Join us at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month when we meet to discuss the current month's book. (Times/dates can be changed)

**February** - *Daring Greatly* by Brene Brown, 320 pages
How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead.

**March** - *Black Faces White Spaces: Reimagining The Relationship Of African Americans To The Great Outdoors* by Carolyn Finney, 194 pages
Drawing on a variety of sources from film, literature, and popular culture, ... Finney reveals the perceived and real ways in which nature and the environment are racialized in America. Looking toward the future, she also highlights the work of African Americans who are opening doors to greater participation in environmental and conservation concerns.

**April** - *Ghosts in the Schoolyard* by Eve L. Ewing, 240 pages
Poet Ewing (Electric Arches), an assistant professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, revisits the 2013 closure of 54 Chicago public schools due to declining rates of enrollment in this bracing study of the third largest school system in the United States. Ewing focuses on three schools in Bronzeville, on Chicago's South Side, most notably Dyett High School, where news of the school’s closure sparked a month long hunger strike among community members.

**May** - *The Social Animal* by David Brooks
The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement -- This is the story of how success happens, told through the lives of one composite American couple, Harold and Erica. Drawing on a wealth of current research from numerous disciplines, Brooks takes Harold and Erica from infancy to old age, illustrating a fundamental new understanding of human nature along the way: The unconscious mind, it turns out, is not a dark, vestigial place, but a creative one, where most of the brain's work gets done.

**June** - *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf, 506 pages
The book follows Humboldt from his early childhood and travels through Europe as a young man to his journey through Latin America and his return to Europe. Wulf makes the case that Humboldt synthesized knowledge from many different fields to form a vision of nature as one interconnected system, that would go on to influence scientists, activists and the public.
2019 Book Club

July - *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz, 153 pages
"Be impeccable with your word.
Don't take anything personally.
Don't make assumptions.
Always do your best."

August - *Presence* by Amy Cuddy, 352 pages
Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges

"Adrienne maree brown is truly masterful at weaving together threads of different political, social, economic, spiritual, and even science fiction theories into a very accessible guide for anyone who seeks to participate in changing the world."

October - *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo
Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue.

November - *A Word for World is Forest* by Ursula K LeGuin, 189 pages
"Le Guin writes in quiet, straightforward sentences about people who feel they are being torn apart by massive forces in society—technological, political, economic—and who fight courageously to remain whole."

December - *Hope in the Dark* by Rebecca Solnit, 184 pages
"An elegant reminder that activist victories are easily forgotten, and that they often come in extremely unexpected, roundabout ways."

January - *The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity* by Nadine Burke Harris, 237 pages
By the founder of Bayview / Hunter Point’s Center for Youth Wellness! "A heartbreaking, world-shaking, revolutionary book. In The Deepest Well, Nadine Burke Harris uncovers the once-hidden story of why we are the way we are. And she offers a new set of tools, based in science, that can help each of us heal ourselves, our children, and our world." See her