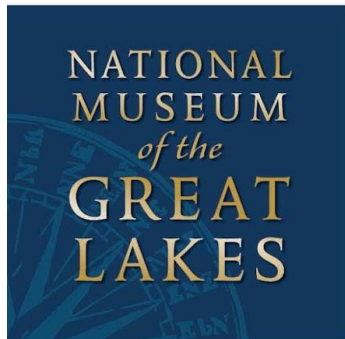




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Museum Introduces New Lunchtime Great Lakes Book Club

January 11, 2022 (Toledo, Ohio) – The National Museum of the Great Lakes is kicking off 2022 with a new virtual lunchtime program—a Great Lakes book club featuring three books meant to provide new insight into our nation’s inland seas. The museum is encouraging interested participants to grab their lunch and join others online for monthly guided discussions beginning at noon over three Tuesdays: January 18, February 15, and March 15.

“We are always looking for new ways to engage people in learning more about the Great Lakes,” shares Ellen Kennedy, the Education and Visitor Experience Director at the National Museum of the Great Lakes. “For our first series, we have chosen three very different books featuring both fiction and nonfiction stories we believe will provide a very diverse perspective of the many roles the Great Lakes play in our daily lives—past, present and future.”

The featured books for the inaugural series include: *The Dockporter: A Mackinac Island Novel* by Dave McVeigh & Tim Bolone (January), *The Dawn of Detroit: A Chronicle of Slavery and Freedom in the City of the Straits* by Tiya Miles (February), and *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas* by Jerry Dennis. The museum is limiting the size of the group to provide an optimal setting to facilitate discussion and if they reach capacity, will keep a waiting list with the hope of opening additional program sessions.

Registration to participate in the Great Lakes book club is FREE but required. Participants can choose to purchase the book(s) at the museum store by visiting the museum in person or shopping online at nmglstore.org. For more information on book club events or to register to participate, visit nmgl.org/event.

About the National Museum of the Great Lakes: Founded in 1944, the Great Lakes Historical Society has been preserving our shared cultural history by publishing a quarterly journal *Inland Seas*® since 1945; by operating a maritime museum since 1952; by offering educational programs to the general public since 1956; by conducting underwater archaeological research across the Great Lakes since 2001; and by managing the Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship since 2014 and Museum Tug Ohio since 2019. The opening of the National Museum of the Great Lakes enables the Great Lakes Historical Society to continue its mission to preserve and make known the important history of the Great Lakes.

WHAT: 2022 Great Lakes Book Club

WHEN: Tuesdays at noon; January 18, February 15 and March 15, 2022

WHERE: Online via Zoom

ADMISSION: Registration FREE but required at nmgl.org/events.

Participants can choose to support the museum by purchasing individual books or the book club bundle through the museum store: nmglstore.org.

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