**Literature Group Programme 2023-24**

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| **Theme**  | **Month**  | **Books** | **Poetry** |
| **Classics** | 20th September  | The Way We Live NowAnthony Trollope | Matthew Arnold |
| **Short stories**  | 18th October  | Canterbury Tales [leader to select]*Penguin Neville Coghill translation* | Medieval poetry  |
|  | 15th November  | The Colonel’s Lady and other short storiesW. Somerset Maugham  | Early 20th Century poet[leader to select] |
| **Play** | 20th December  | Major BarbaraGeorge Bernard Shaw Leader to decide on scenes to read together  |  |
| **Children’s classics** | 17th January  | Treasure IslandRobert Louis Stevenson | Robert Louis Stevenson – A Child’s Garden of Verse [leader to select] |
|  | 21st February  | Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame | Poems about childhood from different eras  |
|  | 20th March  | Noughts and CrossesMalorie Blackman | Michael Rosen and Roger McGough Poems about controversial subjects [leader to select] |
| **Autobiography** | 17th April  | The Kindness of WomenJG Ballard | Charles Causley? |
|  | 15th May  | Christ Stopped at EboliCarlo Levi | *An Italian poet* |
| **European authors**  | 19th June  | Eugenie GrandetHonore de Balzac | *A French poet*  |
|  | 17th July  | The Lost Honour of Katharina BlumHeinrich Boll | *A German poet* |
|  | 21st August  | The Unbearable Lightness of BeingMilan Kundera | *A Czech poet* |