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Co-Presidents' Messages

Following up on discussion at the state board meeting in September, I did a cursory review of websites for county clerks in a number of southern New Mexico counties to see what information they offered about early voting and especially registration and voting on the same day. In my judgment, the Doña Ana County site was by far the best of the half dozen or so that I looked at. Unfortunately, there was dated information on some sites, especially with respect to recent changes allowing registration closer to the date of the election. For the future we may want to be prepared to have information available for surrounding counties.



Kathy Brook

We continue to make progress in adjusting to our new 501(c)(3) status. This includes withdrawing our Ed Fund balances and adding those funds to our own bank account – since all contributions to LWVSNM are now tax deductible to the extent allowed by law (that is, unless any goods or services are received in exchange for the contribution). Next steps also include making information about our status available on our website and other publications and documenting what we are doing with respect to voter service (to make clear the non-partisan nature of our activities) and lobbying in support of specific legislation or initiatives. We will be measuring our lobbying in terms of dollars spent in support of this activity rather than in terms of time spent.

—Kathy Brook, Co-President

Greetings Members,

Hopefully you have had a chance to read the LWVSNM Survey results sent to members Oct. 15.

Meeting Focus on State Public Banks

A topic that's picking up steam and could take root in the upcoming legislative session is the idea of forming a state public bank. Our guest speaker at the next League meeting will be Angela Merkert, Executive Director of the Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity (AFLEP). **The meeting will be 5:00 pm, Monday, Nov. 11 in the Creative Arts Center at Good Samaritan.**

We'll also hear from civics teacher Julie Wojtko who attended a Harvard workshop on civics education.

According to the AFLEP newsletter, the organization has been meeting with many people throughout the state, creating awareness of how a public bank works and its benefits. There is movement to create a grassroots campaign for input and support of public banking in our state.

Merkert's background includes tenure as a university professor in education, and in leadership and organizational development in the corporate world. She's headed up non-profits for 14 years. She has a passion on enacting change that strengthens our democracy.



Angela Merkert



Julie Wojtko

We plan to discuss the results at a general meeting in the near future. Wanting more communication about what the Board is working on and more involvement of members in decision making is something we want

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Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

to work on. We'll include short business meetings with our program meetings in an effort to have more involvement of members. All Board meetings are open, so you are invited to attend Board meetings.

Another area that we'll discuss with members is what actions we can take to increase diversity (age, ethnicity, and skills) of membership. Question #2 revealed civic engagement and voter rights as primary reasons people have chosen to be a League member. Personally, I was disappointed that so few people selected the "study and learn" option as a reason to join the League. Engaging with programs, committees, and projects supports critical lifelong learning. Thanks again to Jo Galván Nash and Cindy Murrell for developing and managing the survey.



Eileen VanWie

An Ad Hoc Bylaws and Policies Committee and a Development Committee have been formed and will begin meeting soon. It's not too late to volunteer to help with one or the other of these two committees. We will seek membership input on drafted ideas.

At our last Board meeting we talked about how valuable the Observer Corps is for holding councils, commissioners, and agencies accountable for their missions, goals, and service to the community. When they see League observers wearing their membership buttons, they take note. Thanks to Susan Schmugge for being the Observer Corps Coordinator. We'll miss her when she leaves Las Cruces. If you are interested in more involvement with the Observer Corps, talk with Susan soon.

We have many valuable program and committee opportunities in the next few months, so please mark your calendars. One of these is prior to the state LWV Board meeting in Las Cruces at Good Sam's. From 9-11 am on Saturday, Nov. 16, Karen Douglas, LWV Central New Mexico, will talk with all LWVSNM members who are interested in the work of the LWVNM Spent Nuclear Fuel Research and Advocacy Group. This is a unique opportunity to hear from a nuclear engineer about efforts to store nuclear waste in remote NM areas along the Texas border (Eddy County). Afterward the State Board meeting is open to LWVSNM members, as well. It is scheduled to meet from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Good Sam in the Creative Arts Room.

