

## NCA 2026 SPRING/SUMMER READING LIST

### Gateway to the Classical Past

- Rosemary Sutcliff, *Black Ships before Troy*
- Edith Hamilton, *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*

### Adventures across Time and Space

- Sherlock Holmes, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*
- J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*
- Robin McKinley, *The Blue Sword*
- Richard Adams, *Watership Down*

### Americana

- Eleanor Porter, *Collected Short Stories*
- Louis L'Amour, *Hondo*
- *Letters of John and Abigail Adams* (Penguin)
- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

### Lives Worth Remembering

- Helen Keller, *Autobiography*
- Frederick Douglass, *Autobiography*
- Giorgio Vasari, *The Lives of the Artists*

### Classic Reads in the Western Tradition

- Xenophon, *March to the Sea* (Penguin)
- Jane Austen, *Northanger Abbey*
- Alexandre Dumas and Auguste Maquet, *Count of Monte Cristo* (abridged version)
- Chrétien de Troyes, *Eric and Enide*

### Family Book Circle

- Laura Ingalls Wilder, *Little House in the Big Woods*
- Louisa May Alcott, *Eight Cousins*

### Musical Impressions (Music that is great to listen to while reading)

- Scott Joplin, "Maple Leaf Rag"
- Claude Debussy, *Arabesque*
- Aaron Copland, "Fanfare for the Common Man"
- Ludwig van Beethoven, 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony "Eroica"
- Gustav Holst, *The Planets*
- Philip Glass, Piano Concerto No. 2 "After Lewis and Clark"