**Literature Group Programme 2023-24**

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| **Theme** | **Month** | **Books** | **Poetry** |
| **Classics** | 20th September | The Way We Live Now  Anthony 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 stories  W. Somerset Maugham | Early 20th Century poet  [leader to select] |
| **Play** | 20th December | Major Barbara  George Bernard Shaw  Leader to decide on scenes to read together |  |
| **Children’s classics** | 17th January | Treasure Island  Robert 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 Crosses  Malorie Blackman | Michael Rosen and Roger McGough  Poems about controversial subjects [leader to select] |
| **Autobiography** | 17th April | The Kindness of Women  JG Ballard | Charles Causley? |
|  | 15th May | Christ Stopped at Eboli  Carlo Levi | *An Italian poet* |
| **European authors** | 19th June | Eugenie Grandet  Honore de Balzac | *A French poet* |
|  | 17th July | The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum  Heinrich Boll | *A German poet* |
|  | 21st August | The Unbearable Lightness of Being  Milan Kundera | *A Czech poet* |