— *Regards, Eileen VanWie*
Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6: Coffee & Action Club, 9:30 am, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University Ave. (Meetings are on the first Wednesdays of every month)

Nov. 7: LWVSNM Board Meeting, 10 am-12 pm, Branigan Library Board Room

◆ **Nov. 11: LWVSNM Dinner Meeting**, 5-7:00 pm, Good Samaritan: Angela Merkert will discuss public banking in NM and we'll hear from Arrowhead Park ECHS teacher Julie Wojtko on her civics education training at Harvard; **email your dinner RSVP** to Cindy Murrell at cmurrell@nmsu.edu

Nov. 14: LWVSNM Immigration Committee, 2-3:30 pm, Branigan Library Board Room

DECEMBER

Dec. 4: Coffee & Action Club, 9:30 am, Location TBA

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 • 10am-12pm
LWVNM Advocacy Workshop on the
2020 Legislative Session
NM Capitol, Rm 322

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents
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Celebrating Democracy Event Draws Youth

The third annual Celebrating Democracy in Doña Ana County event was held October 8, 2019 at the County Government Center. The event was hosted by the Doña Ana County Clerk’s office and the Election Advisory Council.

Why was this event important? October 8, 2019 was the first day of early voting and this year is especially important since it’s the first time residents of the City of Las Cruces will be voting using Rank Choice Voting (RCV). As part of the event, there were voting booths with demo ballots and a tabulator, so voters see firsthand how RCV works. The goal was to help voters feel comfortable with the RCV process prior to casting their ballots in this year’s city election.



Activities for the day included:

Meet the candidates – Candidates running in several 2019 elections were introduced by County Clerk Amanda López Askin. They were invited to mingle with their constituents to answer questions and hand out information.

Elected Official Panel – Askin led a question-and-answer session with five elected officials asking them question such as, why did they run for office, what advice would they give people who were thinking of running for office, and describe your office. The panelists were Senator Bill Soules, Mayor Diana Murrillo-Trujillo, City Councilwomen Yvonne Flores, Mayor Stephanie Johnson Burick, and Kevin Bixby, Soil and Water Conservation.

Dale Yeo and Johnnie Aldrich were among the many League members at the event. Thanks to members Lindsey Bachman and Barb Records for the great photos.



High School students from Oñate and Mayfield High School enjoyed the day by meeting the candidates, taking tours of the Doña Ana County Building, participating in RCV demo ballot and casting their ballot in the tabulator. They were also invited register to vote and participate in Early Voting. To keep the day fun there were also games — bag toss and Family Feud where questions and answers were based on political people, voting processes, and political history.

With this being a local election year attendance was smaller than in 2018; but, with fewer people there was a more casual atmosphere. People had the opportunity to learn about RCV, meet their candidates and elected officials, register to vote at the country clerk’s office and cast their ballot all in the same day.

It was a good day! We hope to see you next year.
 —Barb Records, Event Co-chair



Immigration Issues Need Local Involvement

We have witnessed, read, and heard about the suffering that migrants crossing the southern border endure because of the zero-tolerance policies imposed by this administration. We have an immigration position (see below). Let's act on it.

The talk on migrant detention centers that Crystal Massey gave at our Immigration Committee meeting October 10th described in heartbreaking and disturbing detail the suffering our country is contributing to as a result of the "Remain in Mexico Program" that forces asylum seekers to wait months in dangerous cities in Mexico for their asylum hearings in the U.S. including rape, assault, kidnapping, homelessness, and persecution by the cartels.

Crystal, Volunteer Coordinator for the American Immigration Council, coordinates volunteer lawyers offering legal aid pro bono for migrants in 15 different detention centers across the nation. Only 14% of detained immigrants have counsel and fewer than 2% obtain pro bono representation. It's a well-known fact that if you don't have representation, your chances of obtaining asylum are almost zero.

Before her current position, Crystal formed the Southwest Immigration Institute where she helped asylum seekers and migrants with their cases at the detention center in Dilley, Texas. The federal government contracts out the operation of the detention center at Dilly and other centers to private prison companies like GEO Group, Inc. and CoreCivic at an average cost of \$350 per person per day.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, said she is appalled by the conditions in which migrants and refugees — children and adults — are being held in detention in the United States of America after crossing the southern border. She stressed that children should never be held in immigration detention or separated from their families. Now the Trump Administration is fighting the Flores Settlement which requires that children not be detained for more than 21 days. Research shows the devastating effects of children who are held in detention.

