

APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY BOOK LIST ABRIDGED

#ME 5-1

**In Tune Charley Patton, Jimmie Rodgers, and the Roots of American Music** (2014) by Ben Wynne  
**Selected Poems of Edna St Vincent Millay: An Annotated Edition** (2016) by the poet, Timothy F Jackson (Editor),  
Holly Peppe (Introduction)

**May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem** (2018) by Imani Perry  
**The Essential Writings of James Weldon Johnson** (2008) by James Weldon Johnson, Rudolph Byrd (Editor),  
Charles Johnson (Foreword)

**This Land is Your Land** (2000) by Woody Guthrie, Kathy Jakobsen (Illustrator) Children's Book  
**Mavis Staples, the Staple Singers, and the March Up Freedom's Highway** (2014) by Greg Kot

**A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings**, by Charles Dickens  
**A Great Ring of Pure and Endless Light: Selected Poems** (2017) by Henry Vaughan, A H Ninham (Editor)

**Auld Lang Syne: The Story of Robert Burns** (1997) by Joanne Findon, Ned Nasmith (Illustrator)  
**My Hearts in the Highlands (Illustrated): Selected Poems of Robert Burns** (2019) by Highland Heraldry  
**The Whole Harmonium: The Life of Wallace Stevens** (2017) by Paul Mariani

**Go Slow: The Life of Julie London** (2017) by Professor Michael Owen  
**The Collected Verse of Robert Service** (2020) by Robert Service

**The Inextinguishable Symphony: A true story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany** (2001) by Martin Goldsmith  
**Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life: The Plants and Places that inspired the Iconic Poet** (2019)  
by Marta McDowell

**Hi-de-Ho: The Life of Cab Calloway** (2010) by Alyn Shipton  
**Bright Wings, Dappled Things: Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins** Sj Photographs by Fr Francis Browne Sj (2019)  
by Jo O'Donovan (Commentary) Gerald Manley Hopkins, Francis Browne (Photographer)

**The Andrews Sisters: The Lives and Legacy of the famous Singing Trio during the Swing Era** (2020) by Charles River  
**Glenn Miller Declassified** (2017) by Dennis M Spragg

**Marian Anderson: A Singer's Journey: The First Comprehensive Biography** (2000) by Allan Keiler  
**Poetry for Young People: William Blake** (Children's Book) (2007) by John Maynard (Editor) and  
Allesandra Cimatoribus (Illustrator)

**Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing up Bernstein** (2019) by Jamie Bernstein  
**The People, Yes** (1939) by Carl Sandburg

**Wayfaring Stranger (the fascinating Autobiography)** by Burl Ives (1952)  
**In the Bleak Midwinter: Advent and Christmas with Christine Rossetti** (2019) by Rachel Mann

**Swing, Swing, Swing: The Life and Times of Benny Goodman**, (1993) by Ross Firestone  
**The collected Poems of Langston Hughes** (2008) by Langston Hughes and Arnold Rampersad (Editor)

**Sarah Caldwell: The First Woman of Opera** (2008) by Daniel Kessler  
**Along the Silk Road** (2002) by Yo-Yo Ma and Elizabeth Ten Grotenhuis or **Children Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma** (Children's Book) by Joanna Ho and Teresa Martinez (Illustrator)

**The Things our Fathers Saw**, Series 1-7 (pick one of the 7) (2015-2020) by Matthew A Rozell  
**Sea Fever: Selected Poems of John Masefield** (2005) by John Masefield, Phillip W Errington (Editor)

**Then Sings my Soul** (2010) by Robert J Morgan  
**Poems of Childhood** (1996) A Scribner Classic by Eugene Field, Maxwell Parrish (Illustrator)

**Smith College Stories by Josephine Daskam Bacon** (2016 Createspace Independent Publishing)  
**The Poetry of Ralph Hodgson**: Selected by Hugh Parry, (2018) by Hugh Parry

**Jolson: The Story of Al Jolson** (2007) by Michael Freedland  
**Spoon River Anthology: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition** (2007) by Edgar Lee Masters, John Hollander (Introduction),  
Ronald Primeau (Afterward)

**Music and Modernity Among First Peoples of North America** by Victoria Lindsay Levine,  
Dylan Robinson (Editors)  
**Collected Poems of Rudyard Kipling** (1994) by Rudyard Kipling, R T Jones (Introduction)

**The book Woman of Troublesome Creek** (Novel 2019) by Kim Michele Richardson or  
**Carnegie Libraries across America: A Public Legacy** (1997) by Theodore Jones  
**Leaves of Grass, The Complete Poems of Walt Whitman**, or Walt Whitman: Selected Poems

**The Civil Wars of Julie Ward Howe: A Biography** (2016) by Elaine Showalter  
**The Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier: A Reader's Edition** (2000) by John Greenleaf Whittier,  
W F Jolliff (Editor) John B Pickard (Foreword)

**Wonderful Words of Life: Hymns in American Protestant History and Theology** (2004)  
by Richard J Mouw, Mark A Noll  
**Robert Frost: A Life** (2001) by Jay Parini

**Cool Cats and a Hot Mouse: A History of Jazz and Disney** (2020) by Bob McLain (Editor)  
Don Dinicola (Foreword) and Matthew Hodge  
**The Hill we Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country** (2021) by Amanda Gorman,  
Oprah Winfrey (Foreword)

**Long Steel Rail: (Music in American Life)** new edition 2000, by Norm Cohen  
(The railroad in American folksong)  
**An American Sunrise: Poems** NFMCC (2019) by Joy Harjo (Poet Laureate of the United States)

The book selections for the NFMCC Course of Study program are suggested texts in order to plan a program year and enjoy exploring new music, composers, and authors, with your membership and guests. Since there are so many outstanding music themed books available, if you wish to highlight other texts not listed here during your club year, just ask me!

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