



Friends of the CSU Michael Schwartz Library
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Zoom meeting

1. Call meeting to order: Barb Gauthier, President, Friends of the Library.
2. Call for Board Members: Barb Gauthier
3. Ways to encourage membership: Barb Gauthier
4. Director's comments: David Lodwick.
5. Suggestions for book discussions, fall 2021/spring 2022. *page 2*
6. Suggestion for local author (Annual Local Authors Book Talk Series): To be held during National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022. *page 3*
7. Annual Excursion, Spring 2022 (During spring break week, March 13-20 2022).
Cleveland Grays Armory Museum, 1234 Bolivar Road
<http://graysarmory.com/the-museum/>
8. Other:

Book discussion suggestions

- *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles
- *The Library Book*, by a collection of authors (The Reading Agency, Cleves, Ann, Godin, Seth, et al) each writing about their experiences with libraries
- *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons From the 20th Century* by Timothy Snyder-2017-128 p
- *Our Malady: Lessons in Liberty From a Hospital Diary* by Timothy Snyder-2020-181 p
- *The Underground Railroad A Novel* by Colson Whitehead-2016-336 p
- *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson-2020-560 p
- *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig-Fiction 2020-299 p [An Amazon Best Book of October 2020](#): When the death of her cat proves the final straw, Nora decides to check out on life, and finds herself at the Midnight Library. "Even death was something Nora couldn't do properly, it seemed." But each book at this library tells the story of a life she could have had. Part *It's a Wonderful Life*, part *Oona Out of Order*, this charming, funny, inventive novel is about regret, the choices we make, and taking the bitter with the sweet.
- *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah *The Four Winds* is a deeply moving, powerful story about the strength and resilience of women and the bond between mother and daughter, by the multi-million copy number one bestselling author Kristin Hannah. *She will discover the best of herself in the worst of times . . .*
Texas, 1934. Elsa Martinelli had finally found the life she'd yearned for. A family, a home and a livelihood on a farm on the Great Plains. But when drought threatens all she and her community hold dear, Elsa's world is shattered to the winds. Fearful of the future, when Elsa wakes to find her husband has fled, she is forced to make the most agonizing decision of her life. Fight for the land she loves or take her beloved children, Loreda and Ant, west to California in search of a better life. Will it be the land of milk and honey? Or will their experience challenge every ounce of strength they possess? From the overriding love of a mother for her child, the value of female friendship, and the ability to love again - against all odds, Elsa's incredible journey is a story of survival, hope and what we do for the ones we love.
- *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman It's New Year's Eve and House Tricks estate agents are hosting an open viewing in an up-market apartment when an incompetent bank robber rushes in and politely takes everyone hostage. For Ana-Lena and Roger, busy buying-up apartments to fill the hole in their marriage, it's something else to talk about. For Julia and Ro, panicky parents-to-be, it's yet another worry. Lonely bank manager Zara only came here for the view. While 87-year-old grandmother Estelle seems rather pleased by the company . . .
As the police gather outside, the anxious strangers huddled within try to make the best of a very sticky situation - but could it be that they have a whole lot more in common than meets the eye?

Local Authors

- *The Dead Key*, by **J.M. Pulley**
- *The Women of Copper Country: A Novel*, by **Mary Doria Russell**
- **Vivian Chen**
- *Little Fires Everywhere* by **Celeste Ng**
- *The Daughters of Erietown: A Novel* by **Connie Schultz**