



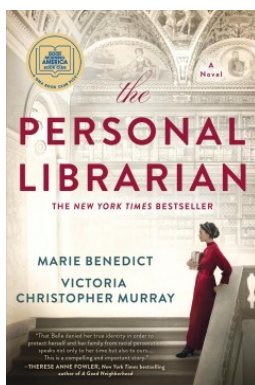
Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Readalikes for *The Magnolia Palace*

Dundee Library Book Club, November 2022

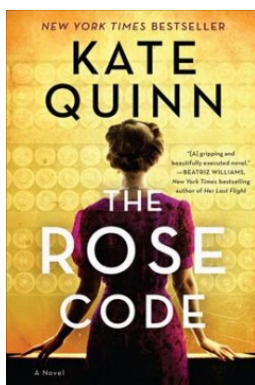
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict

Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.



The Rose Code

by Kate Quinn

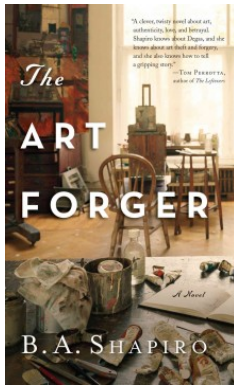
Joining the elite Bletchley Park codebreaking team during World War II, three women from very different walks of life uncover a spy's dangerous agenda against a backdrop of the royal wedding of Elizabeth and Philip.



The Forgotten Seamstress

by Liz Trenow

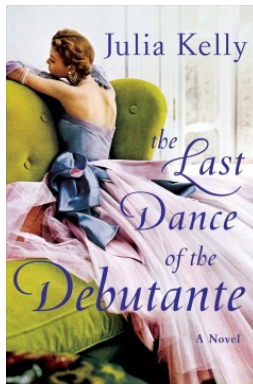
When Caroline, a struggling designer, finds a strange quilt with a curious verse embroidered into its lining, she makes a startling discovery and uncovers the extraordinary story of two women whose lives collide with devastating consequences.



The Art Forger

by Barbara A. Shapiro

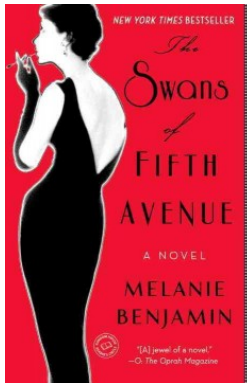
An artist whose reputation has been tarnished stumbles on a piece of art that disappeared twenty-five years ago and agrees to forge it for a gallery owner, until she realizes that the art she is forging may itself be a forgery



The Last Dance of the Debutante

by Julia Kelly

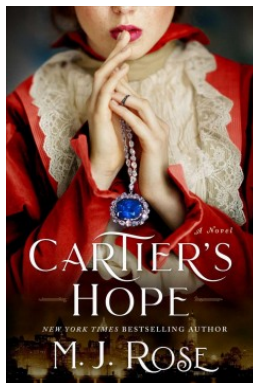
In 1958, the last year debutantes are to presented in court, Lily Nichols, while attending a glittering and grueling string of countless parties and balls, discovers a devastating secret about her entire family, forcing her to choose between her legacy or her own happiness.



The Swans of Fifth Avenue

by Melanie Benjamin

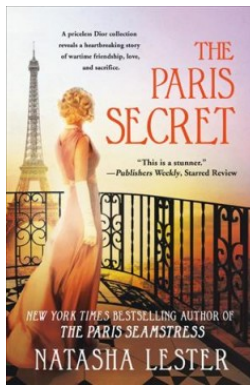
A novel steeped in the glamour and smoky atmosphere of New York's high society follows Babe Paley, known for her high-profile marriage to CBS founder William Paley, her ranking in the International Best-Dressed Hall of Fame and her scandalous, headline-making friendship with Truman Capote.



Cartier's Hope

by M. J. Rose

Determined to make her mark in Gilded Age New York, a woman journalist investigates rumors and curses swirling around Pierre Cartier's recently acquired Hope Diamond, before attracting the attention of the blackmailer behind her father's death.



The Paris Secret

by Natasha Lester

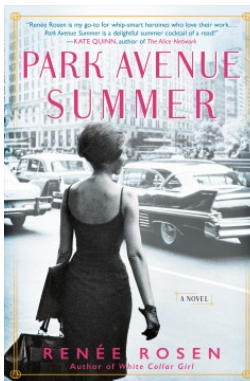
Discovering a priceless collection of Dior gowns in her grandmother's vacant cottage, a fashion conservator delves into the mystery of their origins in the years following World War II while uncovering her beloved grandmother's remarkable story.



