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JANUARY CALENDAR

Brunch - Saturday, 13 January 2018, 11:00 a. m.

Our January brunch will be held at The Cottage, 420 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate dining room in the back.

Note: This goes back to our usual 2nd Saturday Brunch Date.

Dining Out - Tuesday, 23 January 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

To revive a previously enjoyable event, we will meet at the **Grand Traverse Pie Company**, 525 W. Front Street - the one near Division St., **not** the one by the State Theater - in the back room (a nook, really). It's located in the strip mall one-two blocks east of US-31. You can get other items besides pie - although a pie for dinner sounds pretty good. First one there, grab a table.

BIBLIOMENSANS READING LIST – 2018

FEBRUARY 3 ***Kerouac: A Biography***

Author: Ann Charters

Presenter: Greg Baker

APRIL 7 ***On The Road AND***

***The Dharma Bums* (read both books)**

Author: Jack Kerouac

Presenter: All members

JUNE 2 ***Between the World and Me***

Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates

Presenter: Sherry McNamara

AUGUST 11 (NOTE—**not our normal date**)

A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Human Story Retold Through Our Genes

Author: Adam Rutherford and Siddhartha Mukherjee

Presenter: Stan Cain

OCTOBER 6 ***A Gentleman in Moscow***

Author: Amor Towles

Presenter: Jim McDermott

DECEMBER 1 ***Outposts: Journeys to the Surviving Relics of the British Empire***

Author: Simon Winchester

Presenter: Heather Gruenberg-Seger

NOTES

You will receive a **20%** discount at Brilliant Books for the purchase of one of these titles.

You will receive a **10%** discount at Horizon Books for the purchase of one of these titles. If you also have an Horizon membership discount, then you will receive both discounts.

News from the RVC3

Happy New Year!

How many of you make resolutions? How many have given up on making resolutions? Do any of you resolve monthly to improve your lives throughout the year?

This is a time to reflect on where we've been and in what ways we want to change and do things differently in the upcoming year. Are there books you have on your "someday I'll read " list? Well, pick one and get started!

Is there a trip you've been thinking about? Near? Far? With family, friends, solo?

Are there cultural activities that you like? What are your plans for 2018? Visiting or supporting art, theatre, music, museums (science, children's, other)?

Why not plan some Mensa activities this year where you share your personal favorites and things you love to do.

I have enjoyed visiting local groups in 2017 and I look forward to seeing the remainder in 2018, Keep the light on for me. :-)

Reminder: The MVP voucher program continues until March 31. Everyone has received a number that they can pass on to someone to take the Mensa test or submit prior evidence for free. I encourage you to choose just one person and invite them to see if they qualify for Mensa. If you can't find the email that was sent to you with the code (or if you did not have an email on file) simply contact the American Mensa national office and they can provide you with your unique number. And the local group in each group size level that has the most redemptions from October 2017 through January 31, 2018 will receive bonus cash from American Mensa!

That's all for now!

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