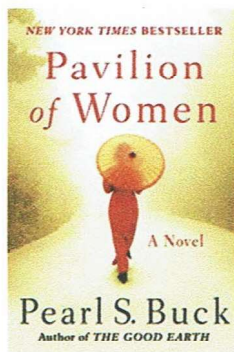


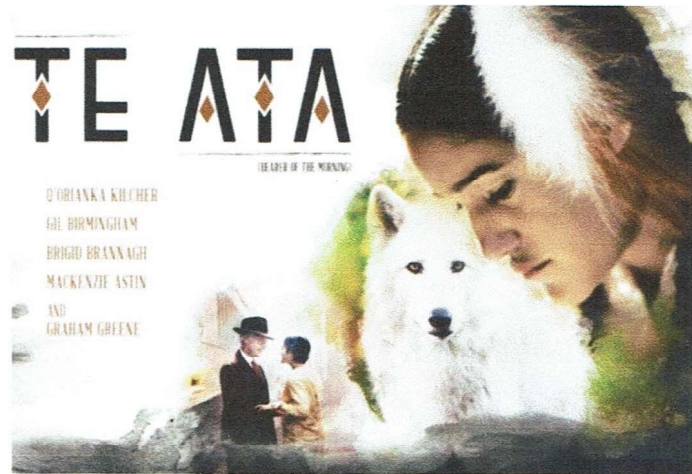
WOMEN'S NETWORK

BOOK CLUB

At forty, Madame Wu is beautiful and much respected as the wife of one of China's oldest upper-class houses. Her birthday wish is to find a young concubine for her husband and to move to separate quarters, starting a new chapter of her life. When her wish is granted, she finds herself at leisure, no longer consumed by running a sixty-person household. Now she's free to read books previously forbidden her, to learn English, and to discover her own mind. The family in the compound are shocked at the results, especially when she begins learning from a progressive, excommunicated Catholic priest. In its depiction of life in the compound, *Pavilion of Women* includes some of Buck's most enchanting writing about the seasons, daily rhythms, and customs of women in China. It is a delightful parable about the sexes, and of the profound and transformative effects of free thought.



JANUARY MOVIE



Te Ata

Sunday Cinema meets on **Sunday, January 20th at 2pm**, at Joan Dreisker's home: 81 Osage Moon Road. **Te Ata** (2016) is based on the inspiring story of Mary Thompson Fisher, a women who traversed cultural barriers to become one of the greatest Native American performers of all time. Born in Indian Territory, and raised on the songs and stories of her Chickasaw culture, Te Ata's journey to find her true calling led her through isolation, discovery, love, and a stage career that culminated in her performances for the United States president, European royalty, and audiences across the world.

Ruth Brown Memorial Library Science Scholarship

Bartlesville Women's Network has established the Ruth Brown Memorial Scholarship for a Masters in Library Science in coordination with the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma.

The scholarship will pay out a \$1000 scholarship each year for the next 10 years. The funding came from donations to the Ruth Brown Memorial Celebration sponsored by Women's Network.

Miss Ruth Brown was a Bartlesville public librarian. Miss Brown was dismissed in 1950 because of her civil rights activities in the 1940's promoting the equality of African-Americans in a time and city that were not ready for such thoughts.

A person becomes an accredited librarian only by completing a Masters in Library Science. Whether one becomes a public librarian, a children's librarian or a science librarian at a veterinary school a Masters in Library Science is the key.

Who is eligible for the WN sponsored Ruth Brown Memorial Scholarship?

- Candidate is to be a resident of Nowata, Osage or Washington County.
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4 point scale
- Candidate may attend either OU campus or online (OU campus, OU Tulsa campus or online)
- Requires a 500 word statement of why they wish to be a librarian
- Enrolled for a minimum of six hours per semester

Applications and more information can be found at: <http://www.ou.edu/cas/slis/tuition-and-aid>

Franny Hildabrand

Dear WN Members,

We had a great board meeting yesterday. The Miss Ruth Brown Scholarship is in place and we hope to have applicants soon. Dr. Hatchett is preparing a great program on Palliative Care on February 7th. We are looking for nominations for the History Maker award. Look around and you will see women of outstanding character, fortitude, vision, and energy. Take a few minutes and write up a nomination about her achievements in "improving conditions in any area of human life" and submit it.

On the topic of Miss Ruth Brown, some members have suggested that we approach our community on changing the name of the library to the Miss Ruth Brown Memorial Library. Twelve years ago, we unveiled the bust commissioned by Women's Network that is in the foyer. After 30 years of exemplary service, Miss Brown was summarily fired in 1950 for alleged communist sympathies. The real reasons were her efforts to promote racial equality. Looking back 70 years, we see a woman who was ahead of her times. In her words, she was dismissed because she chose to "live as a Christian in a democracy."

The WN board enthusiastically supported the idea of Women's Network seeking to have the library renamed. It seems a logical honor for a life dedicated to social justice. There is a statue of Miss Brown at OSU. She is recognized by librarians across our country. Let's bring that recognition home!

I hope that I have your endorsement as we move forward. I am looking for letters from librarians around the country that speak of the high esteem in which she is held by fellow professionals. I am in the process of obtaining a current listing of our library board members. If you know someone on the board, reach out and start the conversation. I hope to approach the board formally in March at their next meeting. Let me know if you have suggestions or resources that would help.

Kathleen Pillsbury Rutledge

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

Clear your February 15th for our program by Dr. John Hatchett on Palliative Care !

Cinema Sunday is on February 17th for seeing "Miss Potter" with Renee Zellweger.