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Beaumont Library Board & Staff Members Share Their Favorite Recent Reads!

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus



Bret Mahoney, Trustee—Book 1: *The Moral Molecule*, by Paul Zak. Dr. Zak is a behavioral economist from Claremont Graduate University and his first book explores the use of oxytocin in sympathy, love, and trust. It shows a reader how they can integrate certain behaviors into their leadership practice and community to build trust and establish strong teams. Book 2: *Red Rising*, by Pierce Brown. This science fiction series navigates class and camaraderie in a complex and beautifully constructed future universe.

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Susan Aguilar-Martinez, Trustee—Book 1: *Trust and Inspire*, by Stephen M.R. Covey. Faced with a new workforce, the old way of leading by “control and command” does not yield trust among employees but leading with “trust and inspire” fosters a collaborative and trust-based work environment. This is a great read for anyone in a leadership position.



Book 2: My second pick is an old favorite of mine by Jean M. Auel, *Clan of the Cave Bear*. I relate to the solitude the main character endures and then the task of fitting in and not fitting in because she's different.



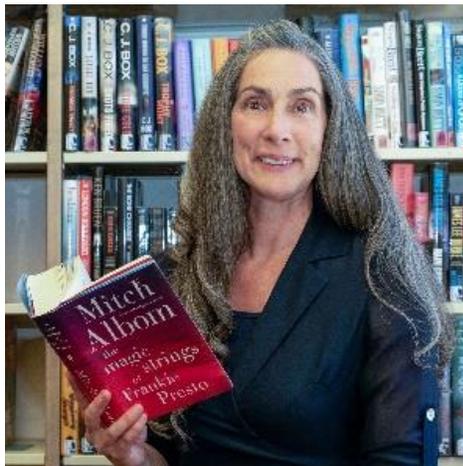
Julia Schumacher, Supervising Librarian—Book 1: *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides. It was such an engaging story that some evenings I sat in my car in the garage because I had to know what happened next! Book 2: *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erica L. Sanchez. Although many people said it was great, I just got to it almost 8 years after it was published. It did not disappoint. It's a beautifully told story of a family losing a daughter/sister and the challenges that brought.

Kelly Van Valkenburg, Director—I recommend *How to Sell a Haunted House*, by Grady Hendrix. This book explores how unresolved trauma from the past can haunt our present but told through the eyes of creepy puppets! Not recommended for fans of Jim Henson.



Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus—Book 1: *Complete Novels*, by Dashiell Hammett. One of the originators of the hard-boiled detective genre, this volume contains *The Maltese Falcon* and *The Thin Man*, both of which were made into movies. Book 2: *Stories and Early Novels*, by Raymond Chandler. Another founder of hard-boiled detective fiction, he created Philip Marlowe, a character in *The Big Sleep* and *Farewell My Lovely*, novels included here that were also made into movies.

Margaret Coleman, Board President—*Properties of Thirst*, by Marianne Wiggins, has been my favorite for the last couple of years. The author weaves a rich tapestry of a family fighting the water company while trying to maintain the family's California desert empire during WWII.



Cynthia Carr, Board Secretary—Book 1: *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day*, by Macrina Wiederkehr. “An inspiring resource to serve as a catalyst to spur your own practice of being present and paying attention to the rhythms of the day.” Book 2: *The Mighty Red*, by Louise Erdrich, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner. This stunning novel tells a story of love, natural forces, spiritual yearnings, and the tragic impact of uncontrollable circumstances on ordinary people’s lives.



Library Groundbreaking (left to right) Director Van Valkenburg, Trustee Mahoney, Supervisor Gutierrez, President Coleman, Director Emeritus Dickinson, Trustee Aguilar-Martinez, Secretary Carr, Trustee Lillard-Geiser; **44 Years of Library Directors who attended the event** (clockwise from lower right) Rhea McLaughlin (1981-1990), Clara DiFelice (1990-2017), Luren Dickinson (2017-2024), and Kelly Van Valkenburg (2025-?)

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