

NOMAD LAND

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Event Guide

2019 Community-Wide Reading Program



Daniel Boone Regional Library



About the Program

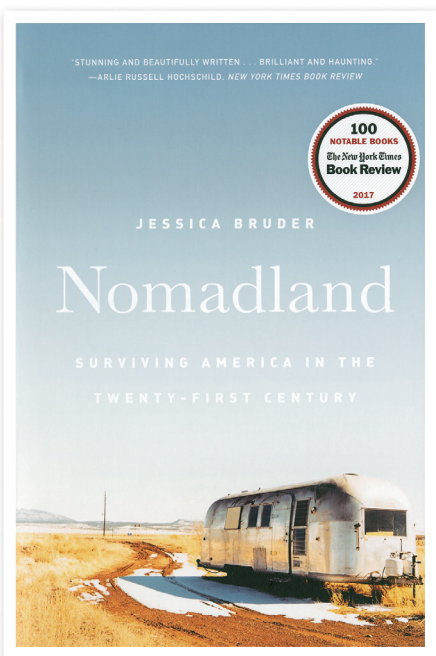
One Read, coordinated by the Daniel Boone Regional Library, is a community-wide reading program sponsored by a task force of local media, educational institutions and community agencies. It is designed to encourage adults of all ages to read one book and participate in discussions and activities.

Suggestions for each year's book come from the community in the fall and winter. In January, a panel of community members reviews the suggestions, narrows the list down to 10 titles and then chooses two or three books to present for a public vote. Have a suggestion for next year? Please share it at any *One Read* program or during the month of November at our libraries or at www.oneread.org.

One Read in the Columbia Daily Tribune

Each Sunday September 1-22, the Ovation section of the Columbia Daily Tribune will feature an article by Library Associate Ida Fogle reflecting on a topic or theme in this year's *One Read* selection. Keep up with this year's *One Read* events in the Ovation calendars.

About the Book



"Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century" is a compelling work of immersive journalism.

Author Jessica Bruder describes the lives of nomadic workers who travel from one temporary job to another to make ends meet. Working long hours at beet harvests and walking miles in Amazon warehouses, these mostly older Americans live in their RVs, cars or vans and represent an increasing population of migrant workers living just this side of homelessness. Bruder provides both a critique of our current economy and a celebration of human resourcefulness and resilience.



photo: Todd Gray

Jessica Bruder

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7-8 P.M.

Launer Auditorium,
Columbia College, 1001 Rogers St.

Hear *One Read* author Jessica Bruder talk about her bestselling book, "Nomadland," and discuss her research and writing process. After her remarks, she'll answer questions from the audience and sign copies of the book.

This presentation will also be streamed live to the Callaway County Public Library in Fulton.

Jessica Bruder is an award-winning journalist whose work focuses on subcultures and the dark corners of the economy. She has written for Harper's Magazine, the New York Times and the Washington Post. Bruder teaches narrative storytelling at Columbia Journalism School and lives in Brooklyn with her dog, Max.

Biographical information and author photo courtesy of W.W. Norton's website and jessicabruder.com.

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2-4 p.m.
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5:30-6:30 p.m. • HSPL

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Book Discussion With Kit and Cathy Salter
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5:30-6:30 p.m. • CCPL

Film: "The Way We Get By"
6-7:30 p.m. • SBC

Immersive Journalism
6:30-8 p.m. • Reynolds Journalism Institute, MU

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Lunch & Learn: Economic Inequality
Noon-1 p.m. • CPL

AUTHOR'S TALK
7-8 p.m.
Launer Auditorium,
Columbia College
(Broadcast at CCPL)

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ABBREVIATIONS

- CPL Columbia Public Library
- CCPL Callaway County Public Library, Fulton
- HSPL Holts Summit Public Library
- KOPN 89.5 FM, www.kopn.org
- SBC So. Boone County Public Library, Ashland
- WWU William Woods University

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OCTOBER 1

Ongoing Throughout September

Travelers: A One Read Art Exhibit September 1-28 at Orr Street Studios

"Nomadland" Audiobook Broadcast Weekdays, Sept. 3-30, 9:30-10 a.m. on KOPN

WEDNESDAY

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**"Glocal News
in Social Artistry"**

10-11 a.m. • KOPN

**Book Discussion
With Mayor Treece**

7-8 p.m. • CPL

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**Center Aisle Cinema:
"The Homestretch"**

6:30 p.m. • CPL

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**"Nomadland"
Panel Discussion**

7-8 p.m. • CPL

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**Off-the-Grid Living
and Green Economies**

7-8:30 p.m. • CPL

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Noon-1 p.m. • CCPL

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Communities Work?**

7-8 p.m. • WWU

**"Nomadland"
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7-8 p.m. • CPL

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**Runner-Up
Book Discussions**

Noon-1 p.m. • CPL & CCPL

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**"Travelers"
Art Exhibit Reception**

6-9 p.m.

