

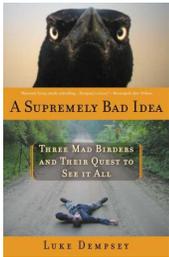
Reading Discoveries book discussion

San Bernardino County Museum

2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands CA 92374

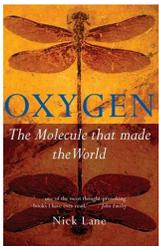
April 8 Afternoon group discussing **March** (Ecology of Fear: Los Angeles and the Imagination of Fear by Mike Davis) and **April** books, 2pm.

April 13 **A Supremely Bad Idea: Three Mad Birders and Their Quest To See It All** by Luke Dempsey, 7:30pm.



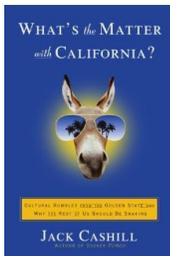
"A Supremely Bad Idea" is one man's account of an epic journey around America in search of the rarest and most beautiful birds the country has to offer. But the birds are only part of it. There are also his crazy companions, Don and Donna Graffiti. Both a paean to avian beauty and a memoir of the back roads of America, "A Supremely Bad Idea" is a supremely fun comic romp: an environmentally sound This Is Spinal Tap with binoculars. (Barnes and Noble)

May 11 **Oxygen: The Molecule That Made The World** by Nick Lane, 7:30pm.



Lane takes the reader on an enthralling journey, as gripping as a thriller, as he unravels the unexpected ways in which oxygen spurred the evolution of life and death. The book shows how oxygen underpins the origin of biological complexity, the birth of photosynthesis, the sudden evolution of animals, the need for two sexes, the accelerated aging of cloned animals like Dolly the sheep, and the surprisingly long lives of bats and birds. Drawing on this grand evolutionary canvas, "Oxygen" offers fresh perspectives on our own lives and deaths. (Barnes and Noble)

June 8 **What's the Matter with California: Cultural Rumbles From The Golden State and Why the Rest of Us Should be Shaking** by Jack Cashill, 7:30pm.



There's an unspoken fault line in California. No, not the San Andreas Fault nor any of the geologic ones. This fault line is cultural—formed by the waves of ethnic and social groups. Californians today worry about "The Big One," but it's a cultural cataclysm they and the rest of us should fear. Spectacularly sybaritic and self-indulgent, overtaxed and overregulated, California lives on past glories. Jack Cashill is here to rescue this gorgeous chunk of real estate from its increasingly shaky future. (Barnes and Noble)

June 11 Afternoon group discussing **May** and **June** books, 2pm.

The *Reading Discoveries* features contemporary and classic topics in natural and cultural history, where participants can share perspectives and insights on science, history and local interests. Discussions are open to public and free of charge. For more information, contact Curator of Education Jolene Redvale at (909) 307-2669 ext. 252 or e-mail jredvale@sbcm.sbcounty.gov.