

Bonjour, Bibliophiles!

Being back at Sunshine Book Club today was great - we discussed "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy Chevalier. Chevalier packed so much into this book, there was no shortage of conversation. Fossil hunting is an integral part of "Remarkable Creatures. Lo and behold, it turns out our amazing Mary Emma is a legit fossil hunter! Today's meeting found Mary Emma presenting fossils she hammer-and-chiseled from this earth, in Schuylkill County. (I'm going to have to go to a thesaurus to uncover new synonyms for "amazing" to describe Mary Emma. Seriously. Fossils. Discovered and extricated from the earth by her own hands.) We discussed having a field trip to one of the fossil locales in Schuylkill County so we can all become fossil hunters. More on that in the future!



Donna shared her positive experience listening to "Remarkable Creatures" on a set of CD's obtained from the library. If you haven't been listening to books, maybe give it a whirl.

Next month's book is "Old Baggage" by Lissa Evans with Mary Emma leading discussion. As usual, we will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Lodge. November's book has a bit of a comic element.

Future books will be announced as they are decided by the discussion leaders. Per Mary Emma, the Historical Society recommends "The Molly Maguires" by Anthony Bimba, which is available for \$15.00 for a new copy. Not sure about availability via libraries and online. We can look into meeting at The Wooden Keg in St. Claire where Molly Maguires utilized tunnels - more to come on that possibility!

For December, there are a few ideas twinkling about: (1) A festive luncheon; we can have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting. (2) White Elephant with a Santa/Grinch element of stealing gifts from one another. Merry Christmas? All gifts should be something you already own, no purchases required. (3) Cookie Swap. What say you? Decisions can be made at the November meeting.

Until then, happy flannel shirts, pumpkin spice everything, the beautiful reflection of Autumn leaves on the lakes, and the kind smiles of our LW neighbors.

Happy Fall,
Mary