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2019-2020 UMRA Book Club Report

The UMRA Book Club was established in March 2011. It meets on the 3rd Friday of every month except December. Our meeting place is the library of the 1666 Coffman Building, which is near the St. Paul Campus. Two of our members, Herb Scherer and Linda Lindeke, are residents there.

We read both fiction and nonfiction books from many different genres. Our yearly book scheduling takes place in November. Each member tells about the book they've selected, sometimes suggesting more than one. Then we sign up for the month we want for reading the book we've decided on and also to be the discussion leader.

Books read in 2019:

The Care and Management of Lies

Radium Girls

Educated: A Memoir

The Shoemaker's Wife

The Great Gatsby

Diary of a Bookseller

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Still Foolin "Em

Becoming

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

Main Street

Books Read in 2020 are:

Leadership in Turbulent Times

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love

Where the Crawdads Sing

Year of Yes

Italian Shoes

The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story

The Art of Racing in the Rain

The Story of Arthur Trulove

The Beekeeper of Aleppo

The January book was moved to February because the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Also no book for March because the meeting place was unavailable during corona virus crisis.

April, May, June, and July meetings were Zoom meetings.

Currently, we have 16 members who are:

Becky Anderson

Beth Bedell
Kathleen Cramer
Stephanie Daily
Laura Ericksen
Judy Leahy Grimes
Judy Helgen
Paula Knutzen
Linda Lindeke
Diane Madlon-Kay
Joni Mitchell
Herb Scherer
Kathryn Sedo
Mariah Snyder
Pat Tollefson
Mary Jane Towle

A new column was started in 2017 on the UMRA web site called Book Notes. Each month the book Club discussion leader for the month writes a summary of our book discussion for this column, which is also sometimes included in the UMRA Newsletter.