

SCA – Book Club Archive meeting topics

2016	Book/Reading	Hosted by
June	<i>George Washington's Secret Six - The Spy Ring that saved the American Revolutions</i> by Brian Kilmeade	Mary Black
July	<i>Women Heroes of the Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance and Rescue</i> by Susan Casey	Janice Brewer
Aug	<i>Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick	<u>Martha Valen</u>
Sept	<i>Ladies of Liberty</i> by Cockie Roberts	Kay Gines
Oct	<i>The Witches Salem, 1692</i> by Stacy Schiff	Kate Kirkpatrick
Nov	<i>Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America</i> by Jack N. Rakove	Susan Harris
Dec		
2017		
Jan	Genealogy discussion: comments on our Patriots	Lauren Smith
Feb	<i>Plain, honest men: The making of the American Constitution</i> by Richard R. Beeman.	Connie Olson
March	Genealogy discussion: family artifacts with special meaning – old photos, letters, documents	Kate Kirkpatrick
April	<i>The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War</i> by J.L. Bell	Terri Kleinschmidt
May	Genealogy discussion: Story of her ancestor who arrived in Detroit from Canada and was a teacher in Adrian, MI	Mary Black
Jun	<i>The Loyalists</i> by Christopher Moore	Kay Gines
July	Genealogy discussion: members shared various genealogy materials	Judi Marks
Aug	<i>The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution</i> by John Oiler.	Martha Valen

Sept		
Oct	Huguenots in Early America (The Historical Society of Pennsylvania articles 1-3) <i>1) The French Element Among Pennsylvania Germans</i> <i>2) The French Racial Strain in Colonial Pennsylvania</i> <i>3) American Privateers in French Ports, 1776-1778</i> <i>4) The Huguenot Society of America - Huguenot History</i>	Susan Harris
Nov		
Dec	Holiday lunch	Paesano's
2018		
Jan	Genealogy discussion: childhood memories	Martha Valen
Feb	<i>1776</i> by David McCullough	Connie Olson
March	Genealogy discussion:	Mary Black
April	<i>Death By Petticoat, American History Myths Debunked</i> by Mary Miley Theobald.	Judi Marks
May	Genealogy discussion:	Janice Brewer
June	<i>The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn</i> by Robert P. Watson	Terri Kleinschmidt
July	Genealogy discussion: wedding pictures	Kay Gines
Aug	<i>Killing England</i> by Bill O'Reilly	Carla Sosa
Sept	Genealogy discussion:	Terri Kleinschmidt
Oct	<i>1621 A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine</i> by O'Neill Grace	Susan Harris
Nov	Genealogy discussion:	Martha Valen
Dec	Holiday lunch	Paesano's

2019		
Jan	No meeting	
Feb	<i>I, Elizabeth Hamilton</i> by Susan Hollow	Judi Marks
Mar	Genealogy discussion	Kay Gines
Apr	<i>Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation</i> by Andrea Wulf	Connie Olson
May	Genealogy discussion	Carla Sosa
Jun	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i> by David Hackett Fisher	Lauren Smith
Jul	No meeting	
Aug	No meeting	
Sept	No meeting	
Oct	<i>The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution</i> by Sidney Kaplan	Janice Brewer
Nov	Genealogy: Family history stories	Susan Harris
Dec	Holiday lunch	Paesano's
2020		
Jan	No meeting	
Feb	<i>Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence</i> by Carol Kerkin	Lauren Smith
Mar	Genealogy discussion: Pick two ancestors with whom you would like to talk. What would you ask them and why?	Connie Olson
Apr	<i>Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick	Judi Marks

May	Music of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars Revolutionary War Battles	Martha Valen Lauren Smith
Jun	DAR Patriots	Lauren Smith
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Sept	<i>Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America</i> by Catherine Kerrison	Susan Harris
Oct	<i>The Lost Family: How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are</i> by Libby Copeland	Suzanne Schluederberg
Nov	Genealogy hints and finds	
Dec	Holiday traditions in an ancestor's country of origin	
2021		
Jan	<i>Ordinary Equality, DAR Members and the Road to Women's Suffrage 1890-1920</i> , compiled by Tracy Robinson and Courtney Peter, NSDAR	Betty Bishop
Feb	Tom Tudor's presentation "Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"	Susan Harris
March	<i>The Pioneers</i> by David McCullough.	Lauren Smith

