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- Second Saturday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Book Discussions for adults and teens
- In-Person & Zoom Options
- To register or to request the zoom link email us at dnr.volobog@illinois.gov and tell us your name and phone number.
- Natural History, Outdoor & Environmental Literature
- Books range from classic to contemporary
- Selections may be found at local libraries, book stores and on-line
- Look for our [Facebook Group](#)
- Sponsored by IDNR at Volo Bog SNA & the Friends of Volo Bog

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Winter Selections

December 11 – *Yellowstone Has Teeth* by Marjane Ambler

“Few people have experienced Yellowstone National Park like Marjane Ambler. She and her husband lived in a tiny community near the shores of Yellowstone Lake, deep in the park’s interior. The natural beauty was magnificent, but Ambler and her neighbors discovered that Yellowstone “had teeth.” It could be an unforgiving place where mistakes mattered.

“In this well-constructed narrative, Ambler reveals a hidden Yellowstone, a place where delight and danger are separated by the slimmest of margins: a degree of pitch on an avalanche slope, a few inches of a buffalo’s horn, a moment during a deadly wildfire. She also tells about:

- The rangers and maintenance workers who handled everything from thundering avalanches to man-eating grizzly bears
- The mothers who carried their babies inside their snowmobile suits and prayed their machines would not fail on the long ride home
- The old-timers who forged communities despite the odds against them.

With insight, love, and humor, "Yellowstone Has Teeth" paints a never-before-seen portrait of an iconic American landscape and the people who live there.”
- An Amazon Review

January 8 – *In Search of Meadowlarks: Birds, Farms, and Food in Harmony with the Land* by John M. Marzluff

“With predictions of a human population of more than nine billion by the middle of this century and eleven billion by 2100, we stand at a crossroads in our agricultural evolution. In this clear and engaging yet scientifically rigorous book, wildlife biologist John M. Marzluff takes a personal approach to sustainable agriculture. He travels to farms and ranches across North and Central America, including a Nebraska corn and soybean farm, California vineyards, cattle ranches in Montana, and small sustainable farms in Costa Rica, to understand the unique challenges and solutions to sustainable food production.

“Agriculture and wildlife can coexist, Marzluff argues, if farmers are justly rewarded for conservation; if future technological advancements increase food production and reduce food waste; and if consumers cut back on meat consumption. Beginning with a look backward at our evolutionary history and concluding with practical solutions for change that will benefit farmers and ranchers, he provides an accessible and insightful study for the ecologically minded citizen, farmer, rancher, or conservationist.
- An Amazon Review

February 12 – *Legacy on the Land* by Audrey Peterman

We enjoyed Audrey Peterman’s book “From my Jamaican Gully to the World...” so much we wanted to look back on her earlier work.

“Opening the door to a little-known world of beauty, history, inspiration and opportunity in our own backyard, *Legacy on the Land - A Black Couple Discovers Our National Inheritance and Tells Why Every American Should Care*:

- Exhorts us to explore these public lands while exposing our children to their birthright.
- Demolishes the common stereotype that people of color are not interested in the environment.
- Reveals the systemic barriers that keep the face of conservation white and Anglo.
- Shows that all Americans have a role to play in the protection of our public lands, and that our environment can only be “saved” when all of us are included and committed to the effort.”

- Adapted from an Amazon Review