The length of detention, the appalling conditions of detention, the family separation policy, the ban on asylum for anyone who fails to apply for protection in a third country en route to the U.S., and now the Remain in Mexico Program are policies this administration has imposed that are illegal, immoral, unnecessary, and the cause of much suffering. It is time to take a stand. Positions that are just published on a website are useless unless we are willing to act on them.

The LWVSNM Immigration Committee will meet at 2 p.m., November 14 in the Branigan Library board room. We will use that time to identify concrete actions at the federal, state, and local level. Please come.

—Kim Sorensen, *Immigration Committee Chair*



Kim Sorensen

Immigration – New immigration position (adopted by concurrence with LWVNM)

LWVNM supports:

- promoting reunification of immediate families;
- meeting the economic, business and employment needs of the United States;
- providing due process for those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises;
- providing for student visas;
- ensuring fair treatment under the law for all persons;
- incorporating immigrants into our communities by providing access to education;
- endorsing the development of secure identification documents;
- respecting the right of state and local law enforcement personnel to perform their duties without the burden of enforcing federal immigration policies.

In transition to a reformed system, LWVNM supports provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

Voting Day Right Around the Corner

Early voting continues as we count down the days to Nov. 5 — Election Day! If you plan to vote early, the last day to do that is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10am-6pm at the County Government Center's Bureau of Elections at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Voting on Tuesday, Nov. 5 will be 7am-7pm at 40 Voting Convenience Centers. Here are the locations within the Las Cruces area:

1. Camino Real Middle School, Roadrunner Pkwy.
2. Corbett Center, NMSU
3. Desert Hills Elem., Roadrunner Pkwy.
4. Doña Ana Community Ctr., Ledesma Dr.
5. Doña Ana Govt. Ctr., N. Motel Blvd.
6. East Picacho Elem., N. Valley Dr.
7. Fairacres Elem., W. Picacho Ave.
8. Frank Papen Recreation Center, W. Bell-Mesilla Pk.
9. Good Samaritan, Social Center, Buena Vida Cir.
10. Jornada Elem., Elks Dr.
11. Las Alturas Fire Station, Cholla Dr.
12. Las Cruces High, El Paseo Rd.
13. Lynn Middle School, Walnut St.
14. Mayfield High, Valley Dr.
15. Mesilla Elem., Calle Del Sur-Mesilla
16. NM Farm & Ranch Museum, Dripping Springs Rd.
17. Oñate High, Mesa Grande Dr.
18. Organ Comm. Ctr., 2nd St.-Organ
19. Radium Springs Community Ctr., Lindbeck Rd.-Radium Springs
20. Sierra Middle School, Spruce St.
21. Sonoma Elem., Northrise Dr.
22. Sunrise Elem., Holman Rd.
23. Las Cruces City Hall, N. Main St.
24. Tombaugh Elem., Carver Rd.
25. University Hills Elem, S. Locust St.
26. Vista Elem, Elks Dr.

Several other county locations are also available.

[Click here for a complete list of voting locations.](#)

Don't forget — you can vote at any of these locations, regardless of where you live as long as you're registered to vote.

Forums Televised with Support from LWVSNM



Past President Kim Sorensen (pictured) and other LWVSNM members were integral to the KRWG TV Forums featuring local election candidates. Also pictured is Dr. Fred Martino of KRWG Public Media.

The Forums gave the public a good opportunity to hear from a majority of candidates for City Council, Mayor, and School Board. The event was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Southern NM, PFLAG, and NAACP.

If you missed the televised events, see them online at www.krwg.org.

Coffee and Action Club (CAC)

The next CAC meeting will be Nov. 6, from 9:30-11:00 am. This time we will meet at the NMSU Barnes and Noble on University Avenue.

We will be writing about our Legislative priorities in preparation for the League's Legislative Dinner. Join us as we write post cards to legislators advocating for fair redistricting (this is a LWVUS priority). A script, postcards, stamps, and pens will be provided.

It's important that we prepare for the League's Legislative Dinner in December. Last year we set education and access to affordable health care as our priorities and advocated for them at the dinner. Please come. We need your input!



Kicking off the inaugural meeting of the Coffee & Action Club in October were (l to r) Christine Eber, Shirley Armstrong, Cindy Murrell, Kim Sorensen, and MaryEllen Keibel. All the materials are provided — join the fun!

