

Botanical Research Institute of Texas Library  
**BRIT Reads Book Club**  
Book List 2016 – 2023

**2016**

Apr **The Cabaret of Plants** – Richard Mabey  
May **Goodbye to a River: A Narrative** – John Graves  
Jun **The Dirty Life** – Kirstin Kimball  
Jul **The Worst Hard Time** – Timothy Egan  
Sep **Lab Girl** – Hope Jahren  
Oct **Wicked Plants** – Amy Stewart  
Nov **What a Plant Knows** – Daniel Chamovitz

**2017**

Feb **American Canopy** – Eric Rutkow  
Mar **Second Nature: a gardener's education** – Michael Pollan  
Apr **The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World** – Andrea Wulf  
May **Land of Grass and Sky** – Mary Taylor Young  
Jun **Empire of the Summer Moon** – S. C. Gwynne  
Jul **The Botany of Desire** – Michael Pollan  
Sep **The Species Seekers** – Richard Conniff  
Oct **The Founding Gardeners** – Andrea Wulf  
Nov **Inventology** – Pagan Kennedy

**2018**

Jan **Walden** – Henry David Thoreau  
Feb **Half Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life** – E. O. Wilson  
Mar **The Wonder of Birds** – Jim Robbins  
Apr **Silent Spring** – Rachel Carson  
May **Weeds** – Richard Mabey  
Jun **The Signature of all Things** – Elizabeth Gilbert (NOVEL)  
Jul **The Triumph of Seeds** – Thor Hanson  
Sep **The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History** – Elizabeth Kolbert  
Oct **The Sound of Butterflies** – Rachel King (NOVEL)  
Nov **Braiding Sweet Grass** – Robin Kimmerer

**2019**

Feb **The Hidden Life of Trees** – Peter Wohlleben  
Mar **When Women Were Birds** – Terry Tempest Williams  
Apr **Reading the Landscape of America** – May Theilgaard Watts  
May **The Brother Gardeners: Botany, Empire and the Birth of an Obsession** – Andrea Wulf  
Jun **Becoming Native to This Place** – Wes Jackson

## 2019 (cont'd)

Jul	<b>Orchid Fever</b> – Eric Hansen
Sep	<b>The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder</b> – Marta McDowell
Oct	<b>The Forest Unseen</b> – David George Haskell
Nov	<b>The Overstory</b> – Richard Powers

## 2020

Feb	<b>A River Runs Through It and Other Stories</b> – Norman Maclean
Mar	<b>Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm</b> – Isabella Tree
Apr	<b>Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food</b> – Wendell Berry
May	<b>Darwin Comes to Town: How the Urban Jungle Drives Evolution</b> – Menno Schilthuizen
June	<b>The Cast Iron Forest</b> – Richard V. Francaviglia
July	<b>The Paper Garden: An Artist Begins Her Life's Work at 72</b> – Molly Peacock
Sep	<b>Flower Confidential</b> – Amy Stewart
Oct	<b>Remarkable Creatures</b> – Tracy Chevalier
Nov	<b>The Lochsa Story: Land Ethics in the Bitterroot Mountains</b> – Bud Moore

## 2021

Feb	<b>Plant Hunters</b> – Carolyn Fry
Mar	<b>Oaxaca Journal</b> – Oliver Sacks
Apr	<b>Bringing Nature Home</b> – Douglas Tallamy
May	<b>The Incredible Journey of Plants</b> – Stefano Mancuso
June	<b>A Sand County Almanac</b> – Aldo Leopold
July	<b>A Terrible Thing to Waste</b> – Harriet Washington <i>cancelled</i>
Sep	<b>Seeds of Hope</b> – Jane Goodall
Oct	<b>The Earth in Her Hands</b> – Jennifer Jewell
Nov	<i>unsure</i>

## 2022

Feb	<b>Braiding Sweetgrass</b> – Robin Wall Kimmerer
Mar	<b>Entangled Life</b> – Oliver Sacks
Apr	<b>Mind of the Raven</b> – Bernd Heinrich
May	<b>Magdalena: River of Dreams</b> – Wade Davis
June	<b>Prairie Time: A Blackland Prairie Portrait</b> – Matt White
July	<b>The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food</b> – Janisse Ray
Aug	<b>Biophilia</b> – E.O. Wilson
Sep	<b>Remarkable Creatures</b> – Tracy Chevalier
Oct	<b>Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest</b> – Suzanne Simard <i>cancelled</i>
Nov	<b>Never Out of Season</b> – Rob Dunn

**2023**

Feb	<b>Under Prairie Skies: The Plants and Native Peoples of the Northern Plains</b> – Tom Shay
Apr	<b>Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food</b> – Wendell Berry
June	<b>Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest</b> – Suzanne Simard
Aug	<b>Nature’s Best Hope</b> – Douglas W. Tallamy
Oct	<b>The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History</b> – Elizabeth Kolbert
Dec	<b>The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water</b> – Charles Fishman