



Staying Connected

DEAR MEMBERS



Welcome to the e-UWC. 😊 In case you hadn't noticed, the world has moved online. Online communities have become a lifeline for most of us during this difficult time. And the UWC is no exception! We are having live conversations and meetings, enjoying our favourite activities and learning new things.

The purpose of our *Staying Connected* update is to let members know what we are all doing and share ideas for keeping active.

However physically distanced we may be, we're all in this together.

Staying Safe AT HOME

We've launched a new section on our website all about staying AT HOME.

It's a place where you can see recommendations from fellow members on books to read, photos of what we are doing and links to many more online activities.

You will find it under Activities on the website:

www.uwctoronto.ca/at-home

We will keep updating it with your input. If there is something you are doing, watching, reading, please share this with us.

Kindly send them to info@uwctoronto.ca with AT HOME in the subject line.

Staying safe AT HOME

As this uncertain period of self-isolation and social distance stretches on, you might now be reaching the point where the novelty of puzzles, virtual happy hour with your friends, and staying at home all day in your sweatpants is starting to wear off. If so, you might be wondering how to bide your time next.

Instead of focusing on the (very long) list of what we can't do, here are some suggestions from our members of things you will LOVE to do.

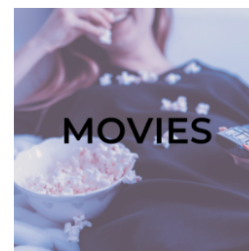


BOOKS

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From bucket list tomes to how-to guides, here are all the reads you need to mentally escape quarantine.

Click here for xx book recommendations from UWC members. Happy reading!



MOVIES

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We have lots of movie suggestions for you before you HAVE to Marie Kondo your home.

Remember when we used to go places? :) Our first movie list is all about TRAVEL. Here we suggest 50 movies to watch when wanderlust



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- ✓ **FOOD**

These are the categories we have to start, but we can add more.

WHAT WE ARE

watching & reading

Susan's picks!



WANTED

An Australian crime drama, suspenseful, amazing premise, often funny, great adventure in Australia and New Zealand.



MARCELLA

A British crime drama, a gritty, murder mystery, set in London, female detective, excellent.



HINTERLAND

A murder mystery set in Wales, fabulous scenery, great main character with a mysterious past.

Jane's pick



HILLARY

Clinton's life story is riveting, revealed through interviews and archival footage. Well worth watching!

Talisha's pick

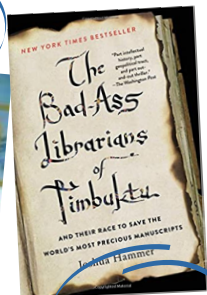
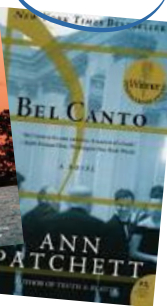
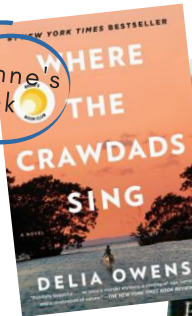


MEDICI

A powerful drama about the Italian banking dynasty that wielded great political and cultural influence during the Italian Renaissance.

Pam's pick

Jo-Lynne's pick



Annamaria's pick

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Delia Owens Set in the marshes of North Carolina, it's a powerful, beautifully written story about an abandoned child who survives and thrives against all odds.- Jo-Lynne

BEL CANTO by Ann Patchett

"A great pandemic read that will leave you thinking about the endurance of human connection in the face of adversity." - Pam Horton

THE BAD-ASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU by Joshua Hammer

"I enjoyed this book tremendously because it talks about a subject I love plus has increased my knowledge of North-west Africa." - Annamaria Vuksinic

FROM OUR MEMBERS

STACY Costa

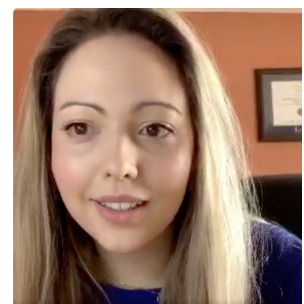
I was interviewed by NOW Magazine regarding puzzles during the pandemic and their role in our lives.