Orr Street Studios

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**Senior Investor
Protection Program**

11 a.m.-Noon • CPL

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Writing Contest

Flash Fiction Writing Contest

ENTER SEPTEMBER 3-27

In this year's *One Read* selection, author Jessica Bruder explores the experiences of folks living on the road to reduce expenses and follow seasonal work. These nomads live in a constant state of transition, moving from one place to another, from one job to the next. Taking inspiration from "Nomadland," we invite you to tell a tale of transition in 250 words or less. Your story can be about anything and anyone, but make sure it evokes the notion of transition, change or a journey, be it literal or personal.

See full rules and enter at www.oneread.org or at any library or bookmobile stop. Winning entries and honorable mentions will be published online and in the *Columbia Missourian*, and the winners will receive bookstore gift cards. Participants must be age 16 or older and residents of Boone or Callaway Counties. Entries may be submitted online at www.oneread.org or at any library or bookmobile.

Radio Programs KOPN 89.5 FM

"Nomadland" Audiobook Broadcast

WEEKDAYS, SEPTEMBER 3-30 • 9:30-10 A.M.

Tune in to KOPN 89.5 FM every weekday September 3-30 to hear the audiobook version of this year's *One Read* selection.

"Mid-Missouri Freedom Forum"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 • 5-5:30 P.M.

Hosts Steve Spellman and Rex Rebstock are joined by library staff to preview *One Read* events and have an in-depth discussion of "Nomadland." Tune in as we explore topics like alternative economies, the changing nature of work, the continued fallout from the Great Recession and the resilience of migrant workers.

"Glocal News in Social Artistry"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 • 10-11 A.M.

Dick Dalton hosts a weekly radio conversation about building a more humane world. This episode, he's joined by library staff to discuss the impact of community-wide reading programs and the topics in this year's selection.



Book Discussion With Kit and Cathy Salter

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 7-8 P.M.

Southern Boone County Public Library

Join local authors Kit and Cathy Salter to discuss "Nomadland." Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday Night Theater: "The Way We Get By"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6-7:30 P.M.

Southern Boone County
Public Library

The documentary "The Way We Get By" examines how community involvement improves the lives of the elderly and provides a portrait of the benefits and limitations of life in a small town. Ultimately, it reminds viewers of the tremendous power of simple acts of human kindness. Directed by Aron Gaudet. Shown in collaboration with POV, PBS' award-winning nonfiction film series, www.pbs.org/pov. (2009, not rated, 90 minutes)



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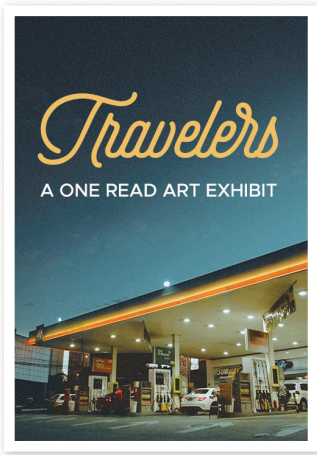
Holts Summit

Holts Summit Community Book Discussion

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Holts Summit Public Public Library

Holts Summit's new monthly book discussion will be all about "Nomadland" this time. Come share your thoughts about the book.



TRAVELERS

A One Read Art Exhibit

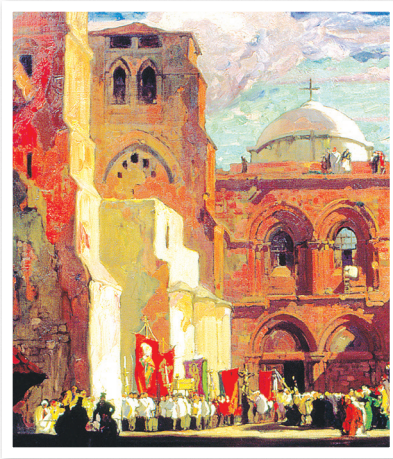
September 1–28

Orr Street Studios, 106 Orr St.

