

# Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library Newsletter

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WINTER: February 2020

## 2020 BOOK SALES DATES

WINTER: FEB 19,20,21,22  
SPRING: MAY 10,21,22,23  
SUMMER: AUG 19,20,21,22  
FALL: NOV 18,19,20,21

### WEDNESDAYS:

FIRST DAY OF SALE -  
MEMBERS ONLY

11:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
OPEN TO PUBLIC  
2:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thu-Fri 10:00am to 5:30pm  
Sat 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

### SATURDAYS:

"ALL BOOKS TWO FOR ONE"  
ALL CHILDREN'S BOOKS \$1  
CHILDREN GET FIRST BOOK  
FREE

FREE BOOKS FOR  
SCHOOL-RELATED AND  
LOCAL NON-PROFITS

FICTION ONLY 'MINI' BOOK  
SALES HELD BETWEEN  
QUARTERLY SALES

### From the Editor ...

*This edition will spotlight three **BOOK CLUBS** that meet at the Sonoma Valley Library. Each one is unique and has had loyal members for many years.*

*The **Mystery Book Club's 2020 Selections** are listed below. Cassandra's story about this popular book club and the inclusion of its members in the author research and lively discussions each month.*

*The **Classical Reflections Book Club** also has a very loyal following where newcomers are always welcome. Mary-Kay Gamel's selections of Greek and Roman classics by excellent translators, as well as contemporary literature has kept members return each month for lively discussions about how the ancients' writings are so relevant today.*

***2020 Sonoma Reads!** A book group discussion about literature and life. Time, place, and dates are listed below. This group meets at the Library the Fourth Thursday of the month, except the November 11 and December 30 dates are moved to Wednesday.*

### **MYSTERY BOOK CLUB, by Cassandra**

While most members of the Mystery Book Club were already fans of the genre when they began to attend the meetings, the club has some converts. One of the comments from members is that while they might not have been crazy about the book, they really enjoyed the discussion.

The slang term for mysteries was "whodunnits". Mysteries have come a long way from a murder and someone trying to find out "who did it". There are often complex layers and other crimes besides murders. As the police are probably involved in some way in solving the crime, the language may be rough and there may be blood and other yucky stuff. This is not always true but if you are squeamish perhaps the other book groups are more your style.

Several new authors we discovered inspired members to read other books in the series. In February we read **His Majesty's Hope** by *Susan MacNeal*. This is book three in the Molly Hope series. Several members liked it so much they got the first two books from the Library to read and have subsequently enjoyed books in the series after **His Majesty's Hope**.

The meetings always begin with a presentation about the author. In our August meeting the information tied in to a lively discussion about who really wrote the books. The book we had read and were discussing was **The Second Rule of Ten** by two authors: *Gay Hendricks* and *Tinker Lindsay*. One of our members had decided to read the **First Rule of Ten** and once she learned that there were two authors and the background of one of them was as a ghost writer and editor, she talked about how the "voice" of **First Rule of Ten** was different from the "voice" of **Second Rule of Ten**. Another member has subsequently read the **Third Rule of Ten** which gave some credence to the discussion that the three books may have had one author but that the second author, *Tinker*, was possibly more involved in re-write than actual original authorship. ... *continued*

So, if you are looking for lively discussions, or to acquaint yourself with old friends, or find new authors, **the Mystery Book Club** might be for you. It meets the first Thursday of the month at the Library at 4PM. Books are free. All you need is a library card to check one out. If you need more information, you can send an email to [Kassandra4@comcast.net](mailto:Kassandra4@comcast.net) or call her at 707 935-9415.

**2020 Mystery Book Club Selections:**

- Jan 2 Bruno Chief of Police  
*Martin Walker*
- Feb 6 The Western Star  
*Craig Johnson*
- Mar 5 The Colorado Kid  
*Stephen King*
- Apr 2 The Disappeared  
*C J Box*
- May 7 Force of Nature  
*Jane Harper*
- Jun 4 Money in the Morgue  
*Ngaio Marsh*
- Jul 2 Too Far Gone  
*Allison Brennan*
- Aug 6 Cape Dec 5 Mitford Murders  
*Ron Corbett*
- Sep 3 The Wife  
*Alafair Burke*
- Oct 1 Girl Who Lived Twice  
*David Lagercrantz*
- Nov 5 Grave Error  
*Stephen Greenleaf*
- Dec 5 Mitford Murders  
*Jessica Fellows*

**CLASSICAL REFLECTIONS**

Facilitated by Mary-Kay Gamel.

