



Borealis

November Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in December

BRUNCH - CANCELLED until further notice

NOVEMBER 3 ... VOTE!!

November 11 is Veterans' Day

November 26 is Thanksgiving Day

Executive Committee

We are looking for volunteers to fill our vacancies and have an assistant
for each position

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instead of in person. Contact her to get the invitation to Zoom ...
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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.

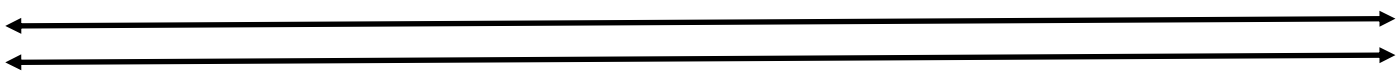
June -- Steadman and Clark's 'Tethered Mercury', 288 pp. Sherry McNamara is presenting.

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.

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ATTENTION!!!: THERE is need of judges for the 2021 local Scholarship competition. Each person would need to read some number of essays (the more judges, the fewer essays each person is responsible to read) and score them based on a rubric that would be provided. The reading and scoring is done completely online. Any interested people can contact me at the email address or phone number below.

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News from the RVC3

John Voymas, Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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The chill is in the air. We are well on our way towards winter. November is a month when people get together and focus on what they are thankful for. As my wife, Elsie, says "If you are breathing air and alive, now that is something to be thankful for". Thankfulness comes in all sizes and shapes. Maybe, it's the pretty color of fall leaves. Or your cat or dog or other cherished furry (or feathery) friends.

Towards the end of November, people celebrate Thanksgiving. For some who have families, it can be a time of gathering and reminiscing. If you don't have family to share a meal with, perhaps you could host a dinner with other members of Mensa. Potlucks are fairly easy and simple to do. Just a little bit of coordination is necessary so that you don't end up with six green bean casseroles. :-)

Another aspect of this time of year is shopping for gifts for holiday celebrations. Although how you celebrate can differ, the sharing of presents is common. White elephant gifts are a fun way to do this. Picking of names works for both this and for more serious gifting.

Volunteering at a shelter or the Salvation Army is another way to share in this season. There are also options like Angel Tree where you choose a child and provide them with presents. Simply doing a food drive for a local food pantry is another great way to give at this time of year (or at any other time).

Many local groups are adapting to the use of virtual meetings and activities. The next Regional Gathering (RG) in Region 3 will be hosted by Cincinnati Area Mensa on December 4 - 6. More details can be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/gathering-pending-title21/>. This will be a virtual RG.

May you have a peaceful and safe holiday season and may 2021 be a better year for all of us.

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