



Borealis

October 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in December

Is it Fall or still Summer ???

Executive Committee

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Bibliomensans

This is the schedule for the Bibliomensans' 2021 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.

October: Hellhound on His Trail, by Hampton Sides

December: The Disappearing Spoon, by Sam Kean

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In December 2021, the Executive Committee elections will be held. Terms are for 2 years starting January 2022. Please consider stepping up to fill these spots (LocSec, Deputy LocSec, and Treasurer). *Everyone should take a turn to keep the group functioning.* Also, a new Editor for the Borealis will be needed at the same time. Anyone interested in any of the positions, please email your intentions to the Editor and they will be given to the ExComm.



News from the RVC3

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"Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand." --Karl A. Menniger

It's October, and Testing Month is here! For many years now, Mensa has offered special discounts to prospective members wanting to be tested in October, and this year is no different. What IS different this year, though, is we now offer two different options to take the Mensa Admission Test: Test sessions proctored by Local Group volunteers and private test sessions administered at more than 400 approved testing facilities nationwide. During the pandemic this has been particularly helpful: many local groups in high risk areas, or who do not have a regularly available proctor, are able to take advantage of the private testing to continue to grow. In 2021, the private testing has been increasingly popular, and the number of people taking it is expected to exceed all projections,

One of the disadvantages to the private testing, of course, is the lack of the personal touch. I am a Proctor and Testing Coordinator myself, and one of the many things I miss is the ability to meet and get to know prospective members, and to welcome them to our tribe before they are official. A positive experience is important for new members, and our Proctors excel at showing the warmth and sense of community we have. It's been wonderful for the groups who have been able to ease into in person group testing to connect.

We can try to give people that kind of welcome in other ways, though. Part of it is telling our Mensa Stories, and sharing with those we know who may benefit from joining us. So many people have great stories of the relationships they've built, they experiences they've had, and the things they've learned. We can combat the anti-intellectualism we sometimes see in society, and the lack of societal acceptance of being gifted, by being our genuine selves and opening the door to membership. We often say that Mensa is a place where we get your jokes: many people are looking for just that. So tell your Mensa stories. You may just make someone's world bigger.

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