



Mamie Eisenhower Library Project

2020-2021 Theme List

Leaders are Readers

The 2020-2021 Literacy & Education Committee shares this list of books and documentaries your clubs may use for donations to homeless shelters, doctor offices, schools and public libraries. This list is also a reference list for your Literacy and Education Clubs in your communities. The limits are in your imaginations!

Our goal is to provide a starting place for NFRW book clubs and Caring for America committees by giving you a sampling of reading materials and DVD options to share with others and learn from in your small groups.

Republicans believe in using facts to educate ourselves and others. Expanding our leadership skills by reading and discussing documentaries builds a solid foundation in American families.

Has your book club thought of using documentaries rather than a book in your meetings? One club, the Republican Women of Central Iowa, reserves a public library's meeting rooms to watch educational movies over brown bag lunches. Lively discussion follows. If your club enjoys a particular title, please share it with us at nfrwliteracy@gmail.com. Our shared goal is learning together.

If you haven't formed a Literacy Club, please consider it. Educational clubs often share a meal together, enjoy a glass of wine and discussion, and sponsor local authors' readings.

As Women and Leaders, it has never been more important to be informed as we face all the political, cultural and spiritual pressures of our world.

Warm Regards,

NFRW 2020-2021 Literacy & Education Committee

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MELP 2020-2021 Theme List

Auto Biography/Biography/Memoirs

Alan, Grace. ***Remembering the Gipper: A Biography of the Great Communicator Ronald Reagan and a Life with a Remarkable Legacy*** (2013)

Berlinski Claire. ***There is No Alternative: Why Margaret Thatcher Matters*** (2011)

Douglass, Frederick. ***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*** (2014)

Grande, Peggy. ***The President Will See You Now – My Stories and Lessons from Ronald Reagan’s Final Years*** (2017)

Fraser, Flora. ***The Washingtons: George and Martha, “Join’d by Friendship, Crown’d by Love”*** (2015)

O’Sullivan, John. ***The President, the Pope, And the Prime Minister: Three Who Changed the World*** (2006)

Rice, Condoleezza. ***A Memoir of my Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me*** (2012)

Rankin, Jeannette. ***America’s Conscience by Norma Smith*** (2002)

Reagan, Ronald. ***An American Life: The Autobiography*** (2011)

Sherman, Janann. ***No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith (1999)***

Sinise, Gary. ***Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service*** (2019)

Thomas, Clarence. ***My Grandfather’s Son*** (2008)

Vance, J.D. ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*** (2018)

Wapshott, Nicholas. ***Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher: A Political Marriage*** (2007)

Nonfiction

Elliott, Melanie Angel. ***Why Am I Conservative?*** (2010)

Gardiner, Nile and Stephen Thompson. ***Margaret Thatcher on Leadership: Lessons for American Conservatives Today*** (2013)

Griffin, G. Edward and Bramhall, Mark. ***The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve*** (1994)

Hayek, Friedrich. ***A Constitution of Liberty*** (1978)

Jasim, Hamody. ***The Terrorist Whisperer, The Story of the Pro-American*** (2015)

Levine, Mark. ***Liberty Amendments*** (2013)

Stein, Rosemary. ***Who Needs a Village? It's a Mom Thing*** (2016)

Trump, Donald J. ***Crippled America; How to Make America Great Again*** (2016)

Walker, Scott. ***Unintimidated: A Governor's Story and a Nation's Challenge*** (2013)

Watson, Karen. ***Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama*** (2012)

Wright, Crystal. ***Con Job: How Democrats Gave Us Crime, Sanctuary Cities, Abortion Profiteering, and Racial Division*** (2016)

The Best of Times – The Worst of Times

Abbott, Karen. ***Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War*** (2014)

Beresnson Alex. ***Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*** (2019)

Casey, Susan. ***Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance and Rescue*** (2015)

Chestnut, Mary (C. Vann Woodward, Ed.). ***Mary Chestnut's Civil War***. (1981, 1994)

