

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### April's Topic: Explorers

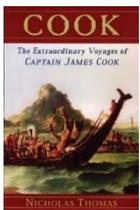
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

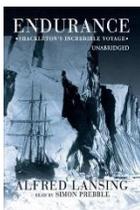
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to explorers. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

### Books:



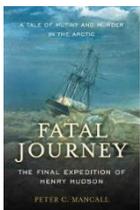
**[Cook: The Extraordinary Voyages of Captain James Cook](#)** by Nicholas Thomas – 910.92 THO

Commonly regarded as the greatest sea explorer of all time, James Cook made his three world-changing voyages during the 1770s, at a time when ships were routinely lost around the English coast. He made history by making geography—sailing through previously unknown southern seas, charting the eastern Australian coast and circumnavigating New Zealand, putting many Pacific islands on the map, and exploring both the Arctic and Antarctic.



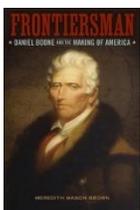
**[Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage to the Antarctic](#)** by Alfred Lansing – 910.45 LAN, eAudio on [hoopla](https://www.hoopla.com)\*

In August of 1914, the British ship *Endurance* set sail for the South Atlantic. In October, 1915, still half a continent away from its intended base, the ship was trapped, then crushed in the ice. For five months, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men, drifting on ice packs, were castaways in one of the most savage regions of the world.



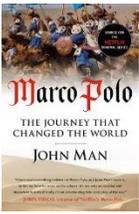
**[Fatal Journey: The Final Expedition of Henry Hudson – A Tale of Mutiny and Murder in the Arctic](#)** by Peter C. Mancall – 910.92 MAN

Examines the events of English explorer Henry Hudson's final expedition in the winter of 1610 and the mutiny that followed, resulting in Hudson, his son, and other crew members being forced off the boat and set adrift in the frigid Hudson Bay.

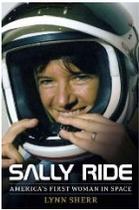


**[Frontiersman: Daniel Boone and the Making of America](#)** by Meredith Mason Brown – 976.902 BRO

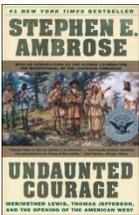
Supported with copious maps, illustrations, endnotes, and a detailed chronology of Boone's life, *Frontiersman* provides a fresh and accurate rendering of a man most people know only as a folk hero—and of the nation that has mythologized him for over two centuries.



**[Marco Polo: The Journey that Changed the World](#) by John Mann** – available in print via Evergreen Indiana\*, eBook on [hoopla](#)\*, eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*  
 Draws on the author's own parallel journey and new evidence to retrace the steps of the medieval Italian merchant who traveled from Venice, through the Middle East and Central Asia, to China and Xanadu, the summer capital of Kublai Khan.



**[Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space](#) by Lynn Sherr** – BIO RIDE, BKCD BIO RIDE, eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*  
 The definitive biography of Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, with exclusive insights from Ride's family and partner, by the ABC reporter who covered NASA during its transformation from a test-pilot boys' club to a more inclusive elite.



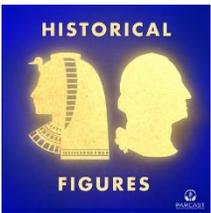
**[Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West](#) by Stephen E. Ambrose** – 917.804 AMB, eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*  
 A chronicle of the two-and-a-half year journey of Lewis and Clark that covers their relationship with Thomas Jefferson, their extreme hardships, and the contributions of Sacajawea.

**Videos:**



**[In the Shadow of the Moon](#)** – DVD 629.454 IN  
 Between 1968 and 1972, the world watched in awe each time an American spacecraft voyaged to the Moon. Only 12 American men have walked upon its surface, and they remain the only human beings to have stood on another world. Now for the first time, a combination of archival material from the original NASA film footage, much of it never before seen, and interviews with the surviving astronauts tells the story of the Apollo space program.

**Podcasts:**



**Historical Figures**  
**[E23: Hernan Cortes](#)** – <https://tinyurl.com/y9p2jwyv>  
 Hernan Cortes was born in 1485 in Medellin, Spain. From an early age, he sought adventure and romance, which led him to trouble throughout his life. He grew to be one of the first Spanish conquistadors who brought European culture to the Americas. His legacy lives on as both a hero of the Spanish Empire...and as a violent conqueror who slaughtered thousands of indigenous peoples in his quest for money and power.



**Stuff You Missed in History Class**  
**[Bessie Coleman: Daredevil Aviatix](#)** – <https://tinyurl.com/y8ffa2t8>  
 Bessie Coleman knew that becoming a pilot was her dream. Because she was a black woman, no American flight schools would admit her. Despite the obstacles, Bessie managed to become the first African-American woman in the world to earn a pilot's license.

**[Ibn Battuta, the Traveler of Islam](#)** – <https://tinyurl.com/ybsxrn8m>

Ibn Battuta's 14th-century travels were extensive. He was away from home for roughly 24 years and during that time traveled through virtually every Muslim nation and territory, becoming the traveler of the age.

**[Zheng He and the Treasure](#)** – <https://tinyurl.com/yctzk6cm>

Zheng He led expeditionary voyages from China in the 15th century. While there are many tall tales about his accomplishments, his actual life was pretty spectacular without them.

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card