Environmental Book Group

Meets 3rd Friday of each month, 1-2 PM, LSC Card Room

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2027

January 15, Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek: A Pulitzer Prize-Winning Memoir of Nature, Observation, and the Seasons in Virginia" (2007)

February 19, Charles C. Mann's "The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World" (2018)

March 19, Helen Macdonald's "Vesper Flights" (2021)

2026

January 16, Andrea Wulf's "The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World" (2015)

February 20, Aldo Leopold's "A Sand Country Almanac" (Originally published 1949)

March 20, Erika Howsare's "The Age of Deer: Trouble and Kinship with Our Wild Neighbors" (2024)

April 17, Mike Tidwell's "The Lost Trees of Willow Avenue: A Story of Climate and Hope on One American Street" (2025)

May 15, Hannah Ritchie's "Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet" (2024)

June 19, Wendy Williams's "The Language of Butterflies: How Thieves, Hoarders, Scientists, and Other Obsessives Unlocked the Secrets of the World's Favorite Insect" (2020)

July 17, Sonia Shah's "The Next Great Migration: The Beauty and Terror of Life on the Move" (2021)

August 21, Isabella Tree's "Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm" (2019)

September 18, Leigh Ann Henion's "Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark" (2024)

October 16, (choose one to read that you didn't read in July 2024) Leila Philip's "Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America" or Ben Goldfarb's "Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter"

November 20, Ed Yong's "An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us" (2022)

December 18, Mark Kurlansky's "Salt: A World History" (originally published 2002)

2025

January 17, Gloria Dickie's "Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future"

February 21, Zoë Schlanger's "The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth"

March 21, Jake Bittle's "The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration"

April 18, Stephen Moss's "Ten Birds that Changed the World"

May 16, Vince Beiser's "The World in a Grain: The Story of Sand and How It Transformed Civilization"

June 20, Sy Montgomery's "The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness"

July 18, Edward Humes' "Total Garbage. How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal Our World"

August 15, Robin Wall Kimmerer's, "The Serviceberry"

September 19, John Marzluff and Tony Angell's "Gifts of the Crow: How Perception, Emotion, and Thought Allow Smart Birds to Behave Like Humans”

October 17, David George Haskell’s “The Forest Unseen: A Year’s Watch in Nature”

November 21, Dan Flores's "Wild New World: The Epic Story of Animals and People in America"

December 19, Susan Casey's "The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean"

2024

January 19: Ben Rawlence's "The Treeline: The Last Forest and the Future of Life on Earth"

February 16: Patrik Svensson's "The Book of Eels"

March 16: Jeff Goodell's "The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet"

April 26: (postponed one week because of Earth Day celebrations April 19): Jennifer Ackerman's "What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds"

May 17: Douglas W. Tallamy’s “The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees"

June 21: Ben Goldfarb's "Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet"

July 19: (choose one to read) Leila Philip’s “Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America" or Ben Goldfarb's "Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter"

August 16: Stephen Porder's "Elemental: How Five Elements Changed Earth's Past and Will Shape Our Future"

September 20: Merlin Sheldrake's "Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures"

October 18: David Attenborough's "A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and A Vision for the Future"

November 15: Rachel Carson's "The Sea Around Us"

December 20: Tim Flannery's "The Weather Makers: How Man Is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth"

2023

January 20: Ed Yong's "An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us"

February 17: Nathaniel Rich's "Losing Earth"

March 17: Kenn Kaufman's "A Season on the Wind: Inside the World of Spring Migration"

April 28 (change of normal date): Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring"

May 19: Wohlleben & Billinghurst's "The Secret Wisdom of Nature"

June 16: Douglas W. Tallamy's "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Backyard"

July 21: Peter Wohlleben's "The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief, and Compassion: Surprising Observations of a Hidden World"

August 18: Hope Jahren's "The Story of More"

September 15: "Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us" Michael Shellenberger

October 20: "The Devil's Element. Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance" Dan Egan

November 17: "Bringing Nature Home, Updated and Expanded: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants"
Douglas W. Tallamy

December 15: "The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World"
Jeff Goodell

2022

January 21: Michael Mann's "The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back Our Planet"

February 18: Charles C. Mann's "The Wizard and the Prophet" (to be continued)

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April 15: Michael Bloomberg and Carl Hope's "Climate of Hope: How Cities, Business, and Citizens Can Save the Planet"

May 20: Elizabeth Kilbert's "Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future"

June 17: Jane Goodall's "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide fo Trying Times"

July 15: David Wallace's "The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming"

August 19: Meeting Postponed: Attendees Vacationing!

September 16: Elizabeth Kolbert's "The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History"

October 21: Yuval Noah Harari's "Sapiens" (Chapters 1-10)

November 18: Yuval Noah Harari's "Sapiens" (Starting with Chapter 11)

December 15: Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac's "The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis"

2021

October 8: Suzanne Simard's "Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest"

November 19: Robin Wall Kimmerer's "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants"

December 17: Bill Gates's "How to Avoid a Climate Disaster