### A Literary Miscellany - February 17, 2021

Binnie Syril Braunstein, Editor

#### Revised (virtual) meeting schedule for 2020-2021

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm and will be held via the Zoom Video Conferencing Tool, links to be provided.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Annual Meeting. Announcements

Speaker: Elizabeth Atwood. Marguerite Harrison, American Spy.

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Speaker: Ed Papenfuse. Jefferson's Printer.

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Speaker: Spencer W. Stuart. On all aspects of collection building, maintaining, etc.

Wednesday, March17, 2021

Speaker: Art Cheslock. Blasphemy!

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Speaker: Sallie Lowenstein. Children's book author, illustrator, publisher, and maker of

handmade books.

**Thursday, May 20, 2021** 

Speaker: Charles Tharp. George Washington's Library and What He Read.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Speaker: George Barnum, speaking about his book, Picturing the Big Shop: Photos of the

U.S. Government Publishing Office 1900-1980. Washington, DC, GPO, 2017.

### Newsworthy items from here and there...

From our member, Charles Tharp, in honor of Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day: Who knew that George and Martha ran a dating service?

https://mountvernon.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=13168e6a2e6c84b4b7de 9390c0ef5ec5.1941&s=c65ff3cbde6c59900a52f264ed495b7c

#### **Kelmscott Bookshop Mid-February Sales!**

Largest literature / poetry / children's book sale ever! 50% off all books in these sections priced at \$125 or less through the end of February. Featuring 25 literature favorites now on sale; a list of poetry and children's favorites will be sent out later this week.

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Sale--50--off-Literature--Poetry----Children-s-Books.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=UzXMh\_KkdcE

A selection of 14 books printed by private presses. <a href="https://myemail.constantcontact.com/For-Sale--Private-Press-Selection.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=U0uZ4vr-ORo">https://myemail.constantcontact.com/For-Sale--Private-Press-Selection.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=U0uZ4vr-ORo</a>

# From *The Guardian* via *Literary Hub*: 'I think I've written more Sherlock Holmes than even Conan Doyle': the ongoing fight to reimagine Holmes'

Arthur Conan Doyle's master detective has been endlessly rewritten. But nearly a century after the author's death, how new writers portray him remains contested.

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2021/feb/04/i-think-ive-written-more-sherlock-holmes-than-even-conan-doyle-the-ongoing-fight-to-reimagine-holmes

# From *The Baffler* via *Literary Hub*: What's old is new again: unpacking the sudden rise of medieval script on Instagram.

https://thebaffler.com/latest/going-medieval-on-your-gram-hogeveen

### Literary Hub: Why Nature Always Makes for the Best Antagonist: Susan Meissner

Recommends Ten Books Set Against Disaster

https://lithub.com/why-nature-always-makes-for-the-best-antagonist/

#### **Literary Hub:** Lockdown Libraries

https://lithub.com/mastering-the-art-of-the-lockdown-book-recommendation/

# Publishers Weekly: "Why 2021 Is Setting Up to Be a Pivotal Year for Digital Content in Libraries"

https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/85497-why-2021-is-setting-up-to-be-a-pivotal-year-for-digital-content-in-libraries.html

# From Book Riot Libraries: Picture Book History Comes to Life in Kent State's Reinberger Children's Library Center

http://www.kentwired.com/latest\_updates/article\_dfa2f846-6721-11eb-82f4-ab7e919bf7fc.html?utm\_source=Sailthru&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=CYS%20021221&utm\_term=BookRiot\_CheckYourShelf\_DormantSuppress

Courtesy of Rachele Baker, author and veterinarian: News from the Seattle Times about Seattle's Oh Hello Again bookstore, which categorizes books by emotion. [AKA bibliotherapy.]

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Also courtesy of Rachele Baker is a link to an article in *Psychology Today* which explains bibliotherapy. (After a year like 2020, I think many of us could use some bibliotherapy.) https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapy-types/bibliotherapy