

HISTORY

Roundtable est. 2017

{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

January's Topic: The Progressive Era, 1890-1920

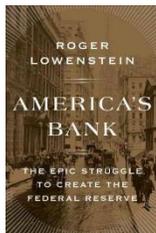
Meeting Date: Thursday, January 25th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

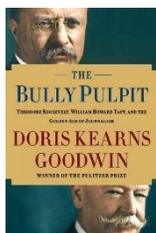
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Progressive Era time period—roughly 1890-1920. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



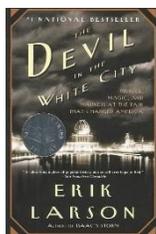
[America's Bank: The Epic Struggle to Create the Federal Reserve](#) by Roger Lowenstein – 332.11 LOW

Chronicles the tumultuous era and remarkable personalities that created the Federal Reserve, tracing the financial panic and widespread distrust of bankers that prompted the landmark 1913 Federal Reserve Act and launched America's first steps onto the world financial stage.



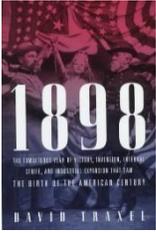
[The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism](#) by Doris Kearns Goodwin – 973.911 GOO, also [Book on CD](#) and [eBook*](#)

A dynamic history of the muckracking press and the first decade of the Progressive era as told through the intense friendship of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft—a close relationship that strengthens both men before it ruptures in 1912 when they engage in a brutal fight for the presidential nomination that cripples the progressive wing of the Republican Party, causing Democrat Woodrow Wilson to be elected, and changing the country's history.



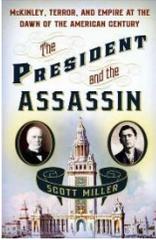
[The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America](#) by Erik Larson – 364.1523 LAR, also [Book on CD](#), [eBook*](#), and [eAudio*](#)

A compelling account of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 brings together the divergent stories of two very different men who played a key role in shaping the history of the event—visionary architect Daniel H. Burnham, who coordinated its construction, and Dr. Henry H. Holmes, an insatiable and charming serial killer who lured women to their deaths.



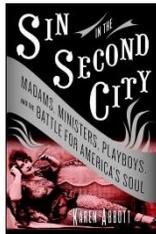
1898: The Birth of the American Century by David Traxel – 973.89 TRA

An energetic chronicle of the eventful twelve months that saw America emerge as a contender among the world's powers ranges from the United States' victory in the Spanish-American war to the advent of the gas-powered car.



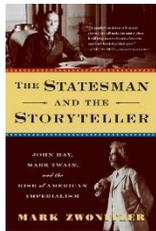
The President and the Assassin: McKinley, Terror, and Empire at the Dawn of the American Century by Scott Miller – 973.88 MIL, also an [eBook*](#) and [eAudio*](#)

An account of the 25th President's assassination places events against a backdrop of a rapidly changing, newly industrial nation that McKinley regarded as increasingly great while his assassin, Czolgosz, became obsessed with his views on poverty, injustice, and social revolution.



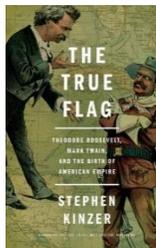
Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys, and the Battle for America's Soul by Karen Abbott – 306.74 ABB, also [eAudio*](#)

A vivid snapshot of America's journey from Victorian-era propriety to 20th-century modernity. Step into the perfumed parlors of the Everleigh Club, the most famous brothel in American history—and the catalyst for a culture war that rocked the nation.



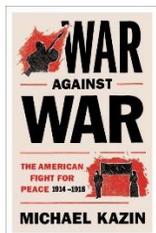
The Statesman and the Storyteller: John Hay, Mark Twain, and the Rise of American Imperialism by Mark Zwonitzer – 327.73 ZWO, also [eAudio*](#)

Stunning in its relevance, it explores the tactics of and attitudes behind America's earliest global policies and their influence on U.S. actions for all the years to follow. But ultimately it is the very human rendering of Clemens and Hay that distinguishes Zwonitzer's work, providing profound insights into the lives of two men who helped shape and define their era.



The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, and the Birth of American Empire by Stephen Kinzer – 327.73 KIN, also [Book on CD](#)

How should the United States act in the world? Americans cannot decide. Sometimes we burn with righteous anger, launching foreign wars and deposing governments. Then we retreat—until the cycle begins again. No matter how often we debate this question, none of what we say is original. Every argument is a pale shadow of the first and greatest debate, which erupted more than a century ago. Its themes resurface every time Americans argue whether to intervene in a foreign country. Stephen Kinzer transports us to the dawn of the twentieth century, when the United States first found itself with the chance to dominate faraway lands.



War Against War: The American Fight for Peace, 1914-1918 by Michael Kazin – 940.312 KAZ

The untold story of the movement that came close to keeping the United States out of the First World War. This book is about the Americans who tried to stop their nation from fighting in one of history's most destructive wars and then were hounded by the government when they refused to back down.

Online Videos:



[The Progressive Era: Crash Course US History #27](#)

– <https://tinyurl.com/q46swz8>

In the late 19th and early 20th century in America, there was a sense that things could be improved upon. A sense that reforms should be enacted. A sense that progress should be made. As a result, we got the Progressive Era, which has very little to do with automobile insurance, but a little to do with automobiles.

[Progressive Presidents: Crash Course US History #29](#)

– <https://tinyurl.com/ot7oaea>

In which John Green teaches you about the Progressive Presidents, who are not a super-group of former presidents who create complicated, symphonic, rock soundscapes that transport you into a fantasy fugue state. Although that would be awesome. The presidents most associated with the Progressive Era are Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson.

Podcasts:



Basketball Comes to Fort Shaw Indian School, Parts 1 & 2 – Stuff You Missed in History Class

Part 1: <https://tinyurl.com/y8mncpiq>

Part 2: <https://tinyurl.com/y8dw4mqu>

The Fort Shaw Indian School was part of a boarding school system designed to make Native American students conform to white culture. In a surprising twist, it also boasted a champion women's basketball team.

Jane Addams, Parts 1 & 2 – Stuff You Missed in History Class

Part 1: <https://tinyurl.com/ybbo9xgw>

Part 2: <https://tinyurl.com/yarzgakz>

Jane Addams was one of the foremost women in America's Progressive Era. She co founded the social settlement Hull House, spoke and wrote on social issues, and had a hand in the founding of many social organizations, including the NAACP and ACLU.

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