written by Maria Ressa, a renowned Filipino-American journalist and cofounder of the news website Rappler. Ressa’s expertise stems from her decades-long career in journalism, including her work as CNN’s bureau chief in Manila and Jakarta, and her firsthand experience confronting authoritarianism in the Philippines.

Book for July/August: *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad. From award-winning novelist and journalist Omar El Akkad comes a powerful reckoning with what it means to live in a West that betrays its fundamental values.