Inspired by the examination of this century's new migrant workers in "Nomadland," Mid-Missouri artists ages 16 and older were invited to contribute artwork reflecting any expression of travel or travelers, be it in nature, on the highway or in the imagination. The gallery is open Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

Exhibit Reception FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 • 6-9 P.M.

Join us for a reception for the *One Read* art exhibit during the North Village Arts District's First Friday art crawl. Enjoy light refreshments, view the art and hear the winning entries announced (at approximately 6:15 p.m.) while listening to live music.



Dean Cornwell, *The Church of the Holy Sepulchre*, 1926. Courtesy of the Museum of Art and Archaeology, MU

Gallery Tour: Travel, Transitions and Nomadic People

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 2-3 P.M.

Museum of Art & Archaeology,
Mizzou North, 115 Business Loop 70 West

Join Museum of Art and Archaeology docents Andrea Allen and Valerie Hammons for the "Travel, Transition and Nomadic People" tour of the museum. Visitors will explore works of art both ancient and modern that reference times of transition, silver linings, pilgrimages, travels, nomadic people and more.

The Poetry of "Nomadland"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 6-7:30 P.M.

Skylark Bookshop, 22 S. Ninth St.

Travel, shelter, financial security, aging, resilience, community and ingenuity are all themes from "Nomadland" ripe for exploration in other types of writing. Join us for an evening of poetry readings and discussion with local authors centered around these themes.



Brian Treece

Book Discussion With Mayor Treece

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 • 7-8 P.M.

Columbia Public Library,
Children's Program Room

Did you know that Columbia's mayor has led a *One Read* book discussion each year since the program's launch in 2002? Be a part of this annual tradition as Columbia Mayor Brian Treece and wife Mary Phillips discuss "Nomadland," by Jessica Bruder.



Lisa Groshong

First Thursday Discussion With Lisa Groshong

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
NOON-1 P.M.

Columbia Public Library,
Children's Program Room

Library board member Lisa Groshong will lead this discussion of "Nomadland." Accompanying her irrepressible protagonist, Linda May, and others, from campground toilet cleaning to warehouse product scanning to beet harvesting, author Jessica Bruder tells a compelling, eye-opening tale of the dark underbelly of the economy while celebrating the resilience and creativity of these quintessential Americans who have given up ordinary rootedness in order to survive.



Steve Weinberg

Book Discussion With Steve Weinberg

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 10-11 A.M.

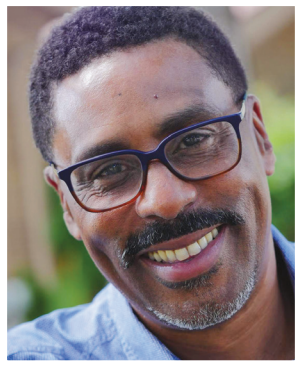
Barnes & Noble, Columbia Mall

Join University of Missouri School of Journalism professor emeritus Steve Weinberg, who regularly writes for the Investigative Reporters and Editor's, Inc. magazine, to discuss "Nomadland."

Columbia Panels & Presentations



Stacey Woelfel



Ron Stodghill



Marty Steffens

Immersive Journalism: A Panel Discussion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 6:30-8 P.M.

Reynolds Journalism Institute, 401 S. 9th Street, Smith Forum

Author Jessica Bruder didn't just parachute in to tell the stories of Linda May and the other subjects in "Nomadland." She lived the "nomad" life, purchasing her own van to travel with those whose stories she was telling and committing years of her life to the project. This immersive approach to journalism is challenging and expensive, but it allowed Bruder to tell stories others couldn't. Journalism professors Stacey Woelfel, Ron Stodghill and Marty Steffens will discuss immersive and personal finance journalism and its challenges and benefits. Stacey Woelfel leads the School of Journalism's documentary film program. Ron Stodghill is a magazine professor who has written for The New York Times, Time and Business Week as well as authoring several books. Marty Steffens is the Society for American Business Writers and Editors endowed chair and teaches business and finance journalism. Moderator Katherine Reed is the public safety and health editor at the Missourian. Co-sponsored by the Columbia Missourian and the MU School of Journalism.

"Nomadland" Panel Discussion

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 7-8 P.M.

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Join us for this annual favorite event as David Lile of KFRU moderates a discussion with local experts. Rebecca Nowlin, CEO of the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging, will address current economic realities of retirees. Steve Hollis, human services manager for Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, will talk about economic inequality and homelessness in our community. Dr. Aaron Hedlund, assistant professor of economics at the University of Missouri, will discuss some of the economic factors leading to America's increasing numbers of nomadic, "houseless" workers. And Mr. Richard Glamann, a "workamper" living and working from his vehicle for the past three years, will share the challenges of life on the road.

