

**Berthoud Community Library Book Club, September 2011-May 2012.**

The Berthoud Community Library Book Club meets at these times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The same book is discussed at both sessions.

September 27, 2011 ***Blue Heaven*** by C.J. Box.

A twelve-year-old girl and her younger brother go on the run in the woods of North Idaho, pursued by four men they have just watched commit murder.

October 25, 2011 ***March*** by Geraldine Brooks.

Follows the experiences of Mr. March, the father in Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," as he witnesses the cruelty and racism of both Northern and Southern soldiers and the harsh realities of Civil War.

\*\*\* Skip November as T-day holiday is nearby \*\*\*

December 13, 2011 ***Half Broke Horses: a true-life novel*** by Jeannette Walls.

Lily Casey Smith grows up breaking horses with her father and leaves home at fifteen to ride five hundred miles in order to teach in a frontier town before encountering various difficulties, marrying a rancher, and speaking out against prejudice in various parts of the U.S.

January 24, 2012 ***Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen.

A delightful comedy of marriage traces the courtship of Elizabeth and Darcy as they overcome his pride and her prejudice and fall in love.

February 28, 2012 ***An Hour Before Daylight: Memoirs of a Rural Boyhood*** by Jimmy Carter.

The former president tells the story of his rural boyhood, and paints a sensitive portrait of America before the civil rights movement.

March 27, 2012 ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*** by Rebecca Skloot.

This book is a multi-layered story about faith, science, journalism, and grace and about Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were taken without her knowledge, and which form the basis of the development of the polio vaccine, discoveries in cancer research, advances in IVF, cloning, and gene mapping, and more.

April 24, 2012 ***Until We Reach Home*** by Lynn Austin.

Elin Carlson, unable to bear life in Sweden after the deaths of her parents, resolves to take her sisters to live in America, but a series of hardships makes her begin to doubt her decision to immigrate to Chicago.

May 22, 2012 ***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak.

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl who's book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.