**The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles chosen by Zoe Brooks.**

The book centres on the lives and friendship of two main characters Odile, a French woman who worked at the American Library in Paris during the Nazi occupation in the 1940’s and later became a War bride and Lily who is an unhappy teenager in Montana, USA in the 1980’s. Odile helps Lily develop a love of books and the French language and both women help each other to come to terms with events in their own lives. The characters in the Paris Library were based on ‘real’ people and some disappeared or were arrested during the occupation. The group discussed how they might cope in such a situation in order to survive. This made the book thought provoking and led to a lively discussion.