AS SUMMER APPROACHES IT IS TIME TO
GET YOUR READING LIST TOGETHER.
Why not read something being read here in The Woods
and join us for a book discussion LEAD event next fall?

FICTION

Panopticon by Jenni Fagin
Anais Hendricks, fifteen, is in the back of a police car. She is headed for the Panopticon, a home for chronic young
offenders. She can't remember what's happened, but across town a policewoman lies in a coma and Anais is covered in
blood. Despite the parade of horrors visited upon her early life, she greets the world with the witty,
fierce insight of a survivor.

Facilitator: Matt Dube, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English

Borrowed Horses by Sian Griffiths
When her mother's MS takes a turn for the worse, aspiring Olympian Joannie Edson moves back to Idaho with her aging
horse to be closer to home and family. She has given up everything to pursue her goal of riding for the US Equestrian
Team. Joannie finds that a fully lived life is much like the jumping courses she's always ridden, every path bearing
obstacles that she will have to clear to find her way forward.

Facilitator: Venita M Mitchell, Ph.D., VP & Dean of Student Life

SCIENCE FICTION

The Martian by Andy Weir
Astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die
there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself
stranded with no way to signal Earth. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills—and a relentless, dogged refusal to
quit—he confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome
the impossible odds against him?

Facilitator: Erik Hillskemper, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English

NON-FICTION

The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer by Siddhartha Mukherjee
A magnificent, profoundly humane "biography" of cancer—from its first documented appearances thousands of years ago
through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it, to a radical
new understanding of its essence.

Facilitator: Nicholas Pullen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology

Animals Make Us Human by Temple Grandin
It's usually easy to pinpoint the cause of physical pain in animals, but to know what is causing them emotional distress is
much harder. Drawing on the latest research and her own work, Grandin identifies the core emotional needs of animals.
Then she explains how to fulfill them for dogs and cats, horses, farm animals, and zoo animals. Grandin teaches us to
challenge our assumptions about animal contentment and honor our bond with our fellow creatures.

Facilitator: Jennie Petterson, M.Ed., Associate Professor, Equestrian Studies

Fall 2015 Book Discussion LEAD Event hosted by the Office of Student Life and Erlene Dudley, M.L.S.,
Associate Professor, University Library Director Return