



Borealis

March Calendar

Bibliomansans next meet Saturday, April 4 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City.

BRUNCH - Saturday, March 14, 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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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. 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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Spring is in the air! As I write this, it is the 1st of February and an inch of snow is predicted to cover my front lawn. According to Facebook, we had a beautiful (per my friend, Rick) covering of snow six years earlier. On January 20th I had to shovel six inches of heavy wet snow; Facebook reminded me that we had a similar snowfall exactly one year earlier. Nature's timing? Speaking of timing, the AMC board meeting is on Saturday, March 21. Any member of American Mensa is welcome to call in to the meeting to hear our deliberations. Information will be available at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/american-mensa-committee-meeting/>. One of the topics that may be discussed at the meeting is what is the definition of an "official" Mensa meeting – is it limited to meetings hosted by American Mensa or the Local Group ExComm or does it include every item listed in the local group's calendar of events or perhaps any event where any amount of local group funds are expended (e.g. \$25 for snacks)? I would appreciate your input on this prior to the meeting. Please contact me via email at rvc3@us.mensa.org. We may also discuss what is "unacceptable behavior" at an event. The Mensa Voucher Program (MVP) has been extended through March 31. This is a great way for friends, neighbors, and countrypersons to see if they qualify to join as the fee for testing or for prior evidence certification is waived. Forgotten your group's code? Search your inbox for "Invite a friend using your MVP code" or ask a Local Group officer. Getting the code in the hands of the right friends and colleagues will result in more codes redeemed and processed, and then more new members. Some local groups see this as a loss since there is no portion of the testing fee remitted back to the local group. That is short-term thinking. Invest in growing your group, provide the new members with exciting things to do together, and the renewals will follow. Check out the <https://www.us.mensa.org/> website! Improvements have been made to speed it up. And the long-awaited Search function has returned. Have fun exploring the new and improved site. March 20-22 Dayton Area Mensa will host DAMNations 32, their regional gathering. Information is on their Facebook page. You can also go to http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org/index_files/rg.html to get additional details. 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". For more info on these national events, the direct link is <https://ag.us.mensa.org/>.

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