

HISTORY



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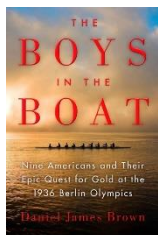
{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

May's Topic: Interwar Period (1919-1938)

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm

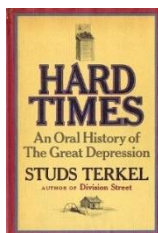
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the years 1919-1938. This time period includes the heights of the Roaring 20s, the depths of the Great Depression, the rise of nationalism in Europe, and Amelia Earhart's solo flight across the Atlantic...not to mention the creation of Art Deco style. Many cultural shifts occurred during this time period so please don't feel limited to straight history books. Once you've read/watched/listened to an item about this time period, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



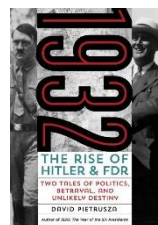
[The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics](#) by **Daniel James Brown** – Non-Fiction 797.123 BRO; eBook at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/1154606>*; eAudio at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/2617157>*

For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.



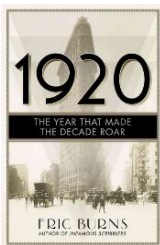
[Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression](#) by **Studs Terkel** – Non-Fiction 973.91 TER

A variety of people who lived through the Great Depression describe their memories of that time.



[1932: The Rise of Hitler and FDR--Two Tales of Politics, Betrayal, and Unlikely Destiny](#) by **David Pietrusza** – Non-Fiction 973.917 PIE

Depicts the events of 1932, marking the ascent of two political powers that would shape the rest of the twentieth century to come.

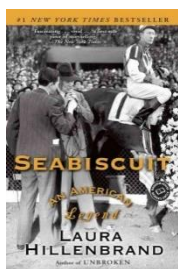


1920: The Year That Made the Decade Roar by Eric Burns – Non-Fiction 973.913 BUR; eAudio at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11439887>*
One of the most dynamic eras in American history, the 1920s began with a watershed year that would set the tone for the century to follow.



One Summer: American, 1927 by Bill Bryson – Non-Fiction, BKCD 973.91 BRY; eBook at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/bbb0c387-f458-4db3-9967-ac80bba6b2a9>*; eAudio at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/63CB15FD-2B05-428E-8C2A-A9682E98CB98> *

Bryson examines closely the events and personalities of the summer of 1927 when America's story was one of brawling adventure, reckless optimism and delirious energy.



Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand – Non-Fiction, LP, BKCD 798.4 HIL; eBook at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/1001465>*; eAudio at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/335887>*

The author retraces the journey of Seabiscuit, a horse with crooked legs and a pathetic tail that made racing history in 1938, thanks to the efforts of a trainer, owner, and jockey who transformed a bottom-level racehorse into a legend.

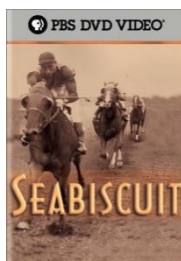


The Six: The Lives of the Mitford Sisters by Laura Thompson – Non-Fiction 920.72 THO; eAudio at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/2889986>*

The eldest was a razor-sharp novelist of upper-class manners; the second was loved by John Betjeman; the third was a fascist who married Oswald Mosley; the fourth idolized Hitler and shot herself in the head when Britain declared war on Germany; the fifth was a member of the American Communist Party; the sixth became Duchess of Devonshire.

They were the Mitford sisters: Nancy, Pamela, Diana, Unity, Jessica, and Deborah. Born into country-house privilege in the early years of the 20th century, they became prominent as "bright young things" in the high society of interwar London. Then, as the shadows crept over 1930s Europe, the stark-and very public-differences in their outlooks came to symbolize the political polarities of a dangerous decade. The intertwined stories of their stylish and scandalous lives-recounted in masterly fashion by Laura Thompson-hold up a revelatory mirror to upper-class English life before and after WWII.

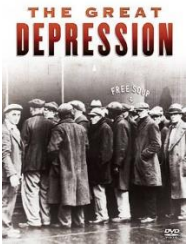
Documentaries:



American Experience: Seabiscuit

– stream on eIndiana at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/146951>*

Despite his boxy build, stumpy legs, scraggly tail and ungainly gait, Seabiscuit was one of the most remarkable thoroughbred racehorses in history. His fabulously wealthy owner Charles Howard, his famously silent and stubborn trainer Tom Smith, and the two hard-bitten, gifted jockeys who rode him to glory turned Seabiscuit into a national hero.



[The Great Depression](#) – AV Nonfiction DVD 973.916 GRE

Delves into the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and how it affected people, how the American public worked together to get through the massive hardships, and how the economy recovered with World War II.



[Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns](#) – AV Nonfiction DVD 781.65 JAZZ (multiple volumes)

Traces the origins and history of jazz, focusing on the individual musicians who helped shape its development.

Online Videos:



The Great Depression: Crash Course US History #33

– <https://youtu.be/GCQfMWAikyU>

The Roaring 20's: Crash Course US History #32

– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfOR1XCMf7A>

Podcasts:



The Amelia Earhart Mystery (Update) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/the-amelia-earhart-mystery-update.htm>

The Hindenburg Disaster – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/the-hindenburg-disaster.htm>

The Nazi Games and Jesse Owens – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/the-nazi-games-and-jesse-owens.htm>

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