YOUR LIBRARY PAGE FEBRUARY 2020

Magazines

We are in the process of re-organizing our magazines to make them more accessible to you. Unlike our newspapers, all our magazines are donated. To avoid overcrowding the coffee table, the most recent issues of several titles will be displayed on the coffee table in the Fireplace Room. The remaining titles and older issues will be placed in the two wall-mounted magazine racks by the main entrance; they will be arranged in alpha order and marked with signs. Feel free to grab a magazine that interests you; we'd sure appreciate your returning it when you're done. As we put in place this re-organization, it would be helpful if donated magazines are placed on the bottom shelf of the black new book cart.

Newspapers, Again

So you can reach them more easily, our older newspapers have moved once again. We made room on a higher shelf to the left of the fireplace. Older NYT Book Reviews will go there also. (The current issue as well as the monthly Ann Arbor Observer will live on the little side table.) Old newspaper issues are free for the taking. We wish to thank you for reassembling for the next person the current newspapers when you are through reading them.

Checkout and Return

We've moved the gray checkout card box as well as the rooster book return box closer to the edge of the counter. This is an experiment in order to make it easier for those in wheelchairs to reach them.

Black History Month

This month the special display books from our collection will honor Black History Month and celebrate Valentine's Day as well as Presidents' Day which this year falls on February 17.

Book Groups

<u>Let's Talk Books</u> – 1 pm, Thursday, February 13 in the Garden Room. Share with us a book you've enjoyed reading or come listen to discover what your next read will be.

<u>Washtenaw Reads</u> – *Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas is this year's pick. We have one large print copy.

New Books

Turn over for this month's new books listed in alphabetical order by title. This month we've included some non-fiction about current topics of the day. Happy reading!

Library Committee Members

We're here to assist you and answer your questions regarding the library. We welcome any comments and suggestions regarding our library.

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Pam Ross (Chair)

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New Books

101 Famous Poems, a small portable volume edited by Roy Cook that also includes some familiar prose.

Ayesha at Last, a modern-day Muslim *Pride and Prejudice* that takes place in Canada by Uzma Jalaluddin.

Black Klansman: race, hate, and the undercover investigation of a lifetime by Colorado Detective Ron Stallworth who posed as a white man. An amazing true story, this NYT bestseller reads like a crime thriller.

The Buried Book: the loss and rediscovery of the great Epic of Gilgamesh by David Damrosch who gives us a literary detective story of how the epic poem was composed, modified, recorded on clay in cuneiform, stored, smashed, lost and found.

Citizenship: what everyone needs to know by legal scholar Peter Spiro who answers questions about this current topic using easily understood terms.

French Silk, a tale of murder, desire, and fatal secrets by Sandra Brown, a NYT bestselling author.

From Sea to Stormy Sea: 17 stories inspired by great American paintings by crime fiction author Lawrence Block who has edited an anthology of 17 short stories by 17 writers inspired by 17 American paintings.

How to Give Up Plastic: a guide to changing the world, one plastic bottle at a time by Greenpeace activist Will McCallum who offers everyday ideas of how to reduce our plastic waste.

Impeachment: an American history by four experts on the American presidency - Jeffrey Engle, Jon Meacham, Timothy Naftali, and Peter Baker – who examine the three times impeachment has been invoked and explain what it means today.

Leonardo DaVinci, a biography by Walter Isaacson connecting the artists's art to his science. Includes illustrations and a timeline.

Plastic Soup: an atlas of ocean pollution by Michiel Abbing. Striking photographs and graphs show the extent of the problem; highlights projects that raise awareness and curb plastic use.

The Plot to Destroy Democracy: how Putin and his spies are undermining America and dismantling the West by career U.S. Intelligence officer Malcome Nance and Rob Reiner.

Seeing Red, a thriller about tainted heroism and vengence by NYT bestseller author Sandra Brown.

The Stranger Inside, a psychological mystery by Lisa Unger, a NYT bestselling author.

The Testaments: the sequel to the Handmaid's Tale, a novel that can be read on its own by Margaret Atwood. A #1 NYT Bestseller and winner of the Booker Award.