

2019 Progressive Book Club Selections

Wed., March 20 4PM Arts & Crafts Presenter: Tarek Radjef

Perilous Partners: The Benefits and Pitfalls of America's Alliances with Authoritarian Regimes, Ted Galen Carpenter, Malou Innocent. American leaders have cooperated with regimes that are, to varying degrees, repressive and corrupt. *Perilous Partners* creates a strategy for conducting an effective U.S. foreign policy without betraying fundamental American values.

Wed., May 15 4 PM Arts & Crafts Presenter: Gale Quint

Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression and the Unexpected Solutions, Johann Hari. 261 pages of material that span all sorts of topics related to depression is illuminating: a balm for our crazy times. It also covers seven recommendations.

Wed., July 17 4 PM Arts & Crafts Presenter: Andy Lepine

How Democracies Die, Steven Levitsky, Daniel Ziblatt. Is our democracy in danger? These experts have studied this extensively and think that it is, but offer some good news as well.

Wed., Sept. 25 (4th Wed.) 4 PM Arts & Crafts Presenter: Gale Quint

Leadership in Turbulent Times, Doris Kearns Goodwin. The lives and different leadership styles of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson are examined as well as how they met some tough crises. This book explores the early development, growth and exercise of leadership.

Wed., Nov. 13 (2nd Wed.) 4 PM WEST BALLROOM Presenter: Henry Kaplan

Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America, Nancy Mehean. The first half (a tedious read) discusses the rise of economist James Buchanan and his laissez faire capitalism. The second half (a much faster read) discusses how Charles Koch incorporated Buchanan's economic philosophy in his promotion of changing the economic culture of the United States.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THE BOOK.