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### 2023 Library Committee Member Picks

Each month a Library Committee member selects a new book for our collection and provides a brief description. This month Jean T. (emeritus) chose the following title:

***Cave of Bones*** (LP) by Anne Hillerman. New Mexico Navaho Tribal Police Officer Bernadette finds herself solving twin mysteries - a human skeleton discovered in the wilds of the nearby rugged lava wilderness and a recent missing instructor. Complicating the investigation are an unexpected blizzard, a suspicious accidental drowning, and the arrival of a new FBI agent.

***The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, a Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War*** by Malcolm Gladwell. A small band of idealistic strategists, the "Bomber Mafia," asked: What if precision bombing could cripple the enemy and make war far less lethal? Weaves together the stories of this band of Alabama airmen; a Dutch genius and his homemade computer; Winston Churchill's friend, a British psychopath; pyromaniacal chemists at Harvard; and bomber commander, Curtis LeMay, who would order the bloodiest attack of the Second World War.

***Emily Dickenson Face to Face*** by Martha Dickinson Bianchi. First published in 1932 by Dickenson's niece who describes the childhood she spent next door to - and often in the care of - her Aunt Emily. This is the most intimate record we have of Emily Dickinson whose death sparked a long family struggle over her work and her image.

***Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*** by Benjamin Stevenson, an Australian comedian turned mystery writer. Ernest, the black sheep of a dark family with criminal connections, reunites with his infamous family at an isolated ski resort. Enjoy this combination of mystery, humor, and an homage to the iconic detective genre.

***Finding Hope and Healing*** by Kenneth Haugk. The third in the series, *Journeying through Grief*, a set of four short, easy-to-read books that offer words of comfort and hope to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

***The Great Circle*** (LP) by Maggie Shipstead. Marian, an orphan raised by an uncle in Montana post WWI, drops out of school to follow her passion for flight helped by a wealthy bootlegger. A century later Hadley is cast to play Marian in a film that centers on Marian's disappearance in Antarctica. The two women's fates, and their hunger for self-determination in vastly different geographies and times, collide.

**High Country** by Nevada Barr. It's fall and Anna is slinging hash in Yosemite National Park's historic Ahwahnee Hotel. Four young seasonal park employees have disappeared and two weeks of work by crack search-and-rescue teams have failed to turn up a single clue prompting Anna to solo hike up a snowy trail to the high country seeking answers.

**Joan is Okay** by Weike Wang. A portrait of Joan, a thirty-something Chinese-American woman working in a NYC hospital ICU, a male-dominated workplace and at a high-stakes time, while staying independent within a tight-knit family.

**The Nation's Hangar: Aircraft Treasures of the Smithsonian** by F. Robert Van Der Linden, Smithsonian curator and aviation history expert. A history of civilian, military and commercial aviation around the world from the earliest balloon flights to today's most advanced aircraft. Provides historic and social context highlighting the many ways these innovations have changed the course of history. Liberally illustrated with color photos.

**The New Stokes Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region** by Donald and Lillian Stokes. This portable guide includes 545 North American bird species and more than 2,000 color photographs that include male, female, summer, winter, immature, morphs, important subspecies, and birds in flight.

**Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity** by David Attia, M.D. We experience lifespan at the expense of healthspan, or quality of life. Attia calls for rethinking medicine for the age of chronic disease – heart disease, cancer, neurodegenerative (Alzheimer's) - with tips, based on science, on how to prepare for the centenarian decathlon – safe movement, nutrition, sleep, and emotional health.

**Robert Frost** by Geoffrey Moore, ed. From the Great Poets series, a collection of classic poetry enhanced by 12 full-color reproductions of period art, and readable, scholarly introductions.

**A Stone is Most Precious Where it Belongs: A Memoir of Uyeghur Exile, Hope, and Survival** by Gulchehra Hoja. This memoir of a well-known Uyeghur journalist raised in East Turkestan, whose 28 relatives disappeared overnight, gives us a glimpse beyond what the Chinese state wants us to see. She was willing to risk not just her own life, but also that of everyone she loves, to expose her people's story to the world.

**The Wedding Date** by Jasmine Guillory. Agreeing to go to a wedding with a guy she gets stuck with in an elevator is something Alexa wouldn't normally do. But there's something about Drew that's too hard to resist. A fun little summer romantic-comedy read.

**Wild Rescues: A Paramedic's Extreme Adventures in Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Grand Tetons** by Kevin Granger. In 2014, Grange left his job as a paramedic in Los Angeles to work in a response area with 2.2 million acres, Yellowstone National Park, and also Yosemite and Grand Canyon. Read about his responding to medical and traumatic emergencies in some of the most isolated and rugged parts of America and his reflections upon the democratic ideal of the National Park mission, the beauty of the land, and the threats facing it.

### Series/Prolific Authors

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