

June 14, 2022
Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

Held via zoom

Barb Gauthier, Friends of the Library President, called the meeting to order at 11:03

In attendance: Jane Dugan, Richard Fox, Barb Gauthier, Tracy Kemp, Frank Klaus, Vida Lock, David Lodwick, Barb Loomis, Theresa Nawalaniec, Ann Marie Smeraldi, and John Templeman.

Director's Comments

Ann Marie Smeraldi, Interim Library Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting, including its dedicated members and is looking forward to a good conversation. She thanked Vida Lock and Richard Fox for volunteering to lead discussions.

Book Sale in the Library

Theresa Nawalaniec brought up the idea of having a one-day book sale vs a continuous book sale. We have lots of books to sell. There will be a separate meeting to discuss this including Ann Marie Smeraldi, Barb Gauthier, Tracy Kemp, Barb Loomis, Terri Greer, and Hannah Pearson. Barb L will report back to the Friends group.

Results of meeting: The group decided to hold a large 2-day book sale in the fall during National Libraries Week (October 17-21). Also, Hannah Pearson will take over the work of processing the book donations (all currently being done by Terri Greer) to assess ROI and amount of work to get a handle on whether it's worth holding a continuous book sale for the Friends. She will report back to book sale planning group the first week of August.

Budget Report:

Tracy Kemp, Library Fiscal Agent, reported that there was \$5,700 in the Friends account as of April 2022. There hasn't been much spending of the funds because of the COVID Pandemic. The Friends did help with funding for the Library's Achievement Awards and for the Student Assistant of the Year awards (there were 3 Student Assistant of the Year awards given this year—they represented 3 different divisions of the Library and all were graduating).

Fundraising Opportunities

John Templeman, Director, CSU Annual Giving, discussed giving opportunities throughout the year including direct mailing, email solicitation, and CSU's Giving Day, which the Library participated in this year (February 16, 2022). There were 4 people who gave to the Library on Giving Day. John can help us be more strategic about this going forward. He offered to help in creating an Evergreen Giving page to help with future fundraising efforts; it has no goals, no countdown, and no ending date, which would allow more giving opportunities. If the Library provides content (text, videos, fund names) he can create a page in a few hours. He suggested we have a separate meeting to discuss it further. Tracy Kemp mentioned that the Library has its own advancement team and she could set up a meeting in July with this group. Barb Gauthier would also be invited to represent the Friends, who could help market the fundraising efforts. John suggested we hire a student from the School of Film and Media Arts to help us create a video to help support our fundraising efforts. Barb G said this was exciting!

Book Discussion Suggestions for 2022/2023

After reviewing the suggested titles (attached), the group decided on the following books for discussion (fall 2022/spring 2023).

October 19, 2022, noon – 1:30: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a book about sustainability selected by Jen McMillin, Director, Campus Sustainability, who will also lead the discussion.

November 9, 2022, noon – 1:30: *Coddling of the American Mind* by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt. Vida Lock will lead the discussion.

December 7, 2022, noon – 1:30: *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. Theresa Nawalaniec and Richard Fox will lead the discussion. Book coming out in October 2022

February 15, 2023, noon- 1:30: — *Recitatif* by Toni Morrison. Richard Fox will lead the discussion.

Local Author

April 26, 2023 (date not yet confirmed) – During National Library Week -- April 23 - 29 – Local Author Dennis Keating to discuss his new book [Cleveland and the Civil War](#).

Annual Excursion: Spring 2023 (Tentative depending on Covid and reopening of the museum)

The group decided to go to the Cleveland Grays Armory Museum during spring break week in March 2023 (March 12-19, 2023. graysarmory.org. This was the selection for 2020 and 2021 but canceled due to Covid restrictions.

Frank Klaus suggested we also go to the [Soldiers and Sailors monument](#) on Public Square, after the tour at Grays Armory. This is an open monument but a private tour might be available.

Lunch in Cleveland will follow the tours.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm

Submitted by Barb Loomis, Friends of the Library Liaison

Find the Agenda and suggested book titles on the following pages:

Friends of the CSU Michael Schwartz Library
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, June 14
Via Zoom

1. Call meeting to order: Barb Gauthier, President, Friends of the Library.
2. Director's comments: Ann Marie Smeraldi.
3. Budget report: Tracy Kemp
4. Book Sale in the Library: Theresa Nawalaniec
5. Fundraising opportunities – John Templeman
6. Suggestions for book discussions, fall 2022/spring 2023. *pages 2 -3*
7. Suggestion for local author (Annual Local Authors Book Talk Series): To be held during National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. *page 3*
8. Annual Excursion, Spring 2023? (spring break week, March 12- 19 2023).
9. Other:

