

Jane Austen Book Club program for 2023

Welcome Aboard!

This is a draft Program for our meetings for the Jane Austen Book Club.
It will take place monthly on the second Tuesday 2pm, Room 1, Senior Citizens Community Centre.
We will be both reading the books and viewing films of some of the novels.

You will have to provide your own copies of the novels. Second hand copies are plentiful and cheap on the web; E-books are cheap and can be downloaded.

February

I will be using video material to give us an understanding of Jane Austen's life, where she lived at various times and the different views that critics have of how she viewed her society and the 'Country Gentry' class to which her family belonged.

March

BOOK, Sense and Sensibility [1811] Please read it.

discussion of book

April,

BOOK, Pride and Prejudice [1813] Please read it.

Discussion of book

May

FILM, Pride and Prejudice View film.

How has a twentieth century film production presented her novel?
Is the satire different? Have C20th values intruded into the narrative?
[Film will take up most of this session]

June

BOOK, Mansfield Park [1814] Please read it

Discussion of book

July

FILM, Mansfield Park, View film

Discussion of film

August

BOOK, Emma [1816] Please read it

Discussion of book

September

FILM, Emma, View film

Discussion of film

October,

Film, Persuasion, [published post-humously - after 1817]

I am on holidays this month. So, I will arrange for you to see the film as usual.

November

BOOKS, Persuasion and Northanger Abbey [published posthumously] please read them

We will discuss both these books and try to sum up our experiences of Jane Austen and her works. Why have they remained so popular as twentieth century Rom-Coms?

There may be some alterations to the order of the novels and films. We can discuss this draft program at our first meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you

Meg Dillon, Convenor.