

PS BOOK CLUB NOTES FROM MAY 26, 2023

The Penobscot Shores Book Club met Friday, May 26 in the Library. Those attending were Trish Bonness, Joyce Crawford, Kay Hunt, Barney Lutsk, Diane Plourde, and Brenda Smith.

Kay led the discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. This author's debut novel about a quirky scientist in the 1960s, opinionated, funny, and highly intelligent, deserves every bit of the remarkable international success it has seen since it came out a little over a year ago (Amazon's best book of 2022, top book of the year by the NYT, the WaPo and NPR, among others). Elizabeth Zott is a single mother, gifted research chemist, self-assured and immune to social conventions. After being fired from a research institute for insubordination, she becomes the reluctant star of a TV cooking show for housewives. But that's only part of the story. The book is full of unforgettable characters, including the family dog, Six-Thirty. If you haven't read it yet, please don't miss this one.

On Thursday, June 22, Trish will lead us in a discussion of *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny. This Canadian novelist, well-known to many of you, has produced a book a year since 2005. This is her 18th mystery starring the beloved detective Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. Named the eeriest Gamache novel yet, it begins with his conversing with the dead and ends with talk of witches. It rose to first place on the hardcover fiction list a few days after Prime Video aired "Three Pines", an 8-episode adaptation of her novels.

Please let Kay know if you do *not* plan to attend, or if you would like to have Zoom available.

This will be the last meeting of the PS Book Club until September 28, when the selection is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Other possible selections for next fall include *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell and *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.