Book discussion suggestions

- [*The Coddling of the American Mind*](#) by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt (Vida Lock)
A timely investigation into the new "safety culture" on campus and the dangers it poses to free speech, mental health, education, and ultimately democracy
- [*Euphoria*](#) by Lily King; (Jane Dugan)
 - a breathtaking novel about three young anthropologists of the '30s caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and ultimately, their lives.
- [*Henry, Himself*](#) by Stewart O'Nan; (Jane Dugan)
 - A member of the greatest generation looks back on the loves and losses of his past and comes to treasure the present anew in this poignant and thoughtful new novel from a modern master.
- [*How I Learned to Understand the World*](#) by Hans Rosling (Jane Dugan)
 - The moving, playful memoir of Hans Rosling, Swedish statistics mastermind, researcher extraordinaire and author of the global best seller, *Factfulness*, with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Rönnlund
- [*Lab Girl*](#) by Hope Jahren (Theresa Nawalaniec).
 - An illuminating debut memoir of a woman in science; a moving portrait of a longtime collaboration, in work and in life; and a stunningly fresh look at plants that will forever change how you see and think about the natural world.
- [*Our Missing Hearts*](#) by Celeste Ng (Theresa Nawalaniec). Coming out in October 2022
From the number one bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, a deeply suspenseful and heartrending novel about the unbreakable love between a mother and child in a society consumed by fear
- [*Recitatif*](#) by Toni Morrison (Richard Fox)
A beautiful, arresting story about race and the relationships that shape us through life by the legendary Nobel Prize winner
- [*Teaching Black History to White People*](#) by Leonard Moore (Richard Fox)
With *Teaching Black History to White People*, which is "part memoir, part Black history, part pedagogy, and part how-to guide," Moore delivers an accessible and engaging primer on the Black experience in America.
- [*Nice White Ladies*](#) by Jessie Daniels (Richard Fox)
An acclaimed expert illuminates the distinctive role that white women play in perpetuating racism, and how they can work to fight it
- [*The Midnight Library*](#) by Matt Haig (Richard Fox)
The dazzling favorite about the choices that go into a life well lived, from the acclaimed author of *How to Stop Time* and *The Comfort Book*.
- [*West with Giraffes: A Novel - Kindle edition by Rutledge, Lynda. Literature & Fiction Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.*](#) (Barb Gauthier) An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

- [The Lincoln Highway: A Novel - Kindle edition by Towles, Amor. Literature & Fiction Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#) (Barb Gauthier) The bestselling author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility* and master of absorbing, sophisticated fiction returns with a stylish and propulsive novel set in 1950s America
- [The Power of Regret: How Looking Backward Moves Us Forward](#) by Daniel Pink. (Ann Marie Smeraldi) From the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *When and Drive*, a new book about the transforming power of our most misunderstood yet potentially most valuable emotion: regret.

Books about Sustainability (sustainability day is the fourth Wednesday of October each year—October 26, 2022):

- [Braiding Sweetgrass](#) by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Sustainability suggestion by Mandi Goodsett--*Highly recommended by Jenn McMillan, the Sustainability Officer here at CSU! She can also lead the discussion if one of these books is selected*)
 - Kimmerer shares her insights as a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, inspiring readers to gain a deeper ecological understanding of the natural world around.
- [All We Can Save](#) edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson (Sustainability suggestion by Mandi Goodsett).
 - A collection of essays, poetry, and art created and compiled by women, this book explores how we can muster creativity and courage to face our collective future.
- [The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where We Can Go From Here](#) by Hope Jahren. (Sustainability suggestion by Mandi Goodsett).
 - Jahren, who is an award-winning scientist and teacher, explains how systems and everyday actions contribute to the climate crisis and what can be done to fight back.
- [Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever to Reverse Global Warming](#) by Paul Hawken. (Sustainability suggestion by Mandi Goodsett).
 - The result of an enormous effort, this seminal book compiles huge amounts of data to reveal the solutions to climate change with the biggest impact.
- [Climate Change Is Racist: Race, Privilege, and the Struggle for Climate Justice](#) by Jeremy Williams. (Sustainability suggestion by Mandi Goodsett).
 - All the impacts of climate change systematically impact communities of color more often and more devastatingly. This book takes the reader around the world to explore where white privilege and climate change overlap.

Local Authors

- [Cleveland and the Civil War](#), Dennis Keating, Emeritus Professor, Urban Studies
 - Although removed from the frontlines, Cleveland played an active role in national events before, during and after the Civil War. President Lincoln visited this abolitionist hotbed after his 1860 election. Following the president's assassination five years later, his funeral train made a stop here. Cleveland and Cuyahoga County sent more than 9,000 troops to war. More than 1,700 never returned. Born just outside Cleveland, James Garfield emerged from the war to become president of the United States. Most vitally, the economic prosperity of the war years began the transformation of this small but thriving village into a future manufacturing powerhouse. Author W. Dennis Keating, member and past president of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, creates a panoramic view of the city through one of the nation's most troubled times.