**THIS IS THE STORY OF A HAPPY MARRIAGE**  
By Ann Patchett  

*Wednesday June 19th, 1&7 pm*

A blend of literature and memoir, these essays twine to create both a portrait and philosophy of life, stretching from Patchett’s childhood through the present day. Through the stories of people, places and ideals, Patchett brings into focus the large experiences and small moments that have shaped her as a daughter, wife and writer.

**THE STORYTELLER**  
By Jodi Picoult  

*Wednesday July 17th, 1&7 pm*

Becoming friends with Josef Weber, an old man who is particularly loved in her community, Sage Singer is shocked when one day he asks her to kill him and reveals why he deserves to die, causing her to question her beliefs. In this searingly honest novel, Jodi Picoult gracefully explores the lengths we will go in order to protect our families and to keep the past from dictating the future.

**THE STORY OF BEAUTIFUL GIRL**  
By Rachel Simon  

*Wednesday August 21st, 1&7 pm*

In 1968, Lynnie, a young white woman with a developmental disability and Homan are locked away in an institution. Deeply in love, they escape and find refuge with a retired schoolteacher and widow. But the couple is not alone - Lynnie has just given birth to a baby girl. And so begins the 40-year epic journey of Lynnie, Homan, Martha and baby Julia- lives divided by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, yet drawn together by a secret pact and extraordinary love.