The 100-Year Minute

These 100-Year Minute snippets of history were written by State League Member Susan Haase and give historical perspectives of the 19th Amendment. Look for these in *The Voter* newsletter each month.



100 years ago, the 19th Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote. A Santa Fe woman, Nina Otero Warren, worked hard to see this happen. Nina was born in the 1800's to a wealthy Spanish American family. One of her close relatives became the Governor of the Territory of New Mexico. She had the best education a wealthy girl could have, first with private tutors and then attending a boarding school. But, because she was a girl, her education stopped at age 13.

She was expected to marry young and take care of her home and family. Working for a political cause was unthinkable. Nina had other ideas. Living in Santa Fe at the time, she was instrumental in involving influential Spanish American women and men in the suffrage issue which was critical to New Mexico's legislature ratifying the 19th Amendment – the 32nd state to do so.

LWV 100th Anniversary and 2020 Suffrage Alliance

Theme: "If Every Woman Voted . . ."

Here are some notes from the Sept. 5, 2019 LWVSNM Board Meeting regarding the upcoming activities:

- Alicia Salazar has stepped in for Gwen Hanson as Chair of the suffrage planning efforts. Other LWVSNM Subcommittee members are Amanda López Askin, Lindsey Bachman, Cathy Burn, and Vicki Simon.
- It had been suggested to celebrate the LWV anniversary at the LWVSNM general meeting Feb 10th but it is our annual planning meeting over lunch. As Feb. 14th is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, we will have a special celebration Saturday, February 8, 2020, to write Valentines to legislators.
- The 2020 Suffrage Alliance (collaborative of about 10 organizations/groups) is planning a suffrage celebration for Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 (NM ratified the 19th Amendment on February 21, 1920) on the Plaza de Las Cruces, beginning about 10:00 am. People will be invited to dress in suffrage costumes. The Progress Club is making sashes, and we will walk around the downtown area.
- A celebration is planned for Aug. 22, 2020 at Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, the Saturday just before Aug. 26, 2020, the 100th anniversary of ratification.
- The LWVSNM and the GFWC Progress Club are working together to nominate the Woman's Improvement Association, Pioneer Women's Park, and Laura Frenger to the online National Votes for Women Trail and for a metal marker at the Park which would be provided by the Pomeroy Foundation.

Suffrage Event Donations

If you're interested in helping with planning the 2020 Suffrage Celebration process, please let us know.

When LWVSNM established our operating budget for 2019/2020, we did not include expenses for the celebrations.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation for such expenses, please make a note that the donation is for **2020 Suffrage Celebrations**.

Thank you!

State League Priorities Discussed with SNM Members

When's the last time you read La Palabra, the newsletter by the League of Women Voters of New Mexico? As the NM Legislative session draws near, the newsletter may be a good source of information on issues that have been earmarked as top priorities by the state League. [Click here to see the Fall issue](#) which opens with a story by LWVNM President Hannah Burling that touches on the subject of redistricting.

Our League members also heard about redistricting recently when Dick Mason from the state League attended the SNM dinner meeting on Oct. 21. Many other questions also surfaced regarding potential legislation, specifically focused on budget and revenues since it will be a 30-day session that tackles money matters. The session will be Jan. 21 until noon on Feb. 20, 2020.



Co-President Kathy Brook (right) introduced Dick Mason from the state League who answered many questions from local members.



Social Media Training

Several League members are stretching their wings by attending a social media training on how to use Instagram. Thanks to Erika Graf-Webster for coordinating such an activity. The training will allow anyone with an Instagram account to help publicize the League's activities through photos and a short description.

With the support of local tech firm WeAreIT, the members learned how to link their Instagram posts with posts created on Facebook, and vice versa.

While it may take some time to get the hang of using this "new" technology, the League is committed to using technology that will help spread the messages that are important to convey in today's electronic world.

If you're interested in creating an Instagram account for yourself, it's free.



Giving Thanks To ...

- **PETER VANWINKLE YOUNG:** The husband of League Member Ellen Young, passed away on Sept. 25, 2019. He will be missed by so many, but his musical talents will continue on forever.

If you'd like to recognize or thank someone who has done something that supports our organization, please email the information (photos, too) to Jo Galván Nash at jogalvan.nash@gmail.com.





OBSERVER REPORTS

LCPS Board of Education (BOE) • Regular Meeting

September 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m., LCPS Board Room

Observer: Cathy Burn

The Interim Superintendent and all five board members were present.

