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**


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

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


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


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


**Nonfiction**


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


**The Best of Times – The Worst of Times**


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)


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

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


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)


**The Times in Which We Live**


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


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)


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)


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)


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


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


**Young Readers**

Arnold, Nancy K. *Pilgrim Pups* (2017)

Arnold, Nancy K. *Pioneer Pups* (2014)

Arnold, Nancy K. *Patriotic Pups* (2008)


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)


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)

Hall, Kris Anne. *Bedtime Stories for Budding Patriots* (2011)


Hirstius, Michelle. *One Flag, One America* (2016)


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)


Moone, M. A. *Santa’s Last Stop* (2017)

*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)


Piotrowski, Lori and Michelle Hirstius. Riglee Celebrates Thanksgiving (2018)


Spier, Peter. We the People: The Constitution of the United States (2014)

Tarshis, Lauren. I Survived the American Revolution, 1776. (2017)

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)
   These Happy Golden Years (1943)
   The First Four Years (1971)

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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