

Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve

BROOKER READING CLUB

Focusing on Florida authors and natural history

The first Saturday of each month (unless noted)

9:30 - 10:30 am

Conference room of the Environmental Education Center

Bring your own coffee!



Book Club Co-Leaders: Jon Burr & Kathleen Nichter
(Photos by Karl Nichter)

2017 Selections

October

Any novel by Tim Dorsey

Tim Dorsey's novels have been compared to Carl Hiaasen.

November

Death in the Everglades: the Murder of Guy Bradley, America's First Martyr to Environmentalism

By Stuart B. McIver

December

Between Two Rivers: Stories from the Red Hill to the Gulf

Edited by Susan Cerulean

These are stories of northern Florida by thirty leading naturalists and writers.

2018 Selections

January

Any writing (article, novel, non-fiction, biography) by or about Ernest Hemingway

Hemingway lived in Key West for ten years, where he wrote *Death in the Afternoon*, *Green Hills of Africa*, *To Have and Have Not*, and started *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Key West is still associated with Hemingway. His years in Florida are considered the most productive years of his writing career, yet only one of his books is set (partially) in Florida.

February

Naturalist in Florida A Celebration of Eden

By Archie Carr

A collection of essays about Florida nature by the world renowned naturalist, author, and conservationist. Published in 1996.

March

Open Reading Month

Pick any book, magazine issue, ezine, mezzanine, so forth, that deals with Florida nature or history and share your thoughts (and recommendations) about what you read. It's ok if several of you read the same thing (on purpose or by coincidence.) You may read a previous book that might have been read before you were a member of the group. We may in the future pick other topics to allow a potpourri of writings to read. We may in the future also pick one publisher as a source of material: Florida University Press or Pineapple Press for example.

April

Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land

by Jannise Ray

Story of Pinhook Swamp in Georgia, which affects the water coming into Florida

May

Any Travis McGee Novel by John D. MacDonald

MacDonald adopted Florida as his home, and had a very successful international career of mystery writing, pulp writing, and even science fiction. We chose his mystery/detective Travis McGee series because it is primarily set in Florida.

June

Seasons of Real Florida

by Jeff Klinkenberg

A collection of articles by Klinkenberg originally published in the St. Petersburg Times. A classic.