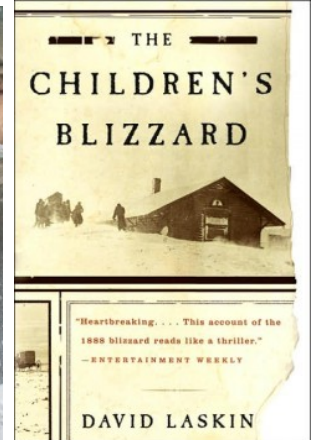
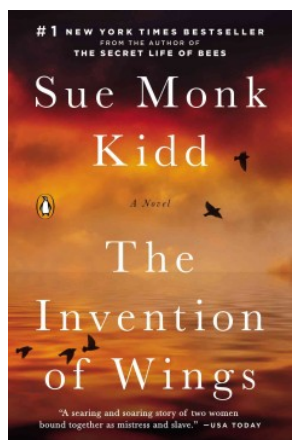
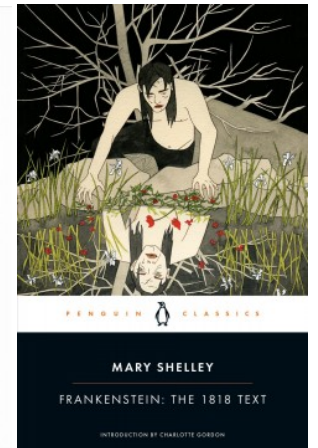
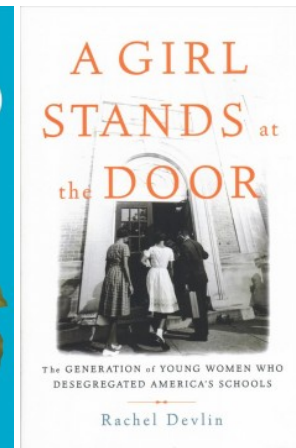
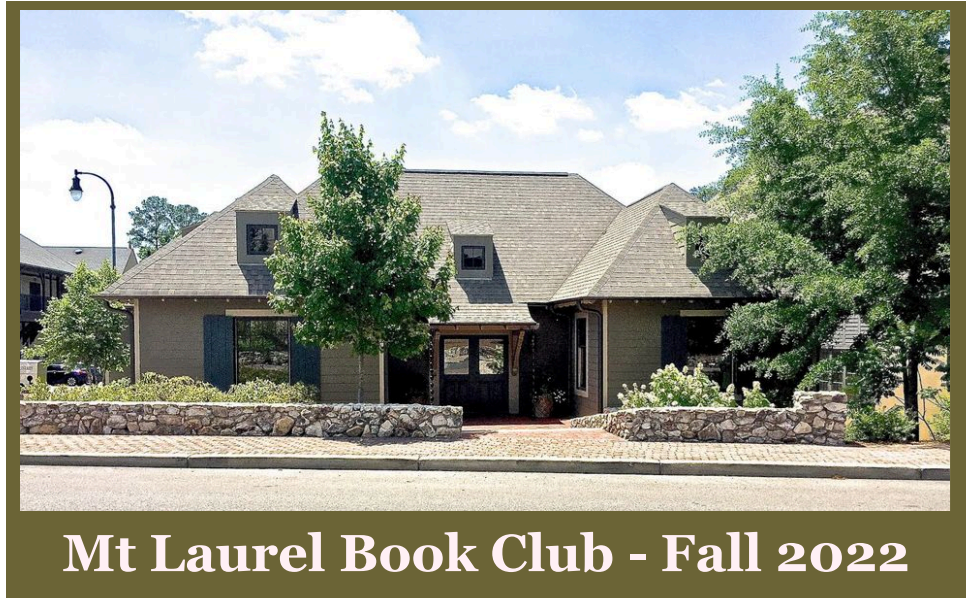




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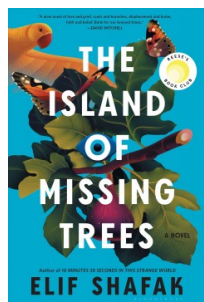


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Mt Laurel Library Book Club usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 pm and 7 pm. **In September we will meet the second Thursday.** Book selections are nominated by members every six months. If you have any questions, call the library at 205-991-1660 or send us an email at [mtlaurel@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:mtlaurel@shelbycounty-al.org).

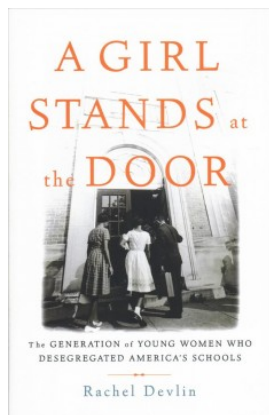


### **The Island of Missing Trees**

by Elif Shafak

**August 4, 1 pm and 7 pm**

The fig tree in Ada's parents' garden, which unbeknownst to her bore witness to their secret meetings decades ago, is her only knowledge of a home she has never known as she seeks to untangle years of secrets to find her place in the world.

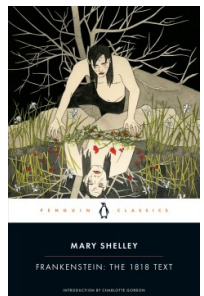


### **A Girl Stands at the Door : the generation of young women who desegregated America's schools**

by Rachel Devlin

**September 8, 1 pm and 7 pm**

A revisionist history of school desegregation in America reveals how the fight for interracial education was often led by pioneering girls and women who outnumbered their male counterparts while volunteering to desegregate formerly all-white schools.

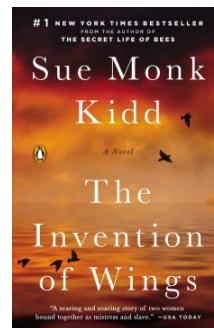


### **Frankenstein**

by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

**October 6, 1 pm and 7 pm**

Presents the text of "Frankenstein, or, The modern Prometheus" from 1818 that was published anonymously by the author. The book explores the themes of the omniscience of nature, the danger of excessive knowledge, and what makes one human.



### **The Invention of Wings**

by Sue Monk Kidd

**November 3, 1 pm and 7 pm**

Traces more than three decades in the lives of a wealthy Charleston debutante who longs to break free from the strictures of her household and pursue a meaningful life; and the urban slave, Handful, who is placed in her charge as a child before finding courage and a sense of self.



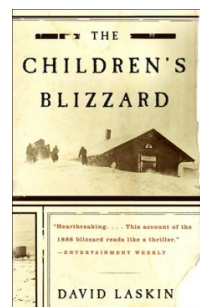
### **The Children's Blizzard : a novel**

by Melanie Benjamin

**December 1, 1 pm and 7 pm**

The best-selling author of *The Aviator's Wife* draws on oral histories of the Great Plains blizzard of 1888 to depict the experiences of two teachers, a servant and a reporter who risk everything to protect the children of immigrant homesteaders.

**Readers can read either the historical fiction version by Melanie Benjamin or the non-fiction version by David Laskin listed below.**



### **The Children's Blizzard**

by David Laskin

Illustrates the deadly late-nineteenth-century snowstorm in the Great Plains that killed more than five hundred people, including numerous schoolchildren, describing how the unexpected blizzard devastated generations of immigrant families and dramatically affected pioneer advancement.

### **Back to One**

by Antonia Gavrihel

Special Event! Local author Anne Glass (pen name Antonia Gavrihel) will be joining us for our October book club. She will share an excerpt from her book and answer questions.