National Recognition

Melissa Galaz, Sonoma Elementary Principal, was recognized as a 2019 National Distinguished Principal.

DACC G.O. Bond Election [[read about the election here](#)]

A representative from Doña Ana Community College presented information on the General Obligation Bond on Nov. 5. The college is asking for the support of the school board. The amount is \$16,000,000 with no increase to the tax rate. It will provide IT upgrades with creative media technology, classroom upgrades, a new building at Arrowhead Research Park, infrastructure improvements, and safety and security measures.

HB-33 Election [[read about the election here](#)]

This is renewal of an existing Mill Levy for LCPS. If approved on Nov. 5, it will generate \$10 million each year for six years. This bond funds building and playground upgrades and ADA compliance projects that include restrooms and building access. It also funds new school furnishing, technology upgrades and support for the district arts program. It is key for growth in the schools and for preservation of taxpayers' previous investments by upgrading and maintaining the schools. The tax rate will not change.

LCPS Board of Education (BOE) • Regular Meeting

October 15, 2019, 6:00 p. m., LCPS Board Room

Observer: Cathy Burn

The Interim superintendent and all five board members were present.

Las Cruces Public School Foundation Innovative Classroom Grants

Fourteen grants were presented to teachers who applied in the competitive process. The total amount of the grants was \$35,020, with 55 teachers and 5,258 students impacted.

HB33 Election

Presentations are still being conducted throughout the community regarding the renewal of this mill levy that would fund repairs and other needs in the school district.

Accreditation Update

The schools up for national accreditation have been visited. The classroom observations were all above average except in digital learning. The final report will arrive in six weeks.

Population Growth and Impact

Even though there is population growth in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, it is not impacting the Las Cruces Public Schools. The future growth rate with LCPS is expected to remain under one percent.



OBSERVER REPORTS

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

October 22, 2019 • 9:00 am • County Government Center
Observer: Jo Galván Nash

All five Commissioners were in attendance; County Mgr. Fernando Macias was also in attendance.

The Board of County Commissioners proclaimed Nov. 10, 2019 as **American Legion Auxiliary Day** in Doña Ana County. This is in celebration of the 100th year of the American Legion chartered by Congress on Nov. 10, 1919; the local unit was created 93 years ago in Doña Ana County. (The local Joe Quesenberry Post 10 is also a recipient of the President's National Award of Excellence.)

The BOCC also recognizes November as **Diabetes Awareness Month** in the county. Diabetes education continues to be critical within this community; there is a growing trend among young people in this county who have diabetes. The CDC reports that in 2017, diabetes was the 7th leading cause of death in the nation and was the 6th leading cause in NM.

Tax season is here! Treasurer Eric Rodriguez announced that tax bills will be mailed featuring a new format. The bill will contain additional information and it will assist taxpayers who want to request an address change. All taxpayers can verify their addresses online. As another benefit, a payment drop box will soon be placed in front of County Govt. Center where taxpayers will be able to pay their bill after-hours. And, payment locations are still available for residents of Anthony, Sunland Park, Hatch and Chaparral, November 10-Dec. 10.

In a related matter, Treasurer Rodriguez said taxes this year throughout the county are relatively flat and will increase minimally. Anthony city residents will see the highest increase in the mill rate due to a bond election. He also encourages people to sign up for e-billing.

JOB OPENING **Observer Corps Coordinator** **for LWVSNM**

We need you to recruit and train observers for the League! Written job description of observers and report templates are available and will tell you what needs to be done.

You provide your support and knowledge to help observers do their jobs. You collect their reports and keep them informed of VOTER communications and deadlines, as well as Board actions that affect their responsibilities.

Vicki Simons is the co-chair. If you are interested in this, or to find out more, contact Susan Schmugge (sschmugge@gmail.com) or Eileen VanWie (vanwieek@yahoo.com).

