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Silver Maples Library - December 2021
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December Special Celebrations

This month's special celebrations include Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (7th) and Christmas (25th).

Come browse selected related books on our New Books and Special Celebrations carts as well as the black book racks.

Book Discussions (2nd Thursday of every month; Garden Room; 1-2 pm)
All Read – *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Thursday, **December 9**. See a committee member to check out a copy. We have many Large Print copies.
Let's Talk Books – Thursday, **January 13**. Come share one book (or e-book) you've been reading or an old favorite. Folks are always looking for recommendations from fellow readers.

Help Wanted

The Library Committee is looking for a volunteer or two to join us as we share the responsibilities that enable us to provide the high level of library services we offer here at Silver Maples. Member responsibilities include a brief weekly stint at a time of your choosing and a monthly meeting usually held the last Friday of the month. Please see Pam Ross if you have questions or may be interested. Come join us and experience the reward of contributing to Silver Maples!

Newspapers

When through reading current newspapers, we would really appreciate your leaving them re-assembled and neatly arranged on the coffee table for the next person. Thank you!

Your Library Committee

We're here to assist you and answer any library-related questions you might have. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Carole V. Lila W. Joe Z. Merle M. Suzanne L. Yvonne L.
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NEW BOOKS – DECEMBER 2021

Anxious People – Fredrik Backman. A group of strangers at an open house are taken hostage by a failed bank robber and become reluctant allies in this mood-booster story.

Assassination Vacation – Sarah Vowell embarks on a roadtrip to U.S. sites of political violence while reporting with her wisecracking humor, honesty and thought-provoking criticism.

The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family (LP) – Ron and Clint Howard. A memoir of how two famous brothers survived the “child-actor syndrome” due in large part to their Oklahoma-born parents.

The Greatest Tennis Matches of All Time – Steve Flink, author and tennis historian, breaks down, analyzes, and puts into historical context the most memorable matches ever played.

Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life – Edward O. Wilson. Proposes that to stave off the mass extinction of species, including our own, we must dedicate fully half the Earth's surface to nature.

Harlem Shuffle – Colson Whitehead. As Ray, just a little bit bent, navigates a double life between striver and crook, he begins to see who pulls the strings in 1960s Harlem. Can he avoid getting killed, save his cousin, score his share yet maintain his reputation as home furniture salesman?

Justine – Lawrence Durrell (of Corfu). In Alexandria, Egypt on the Eve of WWII, the obsessed characters' pursuits lead not to museums but the bedroom with each seeking to know-and-possess the other.

Old Age: Journey into Simplicity – Helen M. Luke reflects on final journeys described in great literature and elucidates the difference between growing old and disintegrating. She encourages the reader to grow emotionally and mentally.

Running with Sherman: the donkey with the heart of a hero (LP) – Christopher McDougall. A heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America. Full of heart, hijinks, humor.

State of Terror – Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny. Secretary of State Ellen Adams, the political enemy of, yet appointed by, the newly sworn in President, is faced with a high stakes, intricate, international conspiracy by enemies closer than she ever imagined.

Woke Up This Morning: The Definitive Oral History of the Sopranos – Michael Imperioli & Steve Schirripa. This tell-all covers the entire behind-the-scenes history of the Sopranos series from pitch to casting to the cut to black.

Prolific/Series Authors

Baldacci – ***Simple Genius***

Grisham – ***A Time for Mercy***

Francis – ***Come to Grief***

Wiggs – ***The Ocean Between Us***