Cooke, Jane Hampton. ***Stories of Faith and Courage from the Revolutionary War, Battlefields and Blessings*** (2007)

Casey, Susan. ***Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance and Rescue*** (2015)

D'Souza, Dinesh. ***Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party*** (2016)

Ellis, Joseph J. ***Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence*** (2013)

Gingrich, Newt, William Forstchen and Albert Hanse. ***The Battle of the Crater*** (2011)

Gingrich, Newt, William Forstchen and Albert Hanser. ***Valley Forge*** (2010)

Hanson, Victor David. ***Mexifornia: A State of Becoming*** (2007)

Hayek, F.A. and Bruce Caldwell. ***The Road to Serfdom: Text and Documents*** (2007)

Kiernan, Denise and Joseph D’Agnese. ***Signing Their Lives Away*** (2009)

Kilmeade, Brian. ***George Washington’s Secret Six*** (2014)

Kudlow, Lawrence and Brian Domitrovic. ***JFK and the Reagan Revolution: A Secret History of American Prosperity*** (2016)

Loewen, James W. ***Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*** (2016)

Lutzer, Erwin W. ***Hitler’s Cross: The Revealing Story of How the Cross of Christ Was Used as a Symbol of the Nazi Agenda*** (1995)

McCullough, David. ***1776*** (2006)

O’Donnell, Patrick. ***Washington’s Immortals: The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution*** (2016)

Paine, Thomas. ***Common Sense: The Origin and Design of Government (1776)*** (2016)

Peters, Ralph. ***Valley of the Shadow: A Novel (The Battle Hymn Cycle Book 3)*** (2015)

Piotrowski, Lori. ***Revolutionary Heart: The Molly Weston Chronicles*** (2015)

Piotrowski, Lori. ***Revolutionary Spirit: The Molly Weston Chronicles*** (2018)

Roberts, Cokie. ***Founding Mothers, the Women Who Raised Our Nation*** (2009)

Roberts, Cokie. ***Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies*** (2014)

Schweizer, Peter. ***Clinton Cash: The Untold Story of How and Why Foreign Governments and Businesses Helped Make Bill and Hillary Rich*** (2016)

Schweizer, Peter. ***Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America’s Progressive Elite*** (2020)

Schweizer, Peter. ***Throw Them All Out: How Politicians and Their Friends Get Rich Off Insider Stock Tips, Land Deals, and Cronyism That Would Send the Rest of Us to Prison*** (2011)

Schalfly, Phyliss. ***Feminist Fantasies*** (2003)

Stormer, John A. ***None Dare Call It Treason: Congressional investigations of communism and dozens of authoritative books on the communist-socialist conspiracy to enslave America.*** (1964)

Thompson, C. Bradley. ***America's Revolutionary Mind: A Moral History of the American Revolution and the Declaration That Defined It*** (2019)

The Times in Which We Live

Adams, Nick. ***Green Card Warrior: My Quest for Legal Immigration in an Illegals' System*** (2016)

Adams, Nick and Dave Erickson. ***The Case Against the Establishment*** (2017)

Adams, Scott. ***Loserthink: How Untrained Brains Are Ruining America*** (2019)

Attkisson, Sharyl. ***The Smear: How Shady Political Operatives and Fake News Control What You See, What You Think, and How You Vote*** (2017)

Bongino, Dan. ***Spygate: The Attempted Sabotage of Donald J. Trump*** (2018)

Brooks, Peter Dr. ***A Devil's Triangle: Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Rogue States*** (2005)

Bruce, Tammy. ***The New Thought Police: Inside the Left's Assault on Free Speech and Free Minds*** (2017)

Dobbs, Lou. ***War on the Middle Class: How the Government, Big Business, and Special Interest Groups Are Waging War on the American Dream and How to fight Back*** (2006)

D'Souza, Dinesh. ***The Big Lie: Exposing the Nazi Roots of the American Left*** (2017)