I also did an online session on "OISE Stay at home club" addressing why puzzles are good for the brain and some techniques to help solve puzzles.

Links to both:

https://nowtoronto.com/lifestyle/education/puzzles-stacy-costa-oise/#.XrXs_tsqiFQ.link

https://twitter.com/OISEUofT/status/1258773430050140160?s=20



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RUTH Matheson

An interesting project from the AGO:

<https://ago.ca/agoinsider/introducing-ago-makes>

Send us your results!

REBECCA Hagey

Rebecca Hagey, on our Advocacy Committee, shares some favourite links to listen, watch, read and discuss with friends.

CBC Ideas program - on indigenous law with Louis Riel's great grand niece Jean






www.cbc.ca/player/play/1734051907916

Let's Just Have A Think - presents a scathing critique of Jeff Gibbs' and Michael Moore's film *Planet of the Humans*

<https://youtu.be/ZmNjLHRAp2U>

Climate -

The climate crisis is an emergency that needs immediate action. Here are some great ways to learn more and get involved.

-  www.climatefast.ca/kitchen-table-conversations
-  www.creativelyunited.org
-  <https://e360.yale.edu/features/as-climate-changes-worsens-a-cascade-of-tipping-points-looms>
-  www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03595-0
-  www.openbookpublishers.com/10.11647/OBP.0193.pdf. (Note Deborah McGregor's article on indigenous understandings of the Earth as a being with agency, meaning we have relationship with responsibilities.)

ANOTHER ONLINE COMMUNITY you might find interesting



Offering everything from exercise classes and small online group discussions, to trivia nights and mindfulness tutorials— all provided free of charge by the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

<https://brightspot.ymcagta.org>

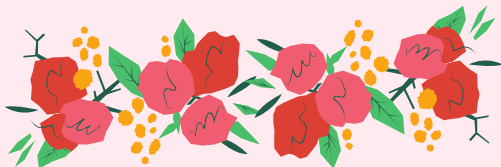


I know that this will come as a shock to you, but on **May 17th**, Mary Aziz will turn ninety. When she told me that all I could think of was: "When I turn ninety, I hope that I look like and act like Mary." She is the perfect advertisement for statement: "In this day and age, this is what ninety looks like."

MARY, MARY, QUITE THE LADY

Every Friday, the Bridge Section of the UWC has a chat over Zoom. We will likely continue this, until this pandemic is over. This past Friday, we arranged to have Lily Contento deliver a birthday bouquet to Mary, while we were all on screen. As soon as the flowers arrived at the door, we all broke into a rousing singing of Happy Birthday - to celebrate Mary.

Mary has been a member of the University Women's Club literally for decades. To give you an idea of her longevity with the club, Judith Lewis, a past president, babysat Mary's children when she was a teenager. Mary was an integral part of the team that moved UWC from the house on St. George to the Faculty Club. Mary did everything in that move. She cleaned kitchens, she packed and sold dishes, she sold furniture to the highest bidder and/or brought it to Good Will.



There was a lot of art work that had been collected by the members over the many years. Mary stepped up to have the artwork appraised, catalogued, and sold. Members literally reported that the move would not have happened as well as it did without Mary.

We've heard many stories about the house on St. George. Maintaining the house took so much money and effort. But we would not be able to carry out the charitable works we do today without the money gained from the sale of that property on St. George. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mary and those other women who were members then and worked so hard to maximize that asset for sale back in 2010.

More currently, I am lucky enough to have Mary working with me to organize the International Dining. She has researched sites, made bookings, and help stimulate the camaraderie at the events.

So here's to Mary. You are such a positive and fun-loving addition to our Club. Your contributions are both too many to enumerate and appreciated by all of us. Happy Birthday Mary - and many more! - *Susan LeRoy*

FROM ALL OF US AT UWC

Happy Birthday
Mary!



FACULTY CLUB QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the **Faculty Club**, kindly direct your queries to faculty.club@utoronto.ca.

They have asked only to be contacted Monday to Friday, and between 9:00am and 5:00 pm.

Thank you.