Last Day

by Luanne Rice

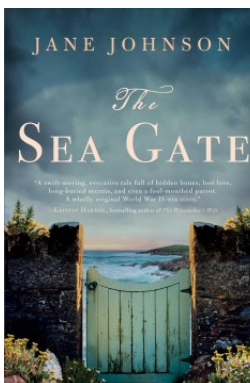
When her sister is murdered amid the theft of a valuable painting, an eerie echo of their mother's murder 20 years earlier, pilot Beth teams up with the case's original detective and childhood friends to identify a killer.



Park Avenue Summer

by Renée Rosen

In 1965, small-town aspiring photographer Alice Weiss finds herself working as a secretary for the new editor-in-chief at Cosmopolitan, and must navigate her way through office politics, city life, and unscrupulous men while trying to hold on to her dreams.



The Sea Gate

by Jane Johnson

Mourning her late mother, Rebecca sets out for Cornwall to help an elderly cousin save her beloved home and discovers attic treasures, a mysterious tunnel from the cellar to the sea and long-buried secrets.

Books at other libraries in our consortium

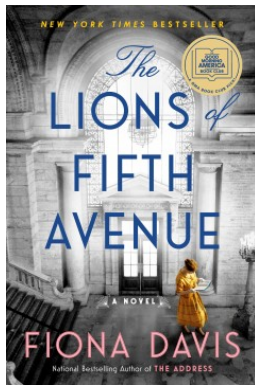


Cooking for Picasso

by Camille Aubray

A tale inspired by a little-known interlude follows the 1936 culinary affair between a reclusive Picasso at a crossroads in his life and a rebellious teen from the French Riviera, a relationship that shapes the life of the girl's granddaughter in New York more than half a century later.

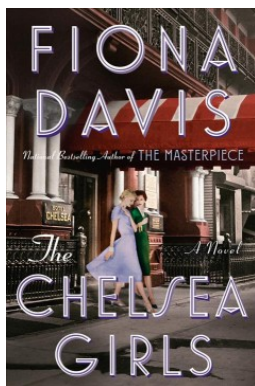
Also by Fiona Davis



The Lions of Fifth Avenue

by Fiona Davis

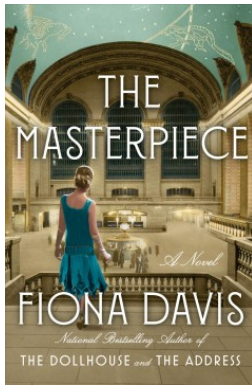
A New York Public Library superintendents wife reevaluates her priorities upon joining a woman's suffrage group in 1913, decades before her granddaughters efforts to save an exhibit expose tragic family secrets.



The Chelsea Girls

by Fiona Davis

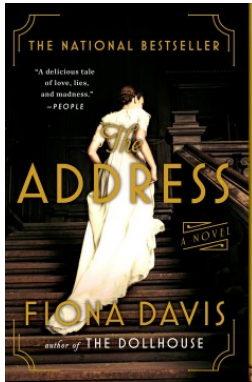
A 20-year friendship between a playwright and an actress with Broadway ambitions is tested by the impact of McCarthy-era witch hunts among the creative residents of New York City's Chelsea Hotel.



The Masterpiece

by Fiona Davis

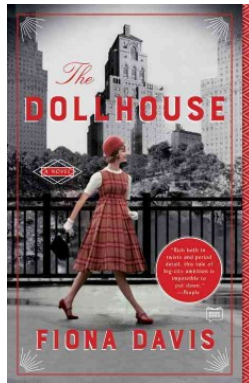
A recently divorced information-booth worker stumbles on an abandoned art school within a crumbling Grand Central Terminal before learning the story of a talented woman artist who went missing 50 years earlier.



The Address

by Fiona Davis

Struggling to rebuild after rehab, an interior designer leaps at a chance to renovate her heiress cousin's lavish apartment and learns the scandalous history of a distant ancestor's connection to the murder of the building's architect a century earlier.



The Dollhouse

by Fiona Davis

Journalist Rose Lewin, to escape her own life, becomes obsessed with finding the truth around her upstairs neighbor Darby McLaughlin's involvement in a deadly skirmish with a hotel maid at the Barbizon Hotel in 1952, and as the ethics of her investigation become increasingly murky, the explosive truth is finally revealed, forever changing both their lives.