Ellison, Vince Everett. ***The Iron Triangle: Inside the Liberal Democrat Plan to Use Race to Divide Christians and America in their Quest for Power and How We Can Defeat Them*** (2019)

Feazel, Steven and Carol Swain. ***Abduction: How Liberalism Steals Our Children's***

Hearts and Minds (2016)

Gabriel, Brigitte. ***Rise: In Defense of Judeo-Christian Values and Freedom*** (2018)

Garlow, James A. ***Well Versed: Biblical Answers to Today's Tough Issues*** (2016)

Garret, Greg. ***Witch Hunt: The Story of the Greatest Mass Delusion in American Political History*** (2019)

Gingrich, Newt and Eric Trump. ***Understanding Trump*** (2017)

Gorka, Sebastian. ***Why We Fight: Defeating America's Enemies - With No Apologies*** (2018)

Gorka, Sebastian. ***The War for America's Soul: Donald Trump, the Left's Assault on America, and How We Take Back Our Country*** (2019)

Haley, Nikki R. ***With All Due Respect: Defending America with Grit and Grace*** (2019)

Hanson, Victor Davis. ***The Case for Trump: In the era of Donald J. Trump, 45th president of the United States, a modern-day civil war rages*** (2019)

Hemmingway, Mollie and Carrie Severino. ***Justice on Trial: The Kavanaugh Confirmation and the Future of the Supreme Court*** (2019)

Ingraham, Laura. ***Billionaire at the Barricades the Populists Revolution from Reagan to Trump*** (2017)

Isikoff, Michael and David Corn. ***Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald*** (2018)

Lynch, Rich. ***Adapt or Die: Leadership Principles from an American General*** (2013)

Levin, Mark R. ***Rediscovering Americanism: And the Tyranny of Progressivism*** (2017).

MacDonald, Heather. ***The Diversity Delusion: How Race and Gender Pandering Corrupt the University and Undermine Our Culture*** (2018)

McCarthy, Andrew C. ***Ball of Collusion: The Plot to Rig an Election and Destroy a Presidency*** (2019)

McCarthy, Andrew C. ***The Grand Jihad: How Islam and the Left Sabotage America*** (2010)

Milkovich, John. ***Robert Mueller-- Errand Boy for the New World Order*** (2018)

Owens, Burgess. ***Liberalism or How to Turn Good Men into whiners, Weenies and Wimps*** (2016)

Piley, Jason L. ***Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*** (2016)

Pillsbury, Michael. ***Hundred-Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower*** (2016)

Sherman, Brad. ***The Freedom Quiz***, also offers an online resource at americanbackbone.us

Smith, Lee. ***The Plot Against the President: The True Story of How Congressman Devin Nunes Uncovered the Biggest Political Scandal in U.S. History*** (2019)

Soave, Robby. ***Panic Attack: Young Radicals in the Age of Trump*** (2019)

Strassel, Kimberly. ***Resistance (At All Costs): How Trump Haters Are Breaking America*** (2019)

Strassel, Kimberly. ***The Intimidation Game: How the Left Is Silencing Free Speech*** (2019)

Wilson, Douglas and ND. Wilson. ***The Amazing Dr. Ransom's Bestiary of Adorable Fallacies*** (2017)

Young Readers

Alana, Nancy Sifford.

The Lost Treasure of Lincoln County: A Great American Adventure (2011)

Arnold, Nancy K.

Patriotic Pups (2008)

Pilgrim Pups (2017)

Pioneer Pups (2014)

Beck, Glenn

The Christmas Sweater: The Picture Book (2009)

Berdan, Katie.

Trouble in Ippy Tippy Town (2014)

Bergren, Lisa Tawn and Laura J. Bryant.

God Gave Us You (2000)

Bowman, David.

