VANDERBILT BEACH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSION: MEMORY BY PHILIPPE GRIMBERT

Tuesday, January 12, 2 p.m.

Growing up in post-war Paris as the sickly only child of glamorous athletic parents, the narrator invents for himself a make-believe older brother. When the boy begins to talk to an old family friend, he comes to realize that his imaginary sibling had a real predecessor: a half brother whose death in a concentration camp is part of a buried family secret.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE HOUSEKEEPER & THE PROFESSOR BY YOKO OGAWA

Tuesday, February 23, 2 p.m.

This story evolves around a young housekeeper and her ten-year-old son, who have an esoteric link to a retired university professor through "amicable numbers." It delves into the educational process between the housekeeper, a high school dropout, and the professor, a mathematical genius.

BOOK DISCUSSION: JULIUS WINSOME BY GERARD DONOVAN

Tuesday, March 16, 2 p.m.

Donovan's poetic, well-crafted novel shows how violence can infect and take over a person's life. Julius Winsome retreats with his old dog, Hobbes, to a remote family cabin in the northern Maine woods. One day a deer hunter deliberately kills Hobbes and Winsome's need for revenge leads to a descent into anger, sadness and perhaps madness.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE SECRET SCRIPTURE BY SEBASTIAN BARRY

Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m.

Barry tells the unforgettable story of Roseanne McNulty. Once one of the most beguiling women in County Sligo, Ireland she is now a resident of Roscommon Regional Mental Hospital and nearing her hundredth year. The Secret Scripture is an incredible tale of one woman's life, and a vivid reminder of the hold that the Church had on individuals throughout much of the twentieth century.