Here's the story: We have thirteen devoted members, but we are always ready to accept others. We meet at the Library on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3 (unless there are conflicts such as book sales). There are NO expectations about preparation, just willingness to confront new and exciting works. We tend to range between established classical texts (Greek or Roman) in good translations, and modern translations or spinoffs which connect or illuminate the original texts.

We are currently reading Ovid's **Metamorphoses** in an excellent translation by Stanley Lombardo and plan to read **Creation** by Gore Vidal in the coming weeks.

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**2020 Sonoma Reads!**

A book group discussion about literature and life.

In the Forum Room  
Sonoma Valley Regional Library  
Fourth Thursday of the Month \*  
2:00 pm

- Jan 23 **Everything I Never Told You**  
Celeste Ng
- Feb 27 **Player Piano**  
Kurt Vonnegut
- Mar 26 **Pachinko**  
Min Jin Lee
- Apr 23 **White Fragility**  
Robin J DiAngelo
- May 28 **Fates and Furies**  
Lauren Groff
- Jun 25 **Born a Crime**  
Trevor Noah
- Jul 23 **Earth Abides**  
George Stewart
- Aug 27 **The Complete Persepolis**  
Marjane Satrapi
- Sep 24 **The Overstory**  
Richard Powers
- Oct 22 **Call Me by Your Name**  
Andre Aciman
- \*Nov 11 **Radium Girls**  
Kate Moore
- \*Dec 30 **Carmelo**  
Sandra Cisneros

\*Moved to Wednesday

*Pick up a copy of the book at the service desk.*

## **Downloadables: Quick Start Guide**

This quick start guide gives the easy steps for downloading three terrific apps to use on your personal devices at any time or place. This sheet is also available at the central desk.

### ***Hoopla*** ***E-books, Audiobooks, Music & Movies***

#### ***Get your Library Card***

On your mobile device, **download** the ***Hoopla Digital*** app.

Or go to: [hoopla.digital.com](http://hoopla.digital.com) on your laptop or desktop.

**Register.** Create an account with your library card.

#### **Browse.**

**Borrow** a title by clicking "borrow". While connected to the internet, you may "play". "Download" and enjoy while offline

### ***Libby*** ***E-Books & Audiobooks***

#### ***Get your Library Card***

Download ***Libby, Overdrive*** app

**Open *Libby*** on your device

#### **Browse**

Use the library finder in your ***LIBBY*** app to find Sonoma County Library's digital collection and browse for titles.

**Borrow.** Use your library card to borrow a title. Titles you've borrowed will appear in your **Bookshelf** under your **Account** in Overdrive.

**Enjoy!** On your **Bookshelf** you'll find options for enjoying each borrowed title.

## ***Kanopy*** ***Streaming Movies***

#### ***Get your Library Card***

On your mobile device, **download** the ***Kanopy*** app

Or, go to: [Kanopy.com](http://Kanopy.com) on your laptop or desktop

**Sign-Up.** Create an account with your library card

#### **Browse**

**Borrow.** Up to 6 movies a month can be viewed, Each movie has unlimited viewing for 3 days.

**Enjoy!**

## **FRIENDS OF THE SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY**

The Board meets on the second Thursday of the month and meetings are open to the public.

Approved minutes are posted on the ***Friends*** website, [www.SVFOL.org](http://www.SVFOL.org)

Membership forms with information on becoming more involved are available at the counter next to the coffee service.

Don't forget to log on to the library's website [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org) to receive notice of the exciting programs coming to our Sonoma Valley Library. The recent ***Distinguished Author Series*** brought ***Lisa See*** to Sonoma on February 5, and she wowed a crowd of hundreds.

Stay in touch. Sign up for this ***Friends*** newsletter to receive is by email, or by snail mail.

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