

## YOUR LIBRARY PAGE

Silver Maples – February 2021



### Committee Members

Jean Thiel recently decided to “retire” from the committee. We thank her for her ten years of dedicated service. The Committee welcomes Mary Ann Vinton as our newest member.

### February Celebrations

We are celebrating Black History Month as well as Valentine’s Day and Presidents’ Day. Look for some related books on our New Book and Special Display carts as well as the black wire book stands (feel free to borrow these books too).

### All Read Book Discussion

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Garden Room. We will discuss *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson. Any Library Committee member can check out a copy for you. Or put a request note with your box number through the book return slot then we’ll checkout a copy for you and put it in your box.

### Fun Facts

During 2020 you checked out a total of 1,483 books as follows: fiction (40%); mystery (26%), non-fiction/biography (21%); and large print (13%).

### More Fun Facts

During 2020 we added 192 books to our collection. Approximately 1/3 were purchased using our annual \$1,000 book budget. A primary goal was to update and fill subject gaps in our non-fiction and biography sections. The remaining 2/3 were donated. Clearly many of you are active readers and we appreciate your donations. When we’re not in the middle of Covid, any donated books we do not add to our collection are passed on to CDL for their book sale, the hospital, or the Silver Maples spring sale. During Covid we have to store them. A main goal for our 2021 book purchases will be to refresh the Large Print section by adding a couple of LP books each month.

### Your Library Committee

We’re here to assist you and answer any library-related questions you might have. We welcome any comments and suggestions regarding our Silver Maples Library.

Carole V.

Lila W.

Joe Z.

Mary Ann P.

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Merle M.

Pam R. (Chair)

Suzanne L.

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## NEW BOOKS – FEBRUARY 2021

***The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*** edited by Clayborne Carson who relied on primary sources - letters, writings, recordings, etc. - following King's death. Several chapters are devoted to his early life.

***Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman: Portrait of an American Hero*** by historian Kate Larson who drew on a new trove of documents and sources as well as genealogical data to tell Tubman's amazing story.

***The Great Alone*** by Kristin Hannah. In summer 1974 Vietnam vet Ernt, with wife Cora and teenage daughter Leni, moves to bush Alaska to escape his demons. It is a story of cruel love, young love, and a mother's love.

***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*** by J.D. Vance. A personal analysis of white, working-class Americans in crisis. A memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures by an author who experiences what upward mobility feels like.

***The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature*** by ornithologist J. Dr. Lanham who grew up in Edgefield, S.C. where generations of Lanhams have lived. A meditation on nature and belonging while exploring the contradictions of black identity in the rural South and in America today.

***In West Mills: A Novel*** by De'Shawn Winslow – Knot, once a playgirl but now pregnant and far from home, relies on older neighbor, Otis, who willingly helps but has family issues of his own. A big-hearted small-town story spanning decades in a rural North Carolina town where a canal acts as the color line.

***The Indigo Girl: A Novel*** by Natasha Boyd. Based on documents including Eliza Lucas's letters, an historical fiction account of how a teenage girl, with the help of a slave, produced indigo dye which became one of the largest exports out of South Carolina. President Washington served as a pallbearer at her death in 1793.

***Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now*** by journalist Evan Osnos.

***News of the World*** (LP) by Paulette Jiles. Captain Kidd, once a Confederate soldier and now an aging itinerant news reader, agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa to her people in Texas. Tom Hanks stars in the recent movie.

***Paradise Valley: A Highway Novel*** (LP) by C.J. Box. Three years ago N.D. deputy sheriff Cassie Dewell almost caught the notorious Lizard King serial killer whose hunting grounds are highways and truck stops but now he's back with a vengeance.

***Reflections by Rosa Parks: The Quiet Strength and Faith of a Woman Who Changed the Nation*** by Rosa Parks. Including historic photos, a collection of Parks's reflections dealing with fear, facing injustice, developing character, etc.

***The Truths We Hold: An American Journey***, a memoir by U.S.VP Kamala Harris.

***The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*** by Isabel Wilkerson. Chronicles the decades-long migration of Blacks who fled the south for northern and western cities in search of a better life. Well researched historical detail told through the lives of three migrants.