

## First Book Club March 9, 2024 (12-1:30 pm)

Moderator: Carmella Walsh, PhD

### Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History

By Brian Kilmeade & Don Yaeger

This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation. When Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, America faced a crisis. The new nation's merchant ships were under attack. Pirates from North Africa's Barbary Coast routinely captured American sailors and held them as slaves, demanding ransom and tribute payments far beyond what the new country could afford. Over the previous 15 years, as a diplomat and then as secretary of state, Jefferson had tried to work with the Barbary states (Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco). Unfortunately, he found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion justified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. So, President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy and sent the US Navy's new warships and a detachment of marines to blockade Tripoli - launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America's journey toward future superpower status.

### Mad Honey: A Novel

By Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finn Boylan

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business. Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet she wonders if she can trust him completely. . . . Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.

## Second Book Club April 6, 2024 (12-1:30 pm)

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### Lessons in Leadership from the War of 1812 by Dr. Marc A. DeSimone, Sr., Ph. D & Robert Dudley

Leadership has had a great impact on the History of the United States of America. In this new look at leaders and leadership during the War of 1812, the historical profiles of 43 personalities have been carefully selected based on the various roles they played in that dramatic conflict and the modern lessons in leadership that can be gleaned from reviewing each as a "case study." Each vignette holds a valuable piece of the puzzle as to what makes a great leader during times of existential crisis. It is hoped that the reader will savor this captivating approach to learning leadership lessons through the authentic, and sometimes surprising, examples of real people, in real situations, and particularly through the examination of how they reacted as they faced real pressures and the extremes of wartime conditions. In this book, the reader will also meet American, British, Canadian, and Indian leaders, who affected the outcome of the War of 1812. Almost anyone can show some leadership ability in easy times. The real question, however, is "how does one do when everything's falling apart?" That is the ultimate test of exceptional leadership. As seen here, real leadership is not so much about titles, rank, or raw "power," as it is about character, preparation, and courage. Both authors will be in attendance and have books available to purchase. Both instruct at University of Maryland. Both authors, professors at the University of Maryland, will be in attendance and have books available for purchase!

### Loyalty By Lisa Scottoline

Lisa Scottoline presents Loyalty, an emotional, action-packed epic of love and justice, set during the rise of the Mafia in Sicily. Franco Fiorovanti is a handsome lemon grower toiling on the estate of a baron. He dreams of owning his own grove, but the rigid class system of Sicily thwarts his ambition. Determined to secure a better future, Franco will do anything to prove his loyalty to the baron. But when the baron asks him to kidnap a little boy named Dante, Franco makes a decision that will change his life—and even the history of Sicily—forever. Gaetano Catalano is an idealistic young lawyer whose devotion to justice is tantamount to a calling. He's a member of the Beati Paoli, a real-life secret society of aristocrats who investigate crime in Palermo, a city riddled with graft. Gaetano sets out to find the boy and punish the kidnapper, but his mission leads him to a darker place than he had ever imagined. Meanwhile, Mafalda Pancari is a new mother rejoicing at the birth of her daughter, Lucia, when disaster strikes. And Alfredo D'Antonio is a reclusive goatherd under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew. How the lives of these unforgettable characters collide makes Loyalty an epic tale of good versus evil, as the story twists and turns to its monumental showdown. Readers will be transported to the dramatic and ruggedly beautiful island of Sicily, the jewel of the Mediterranean.



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## Dates for Saturday classes:

March 9, 16, 23

April 6, 13, 20, 27

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## INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING

We will discuss the ways our children can find themselves in trouble on the internet, and touch on the subject of our children creating and sharing CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material) and how this can create a lifelong problem for our children. I will also explain how sextortion and Online Predators have become two of the biggest dangers to our children. Fee \$15.00 Instructor: Joe Dugan has 37 years Law Enforcement Experience. He has worked as a Homicide Detective in Baltimore City and as a member of the HIDTA Task Force. The last seven years of his career was as a Child Abuse/ICAC Detective at the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Harford County Child Advocacy Center. He now works as an Internet Safety Specialist with the Maryland State Police. **In Center** Saturday, March 16, 2024 (1-2:30 pm) Instructor: Giustina Martire -Moderator President/Director, Emeritus Giustina Martire and Friends, Inc. Empowering Our Future Fee \$10

## DELICIOUS HONEY - A NATURAL STAPLE OF LIFE SEMINAR

Backyard Beekeeping: A deep look at the importance of helping our pollinators. Explore the fascinating world of keeping a healthy honeybee colony and how to extract honey from a hive. **In Center** Saturday, April 20, 2024 (11-1 pm) Instructor: Tim Elliott Fee \$10.00

## PYSANKY EGGS

Have you ever wondered how to create beautiful Pysanky decorated eggs? The instructor will provide hands-on specific techniques to create these incredible eggs. Each student will have the opportunity to paint an egg and share with his or her family for Easter. **In Center** Saturday, March 9, 2024 (11-1 pm) Instructor: Halyna Mudryj Fee \$25.00

## MAKE YOUR OWN CREAM LIMONCELLO

Learn to make this scrumptious liqueur. You must participate in two sessions in our Center. **In Center** Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, April 27, 2024 (11-12:30 pm) Instructor: Arthur Gentile Fee \$15.

