



Literary Kaleidoscope

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

Spring 2019

Wednesday
March 20
Speaker

Dark Money
Jane Mayer
Todd Hirsch

Dark Money provides a detailed exposure to a powerful group of American billionaires whose key desire is to create antigovernment libertarians in their own image. In this compelling study, Jane Mayer explains why she believes that the Koch brothers, in conjunction with a small number of allied plutocrats, have essentially hijacked American democracy. Deemed by many to be a "must-read" for anyone interested in politics, *Dark Money* provides readers with some empowerment to better understand the forces at work in American politics.

As Chief Economist for ATB Financial, Todd provides economic commentary for many media outlets and is a much-sought speaker. He has served as an economist in various companies, taught economics at the University of Calgary and has written three books. A true arts lover, he is the Chair of the Calgary Arts Academy and serves on the Boards of Alberta Ballet and The Glenbow Museum.

Wednesday
April 17
Speaker

Educated
Tara Westover
Dr. Anne Moore

Hailed as a unique and important memoir, *Educated* relates the unforgettable story of a young girl who was born in the mountains of Idaho to strict Mormon survivalists. At 17, having lived through the horrors of working in her father's scrap yard and (supposedly) being home-schooled by her mother, she was finally able to start her formal education which ultimately took her to Harvard and Cambridge and to becoming the extraordinary young woman she is today.

A popular speaker at Literary Kaleidoscope, Dr. Moore is a Professor of History at the University of Calgary. She has a strong background in Religious Studies which should provide some fascinating insights into this month's selection.

Wednesday
May 15
Speaker

Based On A True Story
Elizabeth Renzetti
Catherine Ford

This light-hearted, witty tale of a down-at-the-heels aging starlet addict takes us on a roller-coaster ride that while immensely entertaining, also deals with questions of life and love. How do we understand the complexities of fame? Why do we endlessly repeat mistakes? Why do we make a mess of relationships? Read this book and weep...with laughter.

Catherine Ford, one of Calgary's best-known journalists, wrote a national column on politics and social issues for many years. She took early retirement in 2004 but in January 2019 returned to the Calgary Herald's editorial page to write a weekly column. Catherine is sure to deliver a lively and colourful assessment of a lively and colourful book.

Literary Kaleidoscope
Marda Loop Community Centre
3130 16th 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

Please pay at the door.

After the March and April meetings **Calgary Reads** will have a van onsite at Marda Loop Community Centre to collect any books* that you no longer want to keep. Please remember to bring them, and save yourself a hike down to the Calgary Curling Club in May! *The van can only accommodate so many books. If you are planning on donating several boxes of books, please wait till May and take them to the CCC. Thanks!

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