

*2023 VanDusen Book Club
Reading List*

Topic: Animal Connections

Thursday, February 23, 2023 1 pm

Three very different books explore and reveal our deep connections to animals.

Sentient: How Animals Illuminate the Wonder of Our Human Senses (2022) by Jackie Higgins

Being a Beast: Adventures Across the Species Divide (2016) by Charles Foster

Our Wild Calling: How Connecting with Animals Can Transform Our Lives and Save Theirs (2019) by Richard Louv

An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us by Ed Yong

Topic: Strange Journeys

Thursday, April 27, 2022 1 pm

Three authors travel to different parts of the world, from the boreal forest to abandoned ecosystems, exploring changing landscapes.

Outlandish: Walking Europe's Unlikely Landscapes (2021) by Nick Hunt

Islands of Abandonment: Nature Rebounding in the Post-Human Landscape (2021) by Cal Flynn

Treeline: The Last Forest and the Future of Life on Earth (2022) by Ben Rawlence

Topic: Marc Hamer

Thursday, June 22, 2022 1 pm

Two books, both by British writer and gardener Marc Hamer, explore the natural cycles of growth and decay that run through the garden's life and our own.

How to Catch a Mole: Wisdom from a Life Lived in Nature (2019)

Seed to Dust: Life, Nature and a Country Garden (2021)

Topic: The Fungus Among Us

Thursday, September 28, 2023 1 pm

Two recent books explore the importance of fungi to the environment and our lives. Many more books about fungi are available if you wish to explore further.

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our World, Change Our Minds and Shape Our Futures (2021) by Rupert Sheldrake

The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi: Exploring the Microscopic World in Our Forests, Homes and Bodies (2022) by Keith Seifert

Topic: Deep time to Our Time

Thursday, November 23, 2023 1 pm

We suggest three books, one written for children but good for adults, one on plant fossils and one on earth's extinct ecosystems. Many more books on fossils and plant evolution are available in libraries if you have a specific interest or want to explore further.

When Plants Took Over the Planet: The Amazing Story of Plant Evolution (2021) by Chris Thorogood

A History of Plants in Fifty Fossils (2020) by Paul Kendrick

Otherlands: A Journey Through Earth's Extinct Worlds (2022) by Thomas Halliday