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Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Topic: Michael Pollan

Michael Pollan is an American author, journalist, activist, and professor of journalism at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. He has written extensively about the places where nature and culture intersect: on our plates, in our farms and gardens, and in the built environment. His books are widely available at VanDusen Library and VPL and most also on Audible. They include:

Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation; *Food rules: An Eater's Manual*; *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto*; *Omnivore's dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*; *Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World*; *A Place of my Own: The Architecture of Daydreams*; *Second nature: A Gardener's Education*.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Topic: Plant Explorer topic – Ernest Henry Wilson

A Naturalist in Western China: With Vasculum, Camera, and Gun DS710 .W53 1977 (2 v.)

A Naturalist in Western China DS710.W53 1986

"Chinese" Wilson: A Life of Ernest H. Wilson, 1876-1930 by Roy W. Briggs QK31 .W5 B75 1993

Wilson's China: A Century On by Mark Flanagan and Tony Kirkham QK31 .W5 F583 2009

The Flowering World of "Chinese" Wilson, SB455 .W74 1969

Ernest Henry Wilson (1876-1930) was the furthest traveled of all the Arnold Arboretum's plant explorers of the early twentieth century. It is not an overstatement to credit Wilson with bringing Eastern Asian botany, history, and culture to widespread interest in the West, nor to exaggerate the introduction of thousands of non-native plant species to their gardens. Wilson's journeys took him all over the world.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Topic: Pacific Northwest biota

Natural Grace: The Charm, Wonder, and Lessons of Pacific Northwest Animals and Plants by William Dietrich.

QH104.5 .N6 D54 2003 1 copy circ.

VPL 1 copy | Audible not available

From the interactive clockwork world of geology, tides, Northwest weather, and snow, to the hidden roles of dirt, stream life, and mosses and lichens, Pulitzer Prize winning writer William Dietrich explores the natural splendours of the Pacific Northwest. His topics include alder and cedar; jellyfish, geoducks, crabs, and killer whales; mosquitoes and spiders; gulls, crows, and bald eagles; and sea otters, coyotes, raccoons, possums, deer, and cougars.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Topic: Wildlife

Great Soul of Siberia: Passion, Obsession and One Man's Quest for the World's Most Elusive Tiger by Sooyong Park Vancouver, Greystone Books, 2015 (to be ordered for library.)

VPL 5 copies in print and 2 on order plus ebook | Audible not available

In *The Great Soul of Siberia*, renowned tiger researcher Sooyong Park tracks three generations of Siberian tigers living in remote southeastern Russia. Park sets up underground bunkers to observe the tigers, living thrillingly close to these beautiful but dangerous apex predators. At the same time, he draws from twenty years of experience and research to focus on the Siberian tigers' losing battle against poaching and diminishing habitat.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Topic: Seeds

The Triumph of Seeds: How grains, nuts, kernels, pulses and pips conquered the plant kingdom
by Thor Hansen QK661 .H36 2015

VPL 2 copies and ebook | Audible available

Winner of the 2016 PNBA Book Award

We live in a world of seeds. From our morning toast to the cotton in our clothes, they are quite literally the stuff and staff of life, supporting diets, economies, and civilizations around the globe. Just as the search for nutmeg and the humble peppercorn drove the Age of Discovery, so did coffee beans help fuel the Enlightenment, and cottonseed help spark the Industrial Revolution. And from the Fall of Rome to the Arab Spring, the fate of nations continues to hinge on the seeds of a Middle Eastern grass known as wheat.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Topic: Geology of B.C.

Roadside geology of southern British Columbia by Bill Mathews and Mim Monger. To be ordered for library. (7 copies at VPL)

Vancouver, city on the edge: living with a dynamic geological landscape by John J. Clague and Bob Turner, QE187.C54 2003 1 copy ref., 1 copy circ.

In search of ancient British Columbia by Barbara Huck. FC3807 .H83 2006 1 copy circ.

July and August: NO MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Book: *The Cabaret of Plants: Forty Thousand Years of Plant Life and the Human Imagination*
by Richard Mabey QK15.M12 2016

"A gorgeous and engaging book...There are so many delights to be found in *Cabaret* - from the hunt for the elusive Amazonian moonflower, to the wonder of self-rejuvenating yews that defy efforts to determine their age, to the sprouting of an extinct Judean palm from a 2,000-year-old excavated seed - and Mabey keeps us enthralled from first to last." (Jennifer Bort Yacovissi - *Washington Independent Review of Books*)

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Topic: Perspectives on Trees

The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben. QK475 .W6413 2016
VPL 31 copies and ebook | Audible available

Are trees social beings? In this international bestseller, forester and author Peter Wohlleben convincingly makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with

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them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending dangers.

Seeing trees by Nancy R. Hugo. QK477.2 .I4 H84 2011

VPL 2 copies | Audible not available

Focusing on widely grown trees, this captivating book describes the rewards of careful and regular tree viewing, outlines strategies for improving your observations, and describes some of the most visually interesting tree structures, including leaves, flowers, buds, leaf scars, twigs, and bark. In-depth profiles of ten familiar species... show you how to recognize and understand many of their most compelling (but usually overlooked) physical features.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Topic: Pottering in the Garden: anything by or about Beatrix Potter

Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life: The plants and places that inspired the classic children's tales, by Marta McDowell. 1st ed. Portland, Timber Press, 2013. SB470 .P68 M33 2013 1 copy circ.

Hortus Revisited: A Twenty-first Birthday Anthology Article by David Wheeler
London: Frances Lincoln, c2008. SB455.3.H6 2008 1 copy circ.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter
London: Frederick Warne, 1985, c1902. PZ10.3 .P47 1902 1 copy youth

Tales of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny, by Beatrix Potter
London: Frederick Warne, 2007. PZ10.3 .P47 2007 1 copy youth

December: No meeting