



April 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, April 11, 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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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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American Mensa begins a new membership (and fiscal) year on April 1st. If you are reading this before April 1, then you have a few more days to keep your membership current. If your local group prepares the newsletter one month out, then you may have already lapsed. This might be a good time to renew for three years or five years or even a Life Membership (which I did in 2005). Some of the benefits (like the Choice Hotels discount) can actually save an amount that covers the cost of annual dues.

This is also the time of year when the local group treasurer must submit their annual report to the national office. This is one of the requirements for a local group to qualify for a Jewel award.

The February 12th webinar to present the new electronic testing approach was postponed due to an issue with the preferred testing center. Hopefully, this can be resolved and rescheduled in the near future. I recommend that members of your local group attend this informative session, especially those members who are proctors, testing coordinators, membership officers, and Loc Secs. We are expecting this to open an additional pathway for prospective members to qualify to join American Mensa.

Southeast Michigan Mensa's Regional Gathering (RG) will be held from Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19. Info is at <https://mensadetroit.com/semantics/>. 'Looking forward to seeing you!' there. This is a weekend of speakers, programs, and special events and includes a complete "Kids Track" the entire weekend.

The Annual Gathering (AG) is coming up soon. Since it will be in Kansas City, MO from July 1 – 5, travel may be more convenient than when we hold the AG on a coast. For more info on the AG and the Colloquium, the direct link is <https://ag.us.mensa.org/>.

Planning ahead ... The Western Pennsylvania RG will be held over Labor Day weekend. This year, Labor Day is on Monday, September 7 (can't get any later than that!), so the event will run from Friday, September 4 thru Monday, September 7. Be on the lookout for details when they are announced. The WPAM website is <http://www.wpam.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/>.

For more information on other 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.

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