



# Literary Kaleidoscope

Literary Kaleidoscope is a lecture series for book-lovers, which distributes its proceeds in scholarships. Everyone is welcome.

Autumn 2018

**Wednesday**                      **A Gentleman In Moscow**  
**September 19**                      **Amor Towles**  
**Speaker**                              **Dr. Karim Dharamsi**

Sentenced in 1922 to house arrest in Moscow's Metropol Hotel, Count Alexander Rostov, an unrepentant aristocrat, shows us how to live with elegance, erudition, wit and good manners during the next three decades of turbulence in Russia. No Bolshevik, Stalinist or bureaucrat can dampen his indomitable spirit in his joyful search for a life of purpose. This novel is the perfect antidote to the crass and uncouth behavior we are witnessing at the highest levels today. It's a perfect summer read – enjoy!

Dr. Karim Dharamsi, Chair of General Education at Mount Royal University is well known to our Literary Kaleidoscope members who have appreciated his engaging and thought-provoking talks in the past. We expect his sly sense of humour will match that of Count Rostov as he examines the escapades of *The Gentleman in Moscow*.

**Wednesday**                      **The Comedian**  
**October 17**                      **Clem Martini**  
**Speaker**                              **Clem Martini**

*The Comedian* is a witty and fast-paced story of the nascent days of theatrical comedy in early Rome. As he recounts the (mis)adventures of the protagonist - one of Rome's most notable playwrights - the author also creates a vivid picture of daily life in the Eternal City more than two thousand years ago.

Clem Martini is a prolific writer: an award-winning playwright, novelist and professor of drama at the University of Calgary. He is a three-time winner of the Alberta Writers Guild Drama Prize, winner of the W.O. Mitchell Award, and was a nominee of the Governor General's Literary Award in Drama.

**Wednesday**                      **Z**  
**November 21**                      **Therese Anne Fowler**  
**Speaker**                              **Dr. Kelly Hewson**

Much has been written about Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald's tumultuous and glamorous Jazz-Age lifestyle, and much too about the brilliance of Scott's literary history. *Z* is a well-detailed depiction of Zelda's life- but told with a new slant. She is seen as having many frailties, but also as being a good mother and a genuinely talented woman in her own right. In an engaging novel, Fowler brings a new and refreshing approach to an oft-told tragic story.

Dr. Kelly Hewson is a professor emerita of Mount Royal University and Literary Kaleidoscope committee member. We expect our presenter to be suitably dressed for the Occasion!

*Literary Kaleidoscope*  
**Marda Loop Community Centre**  
**3130 16<sup>th</sup> street S.W.**

*Sessions start at 9:30 a.m. with time before for a visit over a cup of coffee and cookie.*

*\$10 per session*

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