

# First Book Club

October 5, 2024

Moderator: Carmella Walsh, PhD

## Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all. With the Padavanos, William experiences a newfound contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos.

But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations. Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough to draw them back together when it matters most?

Hello Beautiful is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB

## The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

GMA and New York Times bestselling book

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In The Midnight Library, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

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## Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

New York Times bestselling book

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.



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The cost is \$80 for 7 classes unless otherwise stated. **ONLINE Classes:** Please view dates and times in the course description. Registration form on website: [www.pandolalearningcenter.org](http://www.pandolalearningcenter.org) Call for information 410-866-8494 Students must register for online classes, so an invitation can be sent asking you to join our secure online educational platform.

**Dates for Saturday classes:**

**October 5, 12, 26**

**November 2, 9, 16, 23**

**December 7**

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## HOMEMADE GNOCCHI

Learn to make this scrumptious Italian pasta with our resident chef! He will present techniques for making the dough and rolling out this delicious dish. **Saturday, November 9**  
Instructor: Mark Orendorff **In Center (11-12:30) Fee \$25.00**

## DELICIOUS HONEY - A NATURAL STAPLE OF LIFE SEMINAR

Backyard Beekeeping: A deep look at the importance of helping our pollinators. Explore the fascinating world of keeping a healthy honeybee colony and how to extract honey from a hive.  
Instructor: Tim Elliott **In Center TBA (11-1:00) Fee \$10.00**

## PYSANKY EGGS

Have you ever wondered how to create beautiful Pysanky decorated eggs? The instructor will provide the specific techniques used to create these incredible eggs. Each student will have the opportunity to paint an egg and share for Christmas. **Saturday, October 12**  
Instructor: Halyna Mudryj **In Center (11-1:00) Fee \$25.00**

## A FABALOUS FALL FESTE!

Three exciting classes! Learn to make the refreshing aperitif, Limoncello. Searching for ingredients and supplies is a challenge, so we present a novel approach with new this Feste! This year we will provide all materials AND great instruction. In the first class of **LIMONCELLO**, on November 2, you will begin the process of infusion. In the second class on November 16, you will create your own bottle of home-made, authentic Italian liquor to enjoy during the holidays! You will participate in THREE classes on these TWO dates. As part of our Fall Feste, we will also offer **ITALIAN ARANCINE!** In this third class, Joe Gardella, Little Italy Chef and partner of the new "Benny's" will demonstrate how to make scrumptious rice balls filled with cheese or meat.

Instructors: Arthur Gentile & Joe Gardella will be present November 24. Fee for three sessions \$65  
**In Center (Saturday November 2 and 16 (10:30-12:30))**

## WHY THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HONORS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

One-Hour Zoom Presentation by Dr. DeSimone, Ph.D. The defining moment in the Dawn of the Modern Era was the result of the efforts of one Italian man who changed the history of the world forever! Learn the truth about Christopher Columbus and why he holds a singular place in the hearts of Italian Americans. This class is offered as part of a service to our community, BUT you must register so we can invite you to join our private platform.  
Instructor: Dr. DeSimone, Ph.D. **Online October 15 (7-8 pm) FREE**

## ASSISTANCE for our ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY:

Mrs. Pina Culotta will share her expertise regarding pensions from Italy and other countries.  
**Call 410- 868-7296 for an appointment.**

## NEW! NEW! NEW!

## DISCOVER THE SICILIAN DIALECT!

This new course will explore the Sicilian dialect and the many nuances of the language spoken on this ancient island. Words, phrases, and comparisons with Italian will be presented.  
Beginner's Sicilian by Joseph Privitera (book available on Amazon for under \$10)  
Instructor: Fabiana Alajmo **In Center Saturdays starting October 5 (12:30 -1:30)**

## EXPLORATORY ITALIAN

Basic introduction to the Italian language. Learn words, phrases, and basic conversation. Discover the language of your beloved ancestors! Textbook for both classes is Italian is Fun.  
**Online: Tuesdays starting October 8 (7-8 pm)** Instructor: Luanna Colloca, Ph.D  
**In Center: Saturdays starting October 5 (11-12)** Instructor: Giustina Martire

## CONTINUING EXPLORATORY ITALIAN (third session)

Continue your study of the Italian language. Learn words, phrases, and basic conversation. Discover the language of your beloved ancestors. Textbook is Italian is Fun.  
Instructors: Lea Puliti & Mary Knab **In Center: Saturdays starting October 5 (11-12:30)**

## INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED ITALIAN

This class is designed for students who have knowledge of written and spoken Italian.  
Instructor: Luana Colloca, MD, PhD **Online: Tuesdays starting October 8 (8-9 pm)**

## CONTINUING ITALIAN

Discover information and hints to make your journey with the fantastic Italian language. Continue to refresh your skills with grammar, phrases, and conversation.  
Instructor: Fabiana Alajmo **In Center: Saturdays starting October 5 (11-12:15)**

## ADVANCED ITALIAN

This Italian Intermediate/Advanced Conversation Course introduces the New Textbook "NUOVO MAGARI B1/B2" that aims to teach Italian Language & Culture through five, different Macro-Thematic Areas (Geography, Society, Art, Language, and History). The student navigates to learn more about the Italy of yesterday and today, using all four main language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. This textbook is particularly good for students on an Intermediate level of Italian Language (preferably B1 Level) who wish to refresh and improve their skills at a higher Intermediate/Advanced Level (B2 Level or higher) of Italian language. Only Italian will be spoken during the class, and grammar will be reviewed.  
Textbook used is the Nuovo Magari B1/B2 (available on Amazon)  
Instructor: TBA **Online: Thursdays March 7 (7-9 pm)**

## LEARN HOW TO PLAY BOCCIA

Learn how to play on our newly renovated courts outside the Little Italy Sons of Italy Lodge from our talented staff!  
Instructors: Frank Corazza & Frank Batterman **October 5, 12 (11-1) Fee \$15**

## ITALIAN CHRISTMAS TREATS

Remember the delicious treats created by a beloved family member? Treat your loved ones to scrumptious sweets. Begin a new family tradition! **In Center, Saturday November 23 (11-1) Fee \$25**  
Instructors: Nancy Barbieri Wolfe, Mary Ann Barbieri, Owen & Celeste DiFerdinando Hughes

## SIGN LANGUAGE:

Adults and children will learn Basis American Manual Alphabet, prayers, numbers and simple conversation. **In Center: Saturday, October 12, 26 (12-1) Fee: \$15**  
Instructor Sadie Zaccari-Witz

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