



**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 2023
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 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.