

BOOK BREWERS SELECTED BOOKS, 2018

By vote of "the masses" (*or, everyone who participated...!*), we now have our six selected book titles for the 2018 Book Brewers Year! They are (*with the scheduled meeting dates*):

1. 'No One Is Coming To Save Us' [A Novel] by Stephanie Powell Watts - Wednesday, January 17
2. 'Cracked, Not Broken: Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt' by Kevin Hines (*"Involving Books" Community Read Grant Program selection*) - Wednesday, March 21 - ***The author will be visiting Boone in April! Details To Be Announced. This is part of a grant on mental wellness called "Involving Books".***
3. 'The Second Mrs. Hockaday' [A Novel] by Susan Rivers - Wednesday, May 16 - ***This writer will be speaking at the High Country Writers meeting at Watauga County Public Library on April 12, at 10 am! All are welcome to attend.***
4. 'The Kitchen House' [A Novel] by Kathleen Grissom - Wednesday, July 18
5. 'Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring' by Alexander Rose - Wednesday, September 19
6. 'The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II' by Denise Kiernan - Wednesday, November 21

All meetings are at 6:00 pm on the Third Wednesday of odd-numbered months (*weather permitting*), at [Pepper's Restaurant](#), 240 Shadowline Drive, Suite # 4, Boone, NC, 28607. In case of snow or other hazardous travel conditions, a meeting may be cancelled or rescheduled.

The Book Brewers club is a book discussion group founded by Watauga Library's Owen Gray and Ross Cooper. Owen chose "Book Brewers" to indicate an off-the-library site, "grown-ups" book discussion group, especially geared to those who might not be able to attend one of the existing library book clubs due to work schedules or other daytime-hours commitments. We've met at several local eateries, and, although most people choose to order a meal and beverage to accompany the meeting, anyone attending is free to not so partake, but to feast on the discussion! The group has been generously supported by the Watauga Friends of the Library, which donated starter funds for book purchases for this book club. The group is now meeting every other month, in odd-numbered months, on the third Wednesday of those months. We have been meeting of late at Pepper's Restaurant in Boone, in the Shadowline Shopping Center (... usually next to the salad bar). We generally have about eight people in attendance, including a number of regular participants, who always bring forth a fascinating discussion! New members are always welcome. Each year in November, we take nominations for the six books to be the next year's book choices. Past selections have included nonfiction, historical fiction, Pulitzer-prize winning novels, biographies, and more. Many of our choices have had an "international" flavor, with either fictional settings and characters or real-life connections to both the many cultures of the United States and many countries around the globe.