Treasurer's Report

Reported by Bob Burn, Treasurer

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Date	Description	Deposit/Credit	Payment/Debit	Balance
1-Sep	Citizen's Bank Balance			\$ 6,071.71
1-Sep	Outstanding Payments/Debts Previous Months		\$ 2,250.00	
1-Sep	Ck 2007: LWVUS Ed Fund (Not Cleared)		\$ 140.00	\$ (140.00)
9-Sep	Ck 2008: Good Samaritan LWV Dinner		\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
9-Sep	Ck 2009: K Brook NM/Fed Tax (Not Cleared)		\$ 310.00	\$ (310.00)
10-Sep	Education Fund Contribution	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
10-Sep	Memberships	\$ 65.00		\$ 65.00
10-Sep	LWVUS		\$ 32.00	
10-Sep	LWVNM		\$ 13.00	
10-Sep	Contributions	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
10-Sep	LWV Dinner Receipts	\$ 345.00		\$ 345.00
14-Sep	Memberships	\$ 260.00		\$ 260.00
14-Sep	LWVUS		\$ 128.00	
14-Sep	LWVNM		\$ 52.00	
14-Sep	Ck 2010: Consumer Cellular		\$ 19.47	\$ (19.47)
23-Sep	Memberships	\$ 65.00		\$ 65.00
23-Sep	LWVUS		\$ 32.00	
23-Sep	LWVNM		\$ 13.00	

Citizens' Bank Balance (Actual)	\$ 885.00	\$ 844.47	\$ 6,112.24
Not Cleared Payments/Checks		\$ 450.00	\$ 6,562.24
Outstanding Payments/Debits		\$ 2,520.00	
Account Balance after Debit Payment			\$ 3,592.24

Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – November 2019

Status	Book
Books Selected for Future Meetings	
Selected for November 21 at Dale's	<p>How Safe Are We?: Homeland Security Since 9/11 by Janet Napolitano Former Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano offers an insightful analysis of American security at home and a prescription for the future. She pulls no punches, reckoning with the critics who call it Frankenstein's Monster of government run amok, and takes a hard look at the challenges of the future. But ultimately, she argues that the huge, multifaceted department is vital to our nation's security. An agency that's part terrorism prevention, part intelligence agency, part law enforcement, public safety, disaster recovery makes for an odd combination the tradition-bound Washington D.C. culture. But, she says, it has made us more safe, secure, and resilient.</p>
December 26	NO MEETING
January 23	<p>GIVE PEOPLE MONEY: How a Universal Basic Income Would End Poverty, Revolutionize Work, and Remake the World, by Annie Lowrey. A brilliantly reported, global look at universal basic income—a stipend given to every citizen—and why it might be the answer for our age of rising inequality, persistent poverty, and dazzling technology. The UBI movement calls into question our deepest intuitions about what we owe each other. Yet as Lowrey persuasively shows, a UBI—giving people money—is not just a solution to our problems, but a better foundation for our society in this age of marvels.</p>
Candidate Books for Future Selection	
<i>Date in left column is the date on which the book was added to this list</i>	
6-26-19	<p>A Thousand Small Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism by Adam Gopnik Not since the early twentieth century has liberalism, been under such relentless attack, from both right and left. The crisis of democracy in our era has produced a crisis of faith in liberal institutions and, even worse, in liberal thought. <i>A Thousand Small Sanities</i> is a manifesto rooted in the lives of people who invented and extended the liberal tradition. Gopnik argues that liberalism is not a form of centrism, nor simply another word for free markets, nor merely a term denoting a set of rights. It is something far more ambitious: the search for radical change by humane measures.</p>
6-26-19	<p>The Conservative Sensibility by George Will From the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, an "astonishing" and "enthraling" (<i>Booklist</i>) new examination of how the Founders' belief in natural rights created a great American political tradition. The Founders' vision, articulated first in the Declaration of Independence and carried out in the Constitution, gave the new republic a framework for government unique in world history. Their beliefs in natural rights, limited government, religious freedom, and in human virtue and dignity ushered in two centuries of American prosperity. Now, as Will shows, conservatism is under threat--both from progressives and elements inside the Republican Party.</p>
9-14-19	<p>Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again By Eric Topol One of America's top doctors reveals how AI will empower physicians and revolutionize patient care. Medicine has become inhuman, to disastrous effect. The doctor-patient relationship--the heart of medicine--is broken: doctors are too distracted and overwhelmed to truly connect with their patients, and medical errors and misdiagnoses abound. In <i>Deep Medicine</i>, leading physician Eric Topol reveals how artificial intelligence can help. AI has the potential to transform everything doctors do, from notetaking and medical scans to diagnosis and treatment, greatly cutting down the cost of medicine and reducing human mortality.</p>
9-14-19	<p>Quichotte: A Novel by Salman Rushdie A dazzling <i>Don Quixote</i> for the modern age—an epic tour de force that is as much an homage to an immortal work of literature as it is to the quest for love and family. Inspired by the Cervantes classic, Sam DuChamp, mediocre writer of spy thrillers, creates Quichotte, a courtly, addled salesman obsessed with television who falls in impossible love with a TV star. Just as Cervantes wrote <i>Don Quixote</i> to satirize the culture of his time, Rushdie takes the reader on a wild ride through a country on the verge of moral and spiritual collapse.</p>