Apr	<p>The Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia Source material C-SPAN3 https://www.c-span.org/video/?426693-1/museum-american-revolution-opens-philadelphia</p> <p>YouTube https://youtu.be/5AcmW0-Tq2E</p> <p>Museum website: https://www.amrevmuseum.org/learn-and-explore/read-the-revolution</p> <p>2003 David McCullough: <i>The Course of Human Events</i> at The 2003 Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities (audio and text available at AADL)</p>	Connie Olson
May	<i>Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home</i> by Richard Bell	Betty Bishop
Jun	Our Pioneer Ancestors – Members will share information or stories about her ancestor(s) who were pioneers, sometimes know as community planters.	
Jul	No meeting	
Aug	No meeting	
Sept	<i>The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777.</i> (The Revolutionary trilogy book 1) by Rick Atkinson	Martha Valen
Oct	2001 Carlisle History article: <i>Noble Purposes and Labors of Love Answering the Call on the Home Front</i> by Christine Ameruri	Susan Harris
Nov	Franklin and Washington: The Founding Partnership by Edward J. Larson.	Connie Olson
Dec	Holiday luncheon	
2022		
Jan	<i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i> by Kim Michele Richardson	Betty Bishop

Feb	Members were invited to share information about her membership in other lineage societies, family associations, or historical. Suggested questions: 1) Why did you join the society? 2) Who are your ancestors in the society? 3) What is your society's mission? 4) What special projects does your society support? 5) What are the requirements for membership? 6) How many members are in the society nationally? in Michigan? 7) How often does the local chapter meet? 8) Why do you continue to renew your membership? 9) Are there other SCA members in your society?	Suzanne Schluederberg
Mar	<i>Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero</i> by Christian Di Spigna	Jane Griffith
Apr	Topic: Your Personal Genealogy Moment 1. Let us know about your toughest single ancestor search. 2. What were your roadblocks? 3. What resources did you use? 4. How did you finally reach your final "aha" moment? 5. Are there any tips you can give us?	Janice Brewer
May	<i>How Disease Affected The Military During The American Revolution</i> by Jack Darrell Crowder	Denise Frost
Jun	End of year activity.	Lauren Smith
Jul	No Meeting	
Aug	No Meeting	
Sept	<i>The Taking of Jamma Boone</i> by Matthew Pearl	Martha Valen
Oct	Native Americans in the Revolutionary War	Janice Brewer
Nov	<i>Wild Women of Michigan</i> by Norma Lewis	Betty Bishop
Dec	Holiday luncheon	
2023		
Jan	Ken Burns: Benjamin Franklin, movie	Susan Harris
Feb	<i>The Women of the Copper County</i> by Mary Doria Russell	Lauren Smith

Mar	<p>We'll investigate how veterans of the Revolutionary War and the Civil War were treated at home after their service was completed. Did they get the government compensation they were promised? Were they motivated to move west as a result after the Rev War? How was their health and wealth affected by the conflict? Were they treated as heroes by their communities? What about the Confederate veterans? Were they shunned? Were divided families with opposing views able to reconcile? What are the stories of your own ancestors?</p> <p>Perhaps these stories will answer some of these questions. I know that at least three members of the book club plan to share these.</p>	Suzanne Schluederberg
Apr	<i>The Book Woman's Daughter</i> by Kim Michele Richardson	Judi Marks
May	The Star Spangled Banner	Connie Olson
June	No Meeting	
July	No Meeting	
Aug	No Meeting	
Sept	<i>The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams</i> by Stacy Schiff	Judi Marks
Oct	Luncheon – Carlyle Grill	
Nov	<i>Switchboard Soldiers</i> by J. Chiaverini	Betty Bishop
Dec	Holiday Luncheon	
2024		
Jan	In the spirit of reflection done for New Year's and that we all stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, each member is invited to share a 5 -10 minute description of the thing(s) for which she is grateful her ancestor(s) did.	Susan Harris
Feb	<i>The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine</i> by Lindsey Fitzharris	Suzanne Schluederberg

Mar	Where our patriot(s) is/are buried/.	Betty Bishop
Apr	<i>Frozen River: A Novel</i> by Ariel Lawhon	Susan Harris
May	Lunch – Grateful Crow	
Jun	No Meeting	
Jul	No Meeting	
Aug	No Meeting	
Sept	<i>Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge</i> by Erica Armstrong Dunbar	Martha Valen
Oct	Discussion topic TBD	
Nov	<i>American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans</i> by Eve LaPlante	Betty Bishop
Dec	Holiday Luncheon – Thursday, December 12	
2025		
Jan	No Meeting	
Feb	<i>Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution</i> by Mike Duncan	Judi Marks
Mar	Discussion topic TBD	
Apr	<i>First Ladies</i> by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray	Volunteer needed
May	lunch	
June	No Meeting	
July	No Meeting	

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