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**Brown Bag Book Club**

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia room

Tuesday, January 3, 12:15 p.m.

Interested in doing something different this year? Well, join our book club and bring your lunch! We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. for a lively lunchtime discussion. Kick off the New Year with an interesting read, Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*. When Kingsolver and her family move from suburban Arizona to rural Appalachia, they take on a new challenge - spend a year on a locally produced diet. Bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver returns with not only her first nonfiction title, but a book that shines a new light on that old adage - you are what you eat.

**Southeast Book Club**

Southeast Branch

Monday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.

Bestselling author Alan Brennert has again masterfully chronicled the lives of Asian immigrants in and around Hawaii's early 20<sup>th</sup> century glamour days. In *Honolulu*, readers meet young Regret (now known as Jin), from Korea. Determined to escape the poverty, isolation and desperation of Korea, young Jin offers herself as a mail-order picture bride to a prosperous man in Hawaii. Sadly, when she arrives, she finds that her new husband is a heartless plantation worker with drinking and gambling problems. Brennert's blossoming tale of ambition, sacrifice and survival is a poignant portrayal.

**South Creek Music Club**

South Creek Branch

Thursday, January 12 and 26, 6:30 p.m.

If joining a new club is one of your New Year's resolutions, we have something special just for you! Attend our "Welcome to MUSIC CLUB!" program. Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly, these programs provide a chance for individuals to perform and share in their favorite musicians, bands, songs and talents. Not only is it fun and exciting, it is also a great opportunity for the whole family. Bring your instruments and join in on the fun!

**Southwest Book Club**

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Start your New Year off right! Join the Southwest Book Club. This month's discussion features *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. Lucy Hull is a young children's librarian who finds herself both a kidnapper and kidnapped when her favorite patron, 10-year-old Ian Drake, runs away from home. Lucy flees with the boy and the odd pair embarks on a crazy road trip from Missouri to Vermont only to discover that they are being pursued by an anonymous adversary. It's a novel that's delightful, funny and moving. This book club meets monthly at the Southwest Branch.

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