What Would the Founding Fathers Think: A Young American's Guide to Understanding What Makes Our Nation Great and How We've Strayed (2012)

Boyack, Connor. ***The Tuttle Twins Series:***

The Tuttle Twins Learn About the Law (2014)

The Tuttle Twins and the Miraculous Pencil (2014)

The Tuttle Twins and the Creature from Jekyll Island (2015)

The Tuttle Twins and the Food Truck Fiasco (2016)

The Tuttle Twins and the Road to Surfdom (2016)

The Tuttle Twins and the Search for Atlas (2017)

Brink, Carol Ryrie and Alexander, Roslyn.

Caddie Woodlawn (1962)

Brisley, Joyce Lankester.

Milly-Molly-Mandy This is a 6-book series. Each book has a short story about the little girl in the pink-and-white striped dress (1929 to 2001)

Brown, Daniel James.

The Boys in the Boat (Young Reader's Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics
(2015)

Brown, Margaret Wise.

The Runaway Bunny (2017)

Bulla, Clyde Robert and Burchard, Peter.

Pocahontas and the Strangers (1988)

Squanto, Friend Of The Pilgrims (1990)

Burton, Virginia Lee.

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (1939)
Katy and the Big Snow (1977)

Cockerell, Laurie.

Founders' Fables Ten Tales for Future Patriots (2010)

Conley, Lucy Ann.

Tattletale Sparkie, and other stories (1983)

DeJong, Meindert.

The Wheel on the School (1972)
The House of Sixty Fathers (1987)

Elliott, Melanie Angell.

Why Am I Conservative? (2010)

Erbio, Diana.

Coming to America: A Girl Struggles to Find her Way in a New World (2016)

Ewers Brenda. **For Beginning Readers:**

Hedy and Howie's Christmas Tree (2014)
Hedy and Howie's Halloween Adventure (2014)
Hedy and Howie Plating a Garden (2014)
Hedy and Howie's Thanksgiving Trip (2014)
Hedy and Howie's 4th of July Party (2014)
Nia's Name (2017)
Nia and Hammer Find Runt (2014)
To the Park (2017)

Gag, Wanda.

Millions of Cats (2006)

Gavris, Gladys.

E is for Election Day (2015)

Hall, Kris Anne.

Bedtime Stories for Budding Patriots (2011)

Essential Stories for Junior Patriots (2013)

Henry, Marguerite.

Robert Fulton Boy Craftsman (1962)

Benjamin West & his Cat Grimalkin (1947)

Five O'Clock Charlie (1962)

Justin Morgan Had a Horse (1945) (One of a series of books about horses)

Herriot, James.

Moses the Kitten (1984)

The Market Square Dog (1989)

Hirstius, Michelle.

One Flag, One America (2018) Teach children all about the American flag through the story of a little star that prays to a star on the nation's flag someday.

Juju the Good Voodoo (2012) Meet Juju, a special voodoo doll that comes to life with a "good deeds" spell, this book is based upon Louisiana folk lore.

Mr. Wacky Mustachey (2017) is a funny mustache character that goes around asking farm animals what sounds they make and then a wacky question.

Howat, Irene.

Ten Boys Who Changed the World (2009)

Huckabee, Mike

Can't Wait Til Christmas (2010)

Keating-Joseph, Krista with Phyllis Holmes.

Big-Hearted Charlie Runs the Mile (2017)

*Keller, Sadie and Michael McCaul.

Better Angels: You Can Change the World, You Are Not Alone (2020)

Ketchel, Mary Morgan and Marsha Blackburn.

Camilla Can Vote: Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote (2020)

LaCross, Ben.

Tucker For President: Middle School, Conservative Values, and the Craziest Class Election Ever (2020)

Landis, Mary and Miller, Lester.

David and Susan at Wild Rose Cottage (1980)
God's Wonderful Trees (Little Jewel Books) (1990)

Larche, Maggie M.

Striker Jones: Elementary Economics for Elementary Detectives: Economics for Kids (2013) This is book 1 in a series of books on economics for kids age 8-12

Lee, Michael Justin.

Fighting for Freedom and General Washington (2014)

Lee, C Austin

Declan Grows Up: It's Just Not Fair (2012)

Limbaugh. Rush.

