

## JANUARY EVENTS 2024

**New Year's Eve get-together: Sunday, December 31, 2023 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom.** We are continuing the RCSF tradition of a "Cambridge Time" New Year's Eve celebration. Bring your glass of champagne (or whatever you want) to toast the New Year at 9 p.m. (midnight in Cambridge)! If you would like to participate, please RSVP to [julie.cheever@gmail.com](mailto:julie.cheever@gmail.com). You will receive the Zoom link immediately.

**Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, January 10, at 11:30 a.m. OshaThai.** This finishes our tour of Embarcadero 4 restaurants. It has indoor and outdoor seating. Across (again) from the end of the #1 CA bus line. RSVP to Pat at 415-867-0410 or [patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com](mailto:patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com).

**Book Group: Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.** Janet Hankin will send an email to the book group with instructions to join the meeting. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at [jghankin@jps.net](mailto:jghankin@jps.net).

The book for January will be **The Years** by Annie Ernaux, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2022. "(It) is an earnest, fearless book, a 'Remembrance of Things Past' for our age ..." (New York Times). "The book is placed somewhere on the edges of literature, history, and sociology. It moves in fragments, from personal to common, from exceptional to ordinary and vice versa ... It is the kind of book you close after reading a few pages, carried away by the bittersweet taste it leaves in your mind. If you persist, opening yourself to the rhythm and brief impressions, the narration impacts your mind, and you discover a meaning behind the facade." (LA Review of Books)

The book for February will be **Burr: A Novel** by Gore Vidal. "... a dazzling entertainment, a tour de force of historical imagination, a devastating analysis of America's first principals." (New York Times) "What makes the book great is that the cynicism is mixed with a strong sense of ethical conviction: Vidal thinks politics is absurd but also profoundly important." (The Independent)

**Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project: Thursday, January 25, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom.** This program is sponsored by the Harvard Club of Sacramento. RCSF members Alice Abarbanel, Suzy Underwood and Julie Cheever will give an update on the project, along with excerpts of interviews with alumnae from classes of the 1940s to 1970s. To receive the Zoom link, please register at <https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvfuirDMtH9SpNrFksRs7dH6DekY4C7Fo>.

**Film Group: Saturday, January 27, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.** The film will be **Good Will Hunting**, directed by Gus Van Sant, and written by its co stars, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. This 1997 film began their substantial Hollywood careers, and won many awards. The story revolves around Will Hunting, a janitor at MIT who has a remarkable gift for mathematics. He chooses to live by himself in a sparsely furnished apartment in a downtrodden neighborhood of South Boston. Poverty and an abusive childhood have prevented him from finding his identity and potential. With help from a few friends and an empathetic psychiatrist, he slowly discovers a life of value and even love. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at [LBPoskanzer@icloud.com](mailto:LBPoskanzer@icloud.com) and she will send you the link.

**RCSF Speakers Series** – Videos of our two most recent sessions are available on the "RCSF Speakers Series Recordings" page of the club website: [radcliffeclubsf.org](http://radcliffeclubsf.org). Don't miss **Sara Naomi Bleich**, on "Harvard and The Legacy of Slavery" and **Gabrielle Oliveira**, on "Now We Are Here: Family Migration, Separation, and the Hope for a Better Life." Please contact [kghenschel@gmail.com](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com) if you need help with the password.

At the club website, you can also renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women. The "For Members" section contains the Membership Directory, Membership Update, and Treasurer's Report. Send changes to [kghenschel@gmail.com](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com).

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