

## YOUR LIBRARY PAGE

Silver Maples – February 2024

<https://silvermaples.org/residents/library/>

### February Celebrations

We are celebrating Black History Month, Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. See our New Book and Special Display carts and the black book stands. Note the bulletin board display and come help add some pieces to the group puzzle.

**Book Discussions** (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month; Garden Room; 1-2 pm)

All Read – *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. **Thursday, February 8th.**

See a committee member to check out a copy. We have many Large Print copies. Please return all copies by the 8th.

Let's Talk Books – Thursday, **March 14**. Come share a book (or e-book) you've been reading or an old favorite (which often leads to great discussions). Fellow readers are always looking for recommended good reads.

### Resident Pick Books

Last year we highlighted each month a library committee member's pick in our list of New Books. This year we invite residents to recommend a title for us to feature. Look for Resident Pick Recommendation forms in the brochure holder on the checkout counter (or email Pam). Place completed forms in the checkout basket.

### Fun Facts

- ~ During 2023 you checked out 1,934 books which showed an increase over last year's figure of 1,814. We noted a jump in large print and biography checkouts.
- ~ We added 187 books to our collection. 76 titles were purchased of which 15 were large print; we accepted 111 donated books.

### Tip of the Month – Vision Issue Options

- ~ Magnifier Floor Lamp An Amazon.com search provides several reasonably priced models to choose from. You can also try out one model in the library and a goose neck model in the Meadows Lounge.
- ~ BTBL (Braille Talking Books Library) - Free access to audio books and magazines delivered to your door. You are provided a talking book player and cassettes of your choice. An information sheet in very large print is available in the brochure holder on the checkout counter and at the Activities Table. CDL can help you sign up. Kay S., a user, is happy to answer questions and show you her equipment.

### 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.

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Pam R. (Chair) Sandy K. Susan W. Suzanne L. Yvonne L.

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## NEW BOOKS – FEBRUARY 2022

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**Resident Pick.** Lois P. recommended the following book.

***The Best Laid Plans*** by Terry Fallis. Engineering professor Angus, willing to do anything to avoid teaching English to engineers, agrees to run for an office he is certain to lose. Scandal eliminates his opponent so to his horror, Angus is elected. He decides to see what good an honest M.P., who doesn't care about being re-elected, can do in Parliament. Results are hilarious.

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***Elinor & Shakespeare*** by Gerald Sindell. In 1593, when the plague closed London theaters, Shakespeare headed north with a company of actors. Also leaving was Elinor Sneshell, a barber-surgeon, to learn what caused the plague to spread. Their paths cross, love ensues, are favored by Scots King James the VI, and again when King of England.

***How to Get Rid of a President: History's Guide to Removing Unpopular, Unable or Unfit Chief Executives*** by David Priess. A political history of the schemes, plots, maneuvers, and conspiracies that have attempted, successfully and not, to remove unwanted presidents.

***The Love of My Life*** by Rosie Walsh. (NYT Bestseller) Obit writer Leo is married to well-known marine biologist Emma who suffers a serious illness. Leo copes by researching and writing about his wife's life but discovers the woman he loves doesn't really exist.

***Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom*** by Ilon Woo. (NYT Bestseller) The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as "his" slave.

***The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11*** by Garrett Graff. (NYT Bestseller) The story of the day in the words of those who lived it. Draws on never-before-published transcripts, declassified documents, original interviews, and oral histories from nearly 500 government officials, first responders, witnesses, survivors, friends, and family members.

***Out of Nowhere*** by Sandra Brown. Young mother Elle and high-rolling consultant Calder collide at the police station following a shooter opening fire into the crowd at a Texas county fair. Culminates in a desperate manhunt that will change their futures forever.

***How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*** (LP) by David Brooks. (NYT Bestseller) Guide to the art of truly knowing another person in order to foster deeper connections at home, work, and throughout life. Draws on psychology, neuroscience, theater, philosophy, history, & education to present an integrated approach to human connection.

***Savannah Sleuth*** by Alan Chaput. Savannah socialite Patricia's mother, a prominent philanthropist, drops dead leaving police baffled by her untimely death. Patricia and 3 friends investigate what she believes is murder. A journey from Southern wealth, hidden corners of Savannah, and across two continents in a deadly pursuit of justice.

***Three Things About Elsie*** by Joanna Cannon. 84-year-old Florence, with 2 loyal friends, is determined, despite dementia setting in, to find out why the newest resident, a man who looks and acts like someone she was glad to see die sixty years ago, has resurfaced.

***Series/Prolific Authors: "H" is for Homicide*** by Sue Grafton.