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### Silver Maples – August 2020



#### August New Books

During pre-Covid times, August was often a time when we took to the open road while on vacation. This year why not visit our New Book cart where you can make vicarious road trips to Shanghai with a journalist taxi driver, Antarctica (well, not strictly by road) with a stowaway, and the U.S. with a big rig, long-haul driver or women journeying to the West in covered wagons. Or, if you prefer, stay at home and enjoy a quiet read by a new Chelsea author.

#### August Special Display Books – 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment & One of My Favorites

We're celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (August 18) of the women's right to vote. Also, have you read a library book recently, or even not so recently, that fired you up? Come add it to this month's Special Display cart featuring Committee member and resident favorites. Be sure to fill out an available bookmark form describing why you recommend it and slip it into your book. And check out what books are there. Who knows, maybe someone else's favorite book will become one of yours too.

#### Book Discussions

Let's Talk Books – Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Garden Room, 1 pm. Come share what you've been reading while we maintain distancing. It's been awhile!

CDL All-Read - will be scheduled once visitors can enter Silver Maples again.

#### Annual Weeding

The Committee completed our annual weeding of the collection. Books not checked out since 2016 or before were withdrawn although with some exceptions. We withdrew 232 books, 10% of the collection, leaving just under 2,200 volumes on our shelves but which are added to each month. Withdrawn books are distributed to CDL for their book sale, the hospital, and the Silver Maples rummage sale.

#### Book Borrowing - 2019 and Before

Thanks to those of you who searched through your stack of books and returned our library books borrowed during 2019 and before. Now others can check them out. In case you've forgotten you have a book(s), we are sending out friendly reminders for those library books still remaining on the list. We appreciate your cooperation.

#### 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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***American Character: A History of the Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good*** - Collin Woodard traces these two strands through 400 years of US history, argues that to maintain a liberal democracy requires finding a balance between the two, and offers pragmatic suggestions.

***The City Where We Once Lived: A Novel*** – Eric Barnes. “A novel of the near future that combines a prescient look at how climate change and industrial flight will reshape our world with a deeply personal story of one man running from his past.”

***Cold Storage*** – David Koepp (screenwriter of Jurassic Park, etc.). Three strangers must work together to contain a highly contagious, deadly organism. Sly humor.

***The House of Deep Water*** - Jeni McFarland, first time Chelsea author, makes River Bend, MI the setting where three women – a mother and daughter and one of the town’s black daughters - must return and where their paths collide.

***The Janus Stone*** – Elly Griffiths; series. Dr. Ruth Galloway’s routine days as a forensic archaeologist living on the remote Norfolk coast are upended when a child’s bones are uncovered beneath a doorway during a demolition – minus its skull.

***The Long Haul: A Trucker's Tales of Life on the Road*** - Finn Murphy dropped out of college to work his way up to high-end mover (multi-million dollar cargoes). He recounts, with great wit and candor mixed with salty language, 30 years of tales experienced while racking up more than a million miles on the road all over America.

***The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock*** – Imogen Gowar. A novel about a merchant, a mermaid, and a madam told with bawdy wit, sparkling intrigue, and a hint of magic.

***Quick and Dirty: A Stone Barrington Novel*** – Stuart Woods. Barrington gets entangled in the rarefied world of art where priceless and irreplaceable works are worth killing for.

***The Shanghai Free Taxi: Journeys with Hustlers and Rebels of the New China*** - Frank Langfitt, NPR correspondent on assignment in Shanghai, offered free taxi rides in exchange for conversation. We’re introduced to colorful characters representative of the new China, vivid travel writing, and insightful political analysis.

***The Stowaway: A Young Man's Extraordinary Adventure to Antarctica*** - Laurie Shapiro. In 1928 Billy Gawronski, a new high school graduate, jumped into the Hudson River and snuck aboard Admiral Byrd’s expedition boat bound for Antarctica. The true life story of a Roaring ‘20s celebrity with salt in his blood which led to decades at sea including the North Atlantic during WW II.

***Upstream: Selected Essays*** – Mary Oliver. Essays of Pulitzer Prize winning poet.

***Wolf Hall*** – Hilary Mantel. An award-winning historical novel about Oliver Cromwell, his family, and his role with Henry VIII. PBS broadcast a series based on this novel.

***Women’s Diaries of the Westward Journey*** – Lillian Schlissel. History and six diaries of women who made the 2,400 mile Overland journey between 1840-1870.