Rush Revere and the American Revolution: Time-Travel Adventures With Exceptional Americans (2014)
Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims (2013)
Rush Revere and the First Patriots (2014)
Rush Revere and the American Revolution (2014)
Rush Revere and the Star-spangled Banner (2015)
Rush Revere and the Presidency (2016)

Lucado, Max.

The Oak Inside the Acorn (2011)

Marshall, Peter and David Manuel and Anna Wilson Fishel.

The Light and the Glory for Young Readers (2011)
From Sea to Shining Sea (2011)
Sounding Forth the Trumpet (2011)

McCloskey, Robert.

Make Way for Ducklings (1941)
Time of Wonder (1989)
Blueberries for Sal (1948)

McDowell, Marta.

The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier Landscapes That Inspired the Little House Books (2017)

Moone, M. A.

Santa's Last Stop (2017)

O'Reilly, Bill and James Patterson

Give Please a Chance (2016)

Pence, Charlotte, illustrated by Karen Pence.

Marlon Bundo's Day in the Life of the Vice President. (2018)

Peterson, Leah.

An Apple for Dapple (2011)

Pfundstein, Valiere and Anderson, Aaron.

Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood (2013)

Piotrowski, Lori, and Michelle Hirstius.

Riglee Celebrates Thanksgiving (2018)

Riglee Rolls an Easter Egg (2019)

Porter, Eleanor H.

Just David (1916, 2006)

Ross, Tara.

We Elect a President: The Story of Our Electoral College (2016)

Seredy, Kate.

The Singing Tree (1990)

The Good Master (1986)

Sidney, Margaret and Conlin, Grace.

The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew This is a series of several books written between 1881 and 1916

Sorensen, Virginia and Farhat, Julia.

Plain Girl (1955)

Spier, Peter.

We the People: The Constitution of the United States (2014)

Stauffer, Sharon.

Cornfield Baby and Other Nature Surprises (2003)

Tarshis, Lauren.

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776. (2017)

Ward, Lynd.

The Biggest Bear (1973)

Wilder, Laura Ingalls.

Little House in the Big Woods (1932)

Little House on the Prairie (1935)

Farmer Boy (1933)

On the Banks of Plum Creek (1937)

By the Shores of Silver Lake (1939)

The Long Winter (1940)

Little Town on the Prairie (1941)

* NFRW Literacy Committee featured book:

Better Angels was written to inspire hope in anyone going through a hard time. Sadie Keller's hard time was cancer - and she wrote this book with Congressman Michael McCaul to show readers how they can turn something bad in their lives into something positive. Sadie was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 7, and from day one, she wanted to help other kids. She has always recognized that people need hope, and a silver lining, when going through hard times.

Congressman Michael McCaul started the Childhood Cancer Caucus on Capitol Hill a decade ago, and Sadie is the Congressman's favorite lobbyist. She's been working with him since she was 8 years old, and together they have helped pass many laws to fund research for kids with cancer. Now they want to get this book into the hands of every kid with cancer in America, to raise awareness for their cause and to raise the spirits of every reader.

It is the hope of the NFRW Literacy & Education Committee that all NFRW clubs will purchase copies of this book to read, share and donate to children's cancer treatment

centers, medical clinics, public and private libraries, and schools. In a season of uncertainty, this book offers hope for everyone, and we all need more of that, don't we?

Laura Carlson, Chair
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Educational Website we recommend: <https://www.hillsdale.edu/educational-outreach/free-online-courses/>

Documentaries:

We challenge all clubs to use documentaries on Amazon Prime, Netflix, public libraries and streaming sources. Some are available as a purchase and others are free. Schedule film events for book clubs and be sure to allow for plenty of discussion following these dynamic programs. Suggestions include: *Agenda & Agenda 2*; *No Safe Spaces*; *Generation Zero*; *Killing Kennedy*; *Atlas Shrugged* and more. Share your favorites at nfrwliteracy@gmail.com.

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