

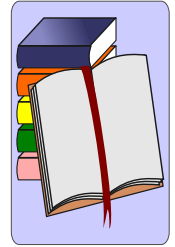
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Silver Maples - April 2024

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April Celebrations

National Arab-American History Month, National Poetry Month, National Library Week (7-13) and Earth (22)/Arbor (26) Days. Check out our related books, bulletin board, and add a puzzle piece or two.



National Library Week

Our theme this year is Explore Our Library.

Book Discussions

All Read – **Thursday, April 11 at 1pm, Garden Room.** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Ask a committee member to check out a copy. LPs are available. Let's Talk Books is discontinued due to low attendance but try Book Jam which meets the last Mondays of the month. See Lois D. for details.

Did you Notice?

The door in the Main Room has been removed making it easier to get in and out of the library. We think it makes the library's Main Room look larger.

We're Looking For . . .

Can you help us locate the CDL-LP book: *Overstated: a coast-to-coast roast of the 50 states* by Colin Quinn? We sure would appreciate it if it was returned along with the checkout card.

Weeding

Every March the Library Committee "weeds" books from our collection that have not been checked out in three years. This makes room for all the great new and donated books we add to our collection each month. This year we weeded 215 books leaving our collection with a total of 2,121 books. The weeded books will go into the spring rummage sale.

Puzzles

The library has limited space for puzzles therefore we accept only a few donations. We use only 500 or 550 piece puzzles and no small pieces puzzles. Unwanted puzzles can go on the free table or save for the spring rummage sale.

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. Isla M. Joe Z. John P. Lila W. Merle M.

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

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NEW BOOKS – APRIL 2024

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

***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*** by Heather McGhee. (NYT Bestseller) An American economy policy advocate tallied losses of the zero-sum paradigm - progress for some at the expense of others, and argues for the Solidarity Dividend - benefits gained when people come together across race to accomplish what we can't do on our own.

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The Able Queen: Memoirs of an Indiana Hump Pilot Lost in the Himalayas by Robert Binzer, a combat transport pilot flying the China-Burma-India Hump behind enemy lines from 1943-1945, a time when Americans and Chinese both fought against the East Axis.

Act of Oblivion by Robert Harris. Two regicides, Edward Whalley and his son-in-law who signed the death warrant of King Charles I of England in 1649 following the Second English Civil War, escaped to America following the 1660 monarchy restoration but a substantial bounty hangs over their heads for their capture—dead or alive.

Bruno's Cookbook: Recipes and Traditions from a French Country Kitchen by Martin Walker. Features meals from the popular *Bruno* series, local recipes, charming anecdotes, and a history of the novels' French setting in the Périgord region.

Emily's House by Amy Brown. Historical fiction about Irish immigrant Margaret Maher, Emily Dickinson's maid for 30 years, whose bond with the poet ensured Dickinson's work would live on.

Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein by Jamie Bernstein. The oldest daughter of revered composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein offers a rare look at her father on the centennial of his birth in an intimate often hilarious memoir.

Fire Weather: A True Story from Hotter World by John Vaillant. (NYT 2023 Top 10) In May 2016, Fort McMurray, the hub of Canada's oil industry and America's biggest foreign supplier, was overrun by wildfire driving 88,000 people from their homes in a single afternoon. A journey through the intertwined histories of NA's oil industry and the birth of climate science, to the unprecedented devastation wrought by modern forest fires.

From Texas to Montana New Cowboy Poetry and Stories of Ranch Life by Jeff Streeby.

Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich. A multigenerational portrait about the intertwined fates of two families, the Kashpaws and the Lamartines, living on a North Dakota Ojibwe reservation.

The Rock of Kiever: A Western Trio by Max Brand. Three of his classic short novels.

Running the Numbers: An American Self-portrait by Chris Jordan. Beautiful photos convey the magnitude of the environmental problems we are creating with product waste. Makes a powerful case for recyclables, but with images that seduce rather than admonish.

So Brave, Young, and Handsome by Leif Enger. With a mix of romanticism and gritty reality, examines one ordinary man's determination as he risks everything in order to understand what it's all worth, and follows an unlikely dream in the hope it will lead him back home.

The Stationery Shop by Marjan Kamali. A Tehran bookstore owner introduces Roya to Bahman. On the eve of their marriage their meetup is interrupted by 1953 coup d'etat violence; he never shows. She sorrowfully moves on in America. Sixty years later fate leads Roya to Bahman and asks: Why did you leave? Where did you go? How were you able to forget me?

What Would Reagan Do?: Life Lessons from the Last Great President by Chris Christie who spells out a lesson from a different point in Reagan's journey then ties all those lessons to the national challenges of today. He shows how the life lessons of the president are more alive than ever and argues they can restore American leadership again.