## WHY THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HONORS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

**One-Hour Zoom Presentation** by Dr. DeSimone, Ph.D. The defining moment in the ending of the Middle Ages and the Dawn of the Modern Era was the result of the efforts of one Italian man who changed the history of the world forever! Come and learn the truth about Christopher Columbus and why he holds a singular place in the hearts of Italian Americans. This class is offered as part of service to our community, BUT you must register so we can invite you to join our private platform. March 19, 2024 (7-8 pm) Instructor: Dr. DeSimone, Ph.D FREE

## ASSISTANCE FOR OUR ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Mrs. Pina Culotta will share her expertise regarding pensions from Italy and other countries. Call 410- 868-7296 for an appointment.

## Solving your Insurance Dilemmas

The instructors will share the latest information for home & property coverages. With the recent weather-related catastrophes, property insurance rates and coverages are greatly affected. The focus is to help individuals in their choice of coverages, steps to take to avoid a claim and what to do when experiencing a claim. discussion will be invaluable to those who have purchased coverages through an online or 800 number. Approximately a 1–2-hour time frame. **In Center** Saturday, April 13, 2024 (11-12 pm) Instructors: Julie & Vince Piscopo Fee \$10

## INTRODUCTION TO SIGN LANGUAGE

Students will learn the Basic American Manual Alphabet, prayers, numbers, and simple conversation. **In Center** Saturday, April 13 and 20, 2024 (11-12:30 pm) Instructor: Sadie Zaccaria Witz Fee \$25.00

## EXPLORATORY ITALIAN

**Online** begins Tuesday, March 5, for seven weeks (7-8 pm) Using text "Italian is Fun!" Instructor: Luanna Colloca, Ph. D Fee \$80

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**Online** Materials from the platform "Chiarissimo Uno" will be utilized. Begins Wednesday, March 6, 2024 for seven weeks (3-3:40 pm) Instructor: Elizabeth Scali Pease, Ph.D. Instructor of French & Italian, World Languages Department Mount St. Joseph High School Fee \$80.00

## CONTINUING EXPLORATORY ITALIAN (Second Session)

**In Center** Continue your study of the Italian language. Learn words, phrases, and basic conversation. Discover the language of your beloved ancestors. Begins Saturday, March 9, for seven weeks. (11-12:30 pm) Using text "Italian is Fun!" Instructors: Lea Puliti and Mary Knab Fee \$80

## CONTINUING ITALIAN

**In Center** Discover basic information and hints to make your journey fantastic! Basic introduction to the Italian language. Learn words, phrases, and basic conversation. begins Saturday, March 9, 2024 for seven weeks (12:15-1:30 pm) Plan to join this unique class. Instructor: Rosalinda Mannelta Fee \$80

## INTERMEDIATE \ ADVANCED ITALIAN

**Online** This class is designed for students who have knowledge of written and spoken Italian. Begins Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for seven weeks (8-9 pm) Instructor: Luana Colloca, MD, PhD Fee \$80

## ADVANCED ITALIAN

**Online** This Italian Intermediate/Advanced Conversation Course introduces the New Textbook "NUOVO MAGARI B1/B2" that aims to teach Italian Language & Culture through five, different Macro-Thematic Areas (Geography, Society, Art, Language, and History). The student navigates to learn more about the Italy of yesterday and today, using all four main language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. This text book is particularly good for students on an Intermediate level of Italian Language (preferably B1 Level) who wish to refresh and improve their skills at a higher Intermediate/Advanced Level (B2 Level or higher) of Italian language. Only Italian will be spoken during the class, and grammar will be reviewed. Begins Thursday March 7, 2024 for seven weeks (7-9 pm) Instructor: Prof. Maria S. Fleri Fee \$80 plus textbook: "Nuovo Magari B1/B2" (available on Amazon).

## ITALIAN ARANCINE!

We are SO pleased to announce that Little Italy Chef and creator of Joe Benny's Meatballs will demonstrate how to make these scrumptious rice balls filled with cheese or meat. This class will be held in our Center while following government guidelines for safety and protection. **In Center** Saturday, April 27, 2024 (11-12:30 pm) Instructor: Joe Gardella Fee \$25

## LEARN HOW TO PLAY BOCCE

Learn how to play on our newly renovated courts outside the Little Italy Sons of Italy Lodge from our talented staff! Saturday, April 20 and 27, 2024 (11-1 pm) Instructors: Frank Corazza and Frank Blattermann Fee \$15

## ITALIAN EASTER TREATS

Remember the delicious treats created by a beloved family member? Treat your loved ones to scrumptious sweets. Begin a new family tradition! **In Center** Saturday, March 16, 2024 (11-1 pm) Instructors: Nancy Barbieri Wolfe, Mary Ann Barbieri, William & Celeste DiFerdinando Hughes Fee \$25

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