Senior Investor Protection Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 11 A.M.-NOON

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Investor educators from the Missouri Secretary of State Securities Division will present valuable information about how to protect your earnings and discuss common financial scams often geared toward seniors. You'll learn how to investigate before you invest and how to identify the red flag warnings of fraud.

Lunch & Learn: Poverty & Inequality in Columbia and Boone County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 • NOON-1 P.M.

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Bring your lunch and join us for this new monthly public policy discussion co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. In conjunction with *One Read*, our discussion will focus on the reality of income inequality in Mid-Missouri and will feature Steve Hollis, human services manager for the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services.



Steve Hollis

Off-the-Grid Living and Green Economies

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 • 7-8:30 P.M.

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

America's economy is changing and has left many behind and some permanently homeless. Tonight's panelists will discuss the alternative communities, organizations and social movements emerging in response to these changes. We welcome Mark Haim, director of Mid-Missouri Peaceworks; members of the Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage; and others working to create a more sustainable society and a green economy.

Photos: Mark Haim (top), Nathan Mackenzie Brown from Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage (bottom)



Columbia Panels & Presentations



Dr. Eric Marx



Elizabeth Conner Stephens



Dr. Diane Suhler

"Nomadland" Goes to College

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 • 7-8 P.M.

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Scholars from each of Columbia's college campuses will discuss our *One Read* book from their academic perspectives, then invite audience comment and discussion. We'll have Dr. Eric Marx, associate professor of psychology at Stephens College; Elizabeth Conner Stephens, assistant professor at the Missouri School of Journalism and the director of community outreach at the Columbia Missourian; and Dr. Diane Suhler, professor of finance and economics at Columbia College.

Columbia Film



"The Lady in the Van"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 2-4 P.M.

Museum of Art & Archaeology,
Mizzou North, 115 Business Loop 70 West

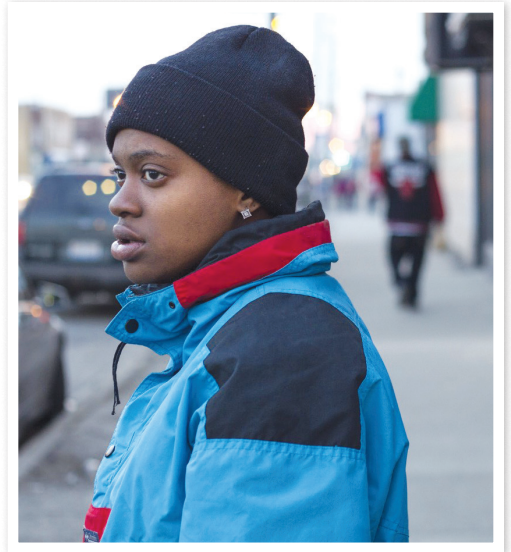
Enjoy a free screening of "The Lady in the Van," directed by Nicholas Hytner, starring Maggie Smith and presented in conjunction with the Museum of Art & Archaeology. This film is based on the true story of British playwright Alan Bennett's strained friendship with Mary Shepherd. Bennett allowed her to "temporarily" park her van in the driveway of his Camden home, and she ended up staying there for 15 years. (2015, PG-13, 1 hour and 44 minutes)

Center Aisle Cinema: "The Homestretch"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
6:30-8:30 P.M.

Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

The Emmy-winning documentary "The Homestretch" follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate and build a future. Each of these smart, ambitious teenagers will inspire and challenge you to rethink stereotypes of homelessness as they work to complete their education and face the trauma of abandonment. Directed by Anne de Mare and Kirsten Kelly. Following the screening, we will host a discussion with Ranita W. Norwood, supervisor of student services and district homeless coordinator with Columbia Public Schools. (2014, not rated, 90 minutes)



Ragtag Cinema Presents "The Big Short"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5:30 P.M.

Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St.

Ragtag presents a free screening of "The Big Short," a hilarious and terrifying fictional film that explains the very real 2007-2008 financial crisis which was pivotal in the lives of many of the subjects of "Nomadland."

