



Join the Gualala Arts Library team in celebrating National Library Week (April 12-18). Author Sidney Sheldon expressed the power of libraries in this quote: "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They

open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

Come visit our unique arts-oriented library, and relive that first moment when you visited a library as a child and discovered the joy of exploring and expanding your world through books. And, after you've checked out what's currently available, you might consider donating 1 or 2 selections from your personal library to expand our collection of arts and crafts books and videos.

And here's an update from the Gualala Arts Book Club. Alice Combs is the new president of the club and she invites all book lovers to join the group. On the list to be read in the next few months are "Exit Ghost" by Phillip Roth, "The Island" by Victoria Hislop, "The Samurai's Garden" by Gail Tsukiyama, and "Water for Elephants" by Sarah Gruen. Meeting times are the 1st Wednesday of the month (10 a.m.) and the 3rd Thursday (1 p.m). Check the ICO or the Interest Group section of Sketches for more information about the Book Club.

## Gualala Arts Book Club

### Jan Venolia, Author of *Write Right*:

I confess that I love books. They are one of humankind's greatest inventions.

But discussing books? It had a whiff of homework about it that gave me pause. Thus it was a pleasant surprise when I saw a notice in the ICO and decided to investigate.

I found myself at a member's home, discussing a book I had read, but had evidently missed quite a bit in that solitary reading. Even better, I found it was fun. What a concept!

Watch the ICO for notice of the meetings, and consider visiting the group to see if you have a similar experience. You have a morning and afternoon meeting to choose from, and you don't have to be a fulltime resident of the area. You will be welcomed and might just find that the discussion enriches your understanding of the book--and that it's fun!

### Membership

The Club welcomes new and returning members.

Conditions for membership are interest in reading-and-discussing books of literary substance. Members are expected to be members of the Gualala Arts Center.

A yearly donation of \$5 is requested to support the December holiday luncheon meeting.

G.A. Book Club members discuss one book each month except December. There are two monthly discussion meetings facilitated by that month's leader.

Members are encouraged to:

Attend meetings regularly.

Lead or a book discussion once every few years.

Host a meeting at their home or at the Art Center, or participate in hosting the December meeting at the Gualala Arts Center.

Participate in recommending books for the on-going list of possible selections.

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