Status	Book
9-14-19	<p>She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey</p> <p>From the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters who broke the news of Harvey Weinstein's sexual harassment and abuse for the <i>New York Times</i>, Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, the thrilling untold story of their investigation and its consequences for the #MeToo movement. For many years, reporters had tried to get to the truth about Harvey Weinstein's treatment of women. During months of confidential interviews with top actresses, former Weinstein employees, and other sources, many disturbing and long-buried allegations were unearthed, and a web of onerous secret payouts and nondisclosure agreements was revealed.</p>
9-14-19	<p>The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir by Samantha Power</p> <p>Pulitzer Prize winner Samantha Power, widely known as a relentless advocate for promoting human rights, has been heralded by President Barack Obama as one of America's "foremost thinkers on foreign policy." In her memoir, Power offers an urgent response to the question "What can one person do?"—and a call for a clearer eye, a kinder heart, and a more open and civil hand in our politics and daily lives. Humorous and deeply honest, <i>The Education of an Idealist</i> lays bare the searing battles and defining moments of her life and shows how she juggled the demands of a 24/7 national security job with the challenge of raising two young children. Along the way, she illuminates the intricacies of politics and geopolitics, reminding us how the United States can lead in the world, and why we each have the opportunity to advance the cause of human dignity.</p>
9-26-19	<p>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson</p> <p>Just Mercy is not brand new (2014) but is a clarion call to fix our still broken system of justice. It is a NY Times best seller and an inspiration to thousands of people. The book has won awards and accolades and its reviews are a rarity in that thousands have given it five stars. Although academic discussion is there, the book is strongest when telling the tragic stories of prisoners suffering systemic abuse. While the book is a bit hard to read, there are many (relatively) happy endings.</p>
10-27-19	<p>The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution by Eric Foner</p> <p>From the Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar, a timely history of the constitutional changes that built equality into the nation's foundation and how those guarantees have been shaken over time. The Declaration of Independence announced equality as an American ideal, but it took the Civil War and the subsequent adoption of three constitutional amendments to establish that ideal as American law. The Reconstruction amendments abolished slavery, guaranteed all persons due process and equal protection of the law, and equipped black men with the right to vote.</p>
10-27-19	<p>Waste (Resources) by Kate O'Neill</p> <p>Waste is one of the planet's last great resource frontiers. In this unique book, Kate O'Neill traces the emergence of the global political economy of wastes over the past two decades. She explains how the emergence of waste governance initiatives and mechanisms can help us deal with both the risks and the opportunities associated with the hundreds of millions – possibly billions – of tons of waste we generate each year.</p>
10-27-19	<p>Permanent Record (Paperback) by Edward Snowden</p> <p>Edward Snowden reveals for the first time the story of his life. He shocked the world when he broke with the American intelligence establishment and revealed that the United States government was secretly pursuing the means to collect every single phone call, text message, and email. The result would be an unprecedented system of mass surveillance with the ability to pry into the private lives of every person on earth. Six years later, Snowden reveals for the very first time how he helped to build this system and why he was moved to expose it.</p>
10-27-19	<p>Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth by Rachel Maddow</p> <p>Big Oil and Gas versus democracy - winner take all. With her trademark black humor, Maddow takes us on a switchback journey around the globe, revealing the greed and incompetence of Big Oil and Gas along the way, and drawing a surprising conclusion about how and why the Russian government hacked the 2016 US election. She deftly shows how Russia's rich reserves of crude have, paradoxically, stunted its growth, forcing Putin to maintain his power by spreading Russia's rot into its rivals, its neighbors, the West's most important alliances, and the United States.</p>