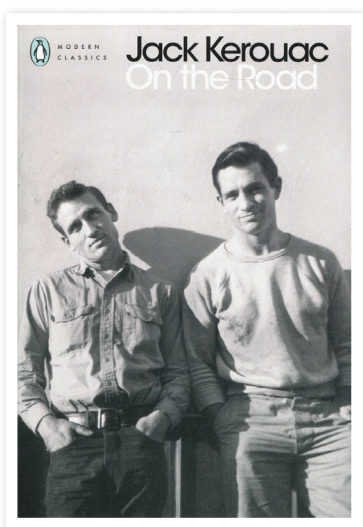
The story begins with Michael Burry (Christian Bale), a hedge fund manager who recognizes the instability of the U.S. housing market and comes up with a plan to take advantage of the situation. This clever and urgent film was directed by Adam McKay and adapted from a book by Michael Lewis ("Moneyball"). Brad Pitt, Steve Carell and Ryan Gosling co-star. "A true crime story and a madcap comedy, a heist movie and a scalding polemic, 'The Big Short' will affirm your deepest cynicism about Wall Street while simultaneously restoring your faith in Hollywood," said A.O. Scott, The New York Times. (2015, Rated R, 130 minutes)

First Thursday Book Discussion

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 • NOON-1 P.M.

Callaway County Public Library

Join Callaway County Public Library staff to discuss this year's *One Read* selection. Author Jessica Bruder tells a compelling, eye-opening tale of the dark underbelly of our economy while celebrating the resilience and creativity of Americans.



Nomads on the Road: Jessica Bruder and the Legacy of the Beats

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • 4-5 P.M.

William Woods University,
Center For Human Performance, Room 100

Jessica Bruder's "Nomadland," with its exploration of itinerant lifestyles, can be viewed as a descendant of Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" and other books of the Beat Generation. Dr. Matt Dube, professor of English and director of online education at William Woods University, will discuss how Bruder reflects on and modifies these earlier stories of carefree countercultural dropouts through her reporting.

Upcycling: Creating Something From (Almost) Nothing

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 • 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Callaway County Public Library

Many of the travelers in "Nomadland" have mastered the art of re-purposing items to improve their tiny living spaces. Come and get ideas on how to re-purpose used stuff into useful items for your own home. Call (573) 642-7261 to register beginning Tuesday, September 3.

How Our Perceptions Affect Others

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Callaway County Public Library

Many of those interviewed in the book about their nomadic lifestyle, strongly object to being considered homeless. Why? It could be tied to unconscious bias. Each of us have it. Unconsciously, our personal biases and experiences influence what we think of others. Join us to discover how our perceptions — whether positive or negative — impact our personal lives, jobs and communities. Presented by members of the Fulton State Hospital Diversity Action & Respect Team.

What Makes Intentional Communities Work

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 • 7-8 P.M.

William Woods University,
Kemper Arts Center, Room 112

Some of the itinerant workers profiled in "Nomadland" cluster for yearly get-togethers that last longer and longer as they begin to settle into ad hoc, impromptu intentional communities. Dr. Matt Dube will explore how that community is similar to other collective or cooperative communities in America both historically and in the present day. What can we learn from these communities about how people come together or splinter apart when they try to live together according to shared values? Dr. Dube is a professor of English and director of online education at William Woods University.



Matt Dube

Runner-Up Book Discussions

2019 Runner-Up: "Sourdough," by Robin Sloan

The novel's protagonist, Lois, codes software for a San Francisco robotics company, surviving on nutritive gel and suffering from burnout until an about-to-be-deported acquaintance entrusts her with the care of his mysterious sourdough starter. The delicious bread she bakes changes the course of her life, thrusting her into the world of an underground food market

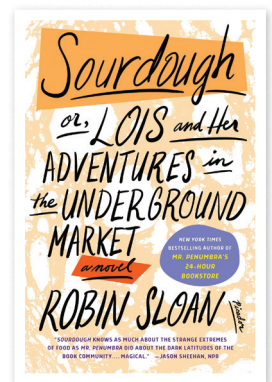
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 • NOON-1 P.M.

Columbia Public Library

As part of our regular "First Thursday Book Discussion" series, join special guest Dr. John Evelev, associate professor of English at the University of Missouri and a skilled bread baker, to discuss "Sourdough."

Callaway County Public Library

As part of our regular "First Thursday Book Discussion" series, join library staff to discuss this year's runner-up as voted on by the public.



One Read Task Force

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Boone County Journal

City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs

Columbia Art League

Columbia College

Columbia Daily Tribune

Columbia Missourian

Ellis Library

Fulton Sun

KBIA-FM

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