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***The Devil's Music:
The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith***

is a dramatization of the triumphant and turbulent life of the legendary “Empress of the Blues,” whose life was as large and as outrageous as her talent.

The play transports us to Memphis in 1937, one evening after a “Whites-only” theatre turns Bessie and her band away. Laughter, pathos and music all come together to deliver an electric, entertaining and surprisingly touching evening in which Bessie sings signature songs such as “I Ain’t Got Nobody,” “St. Louis Blues,” “Baby Doll” and “T’ain’t Nobody’s Bizness If I Do.” This production stars Miche Braden of the original Off-Broadway cast.

**Join us at the Rubicon Theatre
for the performance
and a reception in the Patron's Room.
Limited number of seats available.**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Ticket Price: \$50.00**

You can purchase tickets online at
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 Gary Stephens (805) 746-4990,
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BOOK CLUB # 1

The first book club created by the Friends of the Library is still looking for new members. Monthly meetings are held in members' homes. If you are an avid reader who enjoys sharing your reading experiences, please call Clydie Wright (805) 643-8204.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK DISCUSSION**

meets in the Topping Room on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon. This group reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction and is always open to new members!

Saturday, March 4:
The Invention of Wings
 by Sue Monk

Saturday, April 1:
H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald

Saturday, May 6:
River Town, Two years on the Yangtze by Peter Hessler

Saturday, June 3:
The Lightkeepers by Abby Geni

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