

HISTORY

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November's Topic: Midwestern History

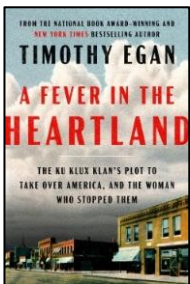
Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 6:30pm

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

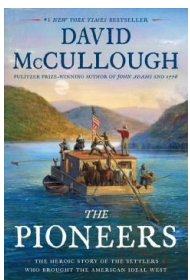
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Midwestern History. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include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

Books:



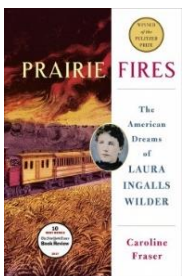
A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to take over America, and the Woman who Stopped Them by Timothy Egan – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES 20th CENTURY Egan; [eAudio](#) and [eBook](#) via Libby*

The Roaring Twenties--the Jazz Age--has been characterized as a time of Gatsby frivolity. But it was also the height of the uniquely American hate group, the Ku Klux Klan. Their domain was not the old Confederacy, but the Heartland and the West. They hated Blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants in equal measure, and took radical steps to keep these people from the American promise. And the man who set in motion their takeover of great swaths of America was a charismatic charlatan named D.C. Stephenson. At the peak of his influence, it was a seemingly powerless woman--Madge Oberholtzer--who would reveal his secret cruelties, and whose deathbed testimony finally brought the Klan to their knees.



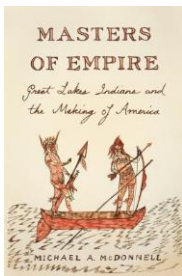
The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST McCullough; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby*

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough rediscovers an important and dramatic chapter in the American story--the settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would come to define our country.



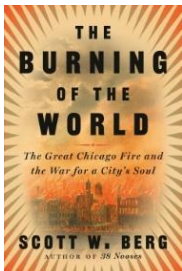
Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser – Print book via Evergreen Indiana*; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby*; [eAudio](#) via Hoopla

Millions of readers of *Little House on the Prairie* believe they know Laura Ingalls--the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains, and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true saga of her life has never been fully told. Now, drawing on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial records, Caroline Fraser--the editor of the Library of America edition of the Little House series--masterfully fills in the gaps in Wilder's biography.



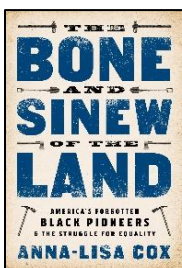
Masters of Empire: Great Lakes Indians and the Making of America by Michael

A. McDonnell – Print book via Evergreen Indiana*; eBook via [Libby*](#) and [Hoopla*](#)
In *Masters of Empire*, the historian Michael A. McDonnell reveals the vital role played by the native peoples of the Great Lakes in the history of North America. Though less well known than the Iroquois or Sioux, the Anishinaabeg, who lived across Lakes Michigan and Huron, were equally influential. By calling attention to the Great Lakes as a crucible of culture and conflict, McDonnell reimagines the landscape of American history.



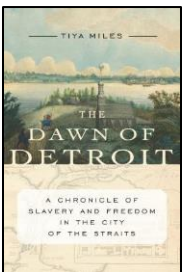
The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul by **Scott Berg** – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES 19th CENTURY Berg; [eAudio](#) and [eBook](#) via Libby*

The effects of the Great Fire were devastating. But they were also transforming. An enrapturing account of the fire's inexorable march and an eye-opening look at its aftermath, *The Burning of the World* tells the story of one of the most infamous calamities in history and the new Chicago it precipitated—a disaster that still shapes American cities to this day.



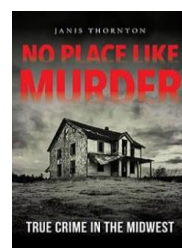
The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers & the Struggle for Equality by **Anna-Lisa Cox** – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST Cox; [eAudio](#) via [Libby*](#) and [eBook](#) via [Hoopla*](#)

The story of America's forgotten black pioneers, who escaped slavery, settled the Old Northwest Territory, and proved that racial equality was possible even as the country headed toward civil war. Blending meticulous detail with lively storytelling, Cox brings historical recognition to the brave people who managed not just to secure their freedom but begin a battle that is still going on today—a battle for equality.



The Dawn of Detroit: A Chronicle of Slavery and Freedom in the City of the Straits by **Tiya Miles**— Print book via Evergreen*; eBook via [Libby*](#) and [Hoopla*](#); [eAudio](#) via [Hoopla*](#)

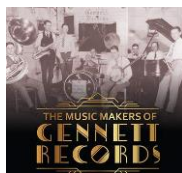
Most Americans believe that slavery was a creature of the South, and that Northern states and territories provided stops on the Underground Railroad for fugitive slaves on their way to Canada. In this paradigm-shifting book, celebrated historian Tiya Miles reveals that slavery was at the heart of the Midwest's iconic city: Detroit.



No Place Like Murder by **Janis Thornton** – Print book via Evergreen Indiana*; eBook via [Libby*](#) and [Hoopla*](#)

A modern retelling of 20 sensational true crimes, *No Place Like Murder* reveals the inside details behind nefarious acts that shocked the Midwest between 1869 and 1950. The stories chronicle the misdeeds, examining the perpetrators' mindsets, motives, lives, apprehensions, and trials, as well as what became of them long after.

Video:



The Music Makers of Gennett Records, by WTIU Documentaries available via PBS
During the early 20th century, one tiny recording studio in Richmond, Indiana, had a big impact on the soundtrack of the Jazz Age. The Music Makers of Gennett Records tells the unlikely story of the Gennett Recording Studios, where many of the greatest artists in American jazz, blues, country, and gospel music first recorded.

Podcast:



Heartland History, the official podcast of the Midwestern History Association, features interviews with scholars, writers, and other professionals about the history of America's heartland.

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