



# Borealis

## June Calendar

Bibliomensans would normally meet in June at 11:00 a.m. at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City, but Sherry McNamara is the point of contact for a ZOOM Meeting she is setting up online for a virtual meeting instead of meeting in person at the pizza place. 11:00 am Saturday June 6. Her email is kikiwon@hotmail.com

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BRUNCH - postponed

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## **Bibliomensans**

This is the schedule for the Bibliomensans' 2020 reading meetings. Anybody is welcome, whether or not they have read the book. If they are Mensans they are members of Bibliomensans. We meet at 11:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City. Zip code is 49686 (restaurant is at SE corner of Airport and LaFranier Rds.). Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October, and December. In August we meet on the second Saturday of the month. The presenter introduces the book and then everybody goes around the table, voicing their opinion. After that the discussion is open. I am now the contact person, Heather J. Gruenberg-Seger, I can be reached at home: 231.932.9501. All other information on the book group link is still valid.

February -- Tara Westover's 'Educated', 334 pp. Heather Gruenberg-Seger is presenting.

April -- Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring', 378 pp. in 1962. Jim McDermott is presenting.

June -- Steadman and Clark's 'Tethered Mercury', 288 pp. Sherry McNamara is presenting.

August -- David Grann's 'Killers of the Flower Moon', 359 pp. Stan Cain is presenting.

October -- Yuval Noah Harari's 'Sapiens', 498 pp. Heather Gruenberg-Seger is presenting.

December -- David Wallace-Wells' 'The Uninhabitable Earth', 320 pp. Jim McDermott is presenting.



## News from the RVC3

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How are you holding up in this new world? What has changed for you? What are you doing in order to have some sense of normalcy or a means to anchor yourself each day? I encourage you to have some routines from B.C. (Before COVID) that you are continuing to maintain. Whether it is doing crossword puzzles, reading, taking a walk, exercising, meditation, listening to music, it helps to have a calming aspect to your life each day.

Life for many of us will change. Some of us may end up in a different job or a new career. How we interact as members of Mensa will likely include some virtual get-togethers and on-line meetings. Some predict that restaurants will be significantly changed. How do you see your next event at a restaurant, a theater, a concert? When do you expect each of those to be allowed once again? What will be your first social activity - be it personal or Mensa-related? What gives you hope?

I had planned on visiting some local groups this spring, others groups in the summer or fall. That will, of necessity, be rearranged. With groups in Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, it will be a challenge for me to figure out when to "stop by". Six states, six different Governors, with coordinated but separate plans on "re-opening" our lives. Hopefully by mid-summer, I can once again go on some road trips. I'll likely do two or three groups over long weekends. What event would you like me to join you at?

The next RG in Region 3 is over Labor Day weekend, hosted by Western Pennsylvania Mensa (WPAM). In October, Columbus Area Mensa will have an RG. And to close out the year, Cincinnati Area Mensa will host their RG. How will these change as we continue to take measures to reduce the likelihood of a second wave? What changes do you see to games rooms? To Hospitality and meals? To programs and presentations?

What 21st century changes will now be accelerated? More distance learning? More working from home? Will there be a rebound to some of the older ways? More face-to-face gatherings? More conversations with friends around a campfire? How will movie theaters adapt?

We are Mensa. Let us create and innovate as we redesign our communities.

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