

Page Turners Book Club

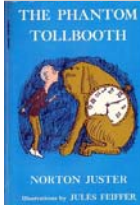
January—April 2012

4th—6th grades

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Meeting: January 24, 2012 at 4:15 p.m.

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2012

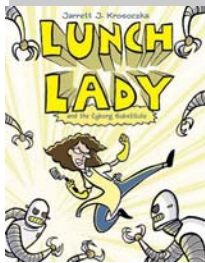


This book tells the story of a bored young boy named Milo who unexpectedly receives a magic tollbooth one afternoon and, having nothing better to do, decides to drive through it in his toy car. The tollbooth transports him to a land called the Kingdom of Wisdom. There he acquires two faithful companions, has many adventures, and goes on a quest to rescue the princesses of the kingdom, Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason.

TBook Selection: The Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute

Meeting: February 28, 2012

Registration Deadline: February 21, 2012

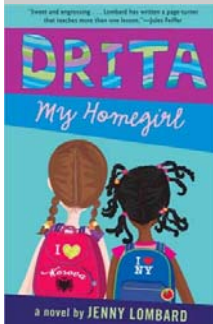


This tongue in cheek superheroine graphic novel will hit the spot for chapter book readers. Lunch Lady and her assistant Betty (who helps in the cafeteria and in her pursuit of JUSTICE!), investigate the strange case of an absent teacher, his creepy substitute, and a plan to grab the Teacher of the Year award by really foul means. Three little kids help out as lunch lady, equipped with some hi-tech kitchen gadgets, works to solve the mystery.

Drita, My Home Girl by Jenny Lombard

Meeting: March 20, 2012

Registration Deadline: March 13, 2012



Drita and her family come to New York as refugees from war-torn Kosovo. Even though she barely speaks English, Drita can't wait to start school and make a new best friend. But her new classmates don't make it easy, teasing her about virtually everything. The worst is Maxie, a tough African-American girl whose sassy attitude hides a painful secret. When Maxie takes things too far, their teacher assigns Maxie a paper on Drita and her journey to America from Kosovo. Suddenly, Maxie realizes she and Drita have more in common than she thought. And when Drita's mother gets sick, there's only one person who can help—Drita's new homegirl. A sensitively written story of two worlds coming together, Drita, My Homegirl touchingly explores the effects of war on a family and how friendship sometimes appears in the unlikely places.

The Familiars by Adam Epstein

Meeting: April 17, 2012

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2012



THE FAMILIARS are the magical animal companions to a wizard or witch. When three young wizards-in-training get kidnapped by the evil queen of the land, it is up to their familiars to go a dangerous journey to rescue them. You'll meet Aldwyn, an orphan alley cat pretending to have telekinesis; Skylar, a know-it-all blue jay who can cast illusions; and Gilbert, a hapless tree frog with the ability to see visions of the future in pools of water. See what happens when these three animal assistants -- typically relegated to the background or found sitting quietly on their wizard's shoulders -- go on a heroic adventure of their own!

Fourth—sixth graders are invited to join us! Register for each meeting you wish to attend. We will discuss the book, and have fun with activities related to the story. Space is limited! Register and pick up your book at the children's checkout desk. More details about our book clubs for children is included on the reverse side of this flyer.