

HISTORY

Roundtable

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{(usually) meets the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

October's Topic: U.S. – Mexico Borderland History

for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15th – Oct 15th) and Native American Heritage Month (November)

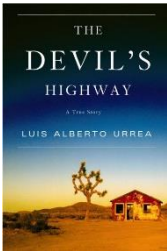
Meeting Date: Thursday, October 27th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by emailing sjberger@greenwoodlibrary.us.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

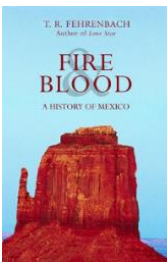
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the U.S. – Mexico Borderland region. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your source material. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



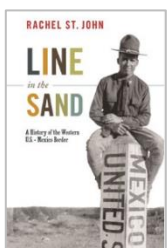
[The Devil's Highway: A True Story](#) by Luis Alberto Urrea – NONFICTION SOCIAL TOPICS RACE RELATIONS Urrea; eBook via [Libby](#)*

In May 2001, a group of men attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadliest region of the continent, the "Devil's Highway." Three years later, Luis Alberto Urrea wrote about what happened to them. The result was a national bestseller, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, a "book of the year" in multiple newspapers, and a work proclaimed as a modern American classic.



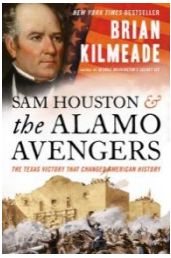
[Fire and Blood](#) by T. R. Fehrenbach – eBook via [Libby](#)*; eBook & eAudiobook via [hoopla](#)*

The author of many critically acclaimed books, military historian T.R. Fehrenbach provides the reader with this exciting and timely history of the territory that is today known as Mexico. His book sweeps us from the great civilizations of the Olmecs and the Aztecs to the Spanish settlers who brutally claimed the land for their own, and from the political and economic revolutions of the nineteenth century to recent history with its government scandals.



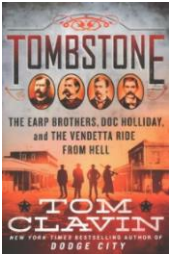
[Line in the Sand](#) by Rachel St. John; eBook via [hoopla](#)*

Line in the Sand details the dramatic transformation of the western U.S.-Mexico border from its creation at the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848 to the emergence of the modern boundary line in the first decades of the twentieth century. In this sweeping narrative, Rachel St. John explores how this boundary changed from a mere line on a map to a clearly marked and heavily regulated divide between the United States and Mexico. Focusing on the desert border to the west of the Rio Grande, this book explains the origins of the modern border and places the line at the center of a transnational history of expanding capitalism and state power in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



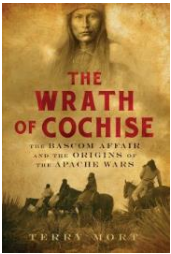
[Sam Houston & the Alamo Avengers](#) by Brian Kilmeade – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES 19th CENTURY Kilmeade (print, Large Print, & on CD); [eBook](#) & [eAudiobook](#) via Libby*

March 1836: The story of the Alamo is familiar to most: more than two hundred Texians trapped in an adobe mission, and massacred. Though the rallying cry of "Remember the Alamo" rang across the country, Houston knew it was poor strategy to aggressively retaliate immediately. One month after the massacre, he and his army of underdog Texians soundly defeated Santa Anna's troops in under eighteen minutes at the Battle of San Jacinto, and in doing so won the independence for which so many had died.



[Tombstone: The Earp Brothers, Doc Holliday, and the Vendetta Ride from Hell](#) by Tom Clavin – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST Calvin; eAudiobook via Libby* & [hoopla](#)*; eBook via [Libby](#)*

The true story of the Earp brothers, Doc Holliday, and the famous Battle at the OK Corral, by the New York Times bestselling author of *Dodge City* and *Wild Bill*. On the afternoon of October 26, 1881, nine men clashed in what would be known as the most famous shootout in American frontier history.



[The Wrath of Cochise: The Bascom Affair and the Origins of the Apache Wars](#) by Terry A. Mort – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES NATIVE Mort; eBook via [hoopla](#)*

In February 1861, the twelve-year-old son of Arizona rancher John Ward was kidnapped by Apaches. In a gripping narrative that often reads like an old-fashioned Western novel, Terry Mort explores the collision of these two radically different cultures in a masterful account of one of the bloodiest conflicts in our frontier history. Thousands of lives would be lost, the economies of Arizona and New Mexico would be devastated, and in the end, the Chiricahua way of life would essentially cease to exist.

Online:

[A Continent Divided: The U.S. – Mexican War](#) by University of Texas at Arlington

Explore the online collection which includes essays, biographies, maps, images, and documents.

Videos:



[Ghost Towns – America's Lost World: The Ghosts of New Mexico](#) on Kanopy*

In this program we will look at the ghost towns of what was once part of the Spanish Empire in the new world. It is a land of great mystery. A land where the ghosts of ancestors walk this once Spanish territory. Today, forming the state of New Mexico, it truly earns its slogan - Land of Enchantment.

Podcasts:



New Books Network

[Border Medicine](#) with Brett Hendrickson – New Books Network

Mexican American religious healing - often called *curanderismo* - is a vital component of life in the US-Mexican borderlands. Listen to an interview with Brett Hendrickson about his book *Border Medicine: A Transcultural History of Mexican American Curanderismo* (New York University Press, 2014) – where Hendrickson tracks healers going back to the nineteenth century and beyond.



[Border Trilogy Part 1: Hole in the Fence](#) – Radiolab

While scouring the Sonoran Desert for objects left behind by migrants crossing into the United States, anthropologist Jason De León happened upon something he didn't expect to get left behind: a human arm, stripped of flesh. This macabre discovery sent him reeling, needing to know what exactly happened to the body, and how many migrants die that way in the wilderness. In researching border-crosser deaths in the Arizona desert, he noticed something surprising.

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