



# Borealis

## February Calendar

Bibliomensans meet Saturday, 1 February 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 8 February 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The brunch will be held at The Cottage Inn, 472 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate room in back.

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### Executive Committee

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I am the Scholarship Chair for Northern Michigan Mensa, and I am looking for a few volunteers to help me with the program this year. We have 45 applications with essays that need to be read and scored to advance to the next level. This is a fairly low level of essays, but there were some technical glitches with the scholarship platform this year.

Anyway, I would love to have 3 or even better 6 volunteers so that I could split up the essays into two groups. It is fairly quick and the scoring all takes place online (if you have scored in the past, this is a big change!) If you are interested, I would need you to have the essays read no later than Sunday, March 8 so that I would have time to make sure the scores were all entered correctly. Please let me know if you are interested! This is a great way to get involved and help the young people of our area get money to further their education!

Thank you for your time! Kymberli Wregglesworth

## **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. Heather Gruenberg-Seger 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. Sherry McNamara is presenting.

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



## News from the RVC3

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Presidents Month is here!

Hopefully, by the time you read this, Mensa testing at a public test location will be active. This is not intended to replace proctored testing but is an additional avenue for people who have difficulty scheduling a proctored test session or who prefer to test privately.

Memberships are up! Yes, American Mensa membership is on the upswing and we are ahead of where we were at this time one year ago. With the addition of public testing sites, we should be in very good shape.

Also this month, the Mensa Connect communities for all Local Groups should be active. This can be a great way to post last minute info and to have spirited discussions. Be the first in your group to post! BTW, you control the vertical, you control the horizontal ... oops, that is from an old television show. What I mean to say is that you control whether you receive immediate updates, a daily digest, or you can turn off receiving any email and just check out your local group community whenever you choose.

In March, Dayton Area Mensa plans on their regional gathering. I'll post info as soon as I hear, most likely to the various Local Group and Region 3 Facebook pages. Be sure to attend Southeast Michigan Mensa's RG on Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19. Info is at <https://mensadetroit.com/semantics/>. 'Looking forward to seeing you!' there. For more information on upcoming events, you can also check out the Events listing (under the ATTEND drop down) on the American Mensa website at <https://www.us.mensa.org/> or check out the RG listings in the Mensa Bulletin.

The Annual Gathering in 2020 will be in Kansas City, MO from July 1 - 5. The day before, the Colloquium will focus on "Advances in Food Science". I hope to see you at both the Colloquium and the AG. For more info on these national events, the direct link is <https://ag.us.mensa.org/>.

Columbus Area Mensa will host their RG from Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington. More information will be posted on their website at <http://www.columbus.us.mensa.org/>.

Be seeing you!

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