**THE GREAT IDEAS - READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

**2018 Reading List**

**Stanley Lake Public Library**

**8485 Kipling St., Arvada, CO 80005**

Readings for Friday afternoon 2:00- 3:30pm discussions. For further information go to <http://great-ideas-group.weebly.com> or call Brian Hansen at 303/682-8887, or Home e-mail [bh80303@comcast.net](mailto:bh80303@comcast.net) .

Each summer, Mortimer J. Adler conducted one of his world famous seminars at the Aspen Institute in Colorado. The seminar of 1981 was devoted to the six ideas that are the subject of Adler’s book Six Great Ideas and the first seven discussions below.

Aug. 24, 2018 Six Great Ideas Introduction- Why These Chosen Few? pp. 1-4 (video, reading and discussion)

**Ideas We Judge By – Truth Goodness, and Beauty**

Sep. 07, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Two: **The Liar and the Skeptic, Milder Forms of Skepticism, The Realm of Doubt**, by Mortimer J. Adler. pp 1-18

Sep. 21, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Two: **The Pursuit of Truth, From Truth to Goodness And Beauty**, **Is and Ought**, by Mortimer J. Adler.pp 1-9

Oct. 05, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Two: **Real and Apparent Goods, The Range and Scale of Goods**, **The Ultimate and Common Good**, **From Truth and Goodness to Beauty**, by Mortimer J. Adler. pp 1-18

Oct. 19, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Two: **Enjoyable Beauty, Admirable Beauty, The Goodness of Beauty and the Beauty of Truth**, by Mortimer J. Adler. pp-1-15

**Ideas We Act On – Liberty, Equality, and Justice**

Nov. 02, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Three: **The Sovereignty of Justice, The Freedom to Do as One Pleases, The Liberties to Which We Are Entitled**, pp 1-11

Nov. 16, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Three: **The Dimensions of Equality, The Equalities to Which We Are Entitled, The Inequalities That Justice Requires**, pp 1-18

Dec. 06, 2018 Six Great Ideas Book Part Three: **The Domain of Justice, The Justice and Authority of Law**, pp 1- 11

Dec, 14, 2018 Great Books, Vol 3, pp 688-696 (video, reading and discussion)

The Idea of **Quality** from the Syntopicon

or Mortimer Adler’s Great Ideas: A Lexicon of Western Thought, pp 688-695

Jan. 06, 2019 Great Books, Vol 3, pp 696-704

The Idea of **Quantity** from the Syntopicon

or Mortimer Adler’s Great Ideas: A Lexicon of Western Thought, pp 696-704

Jan. 20, 2019 Great Books, Vol 2, pp 126-134

The Idea of **Monarchy** from the Syntopicon

or Mortimer Adler’s Great Ideas: A Lexicon of Western Thought, pp 551-559

Feb. 03, 2019 Great Books, Vol 2, pp 126-134

The Idea of **Oligarchy** from the Syntopicon

or Mortimer Adler’s Great Ideas: A Lexicon of Western Thought, pp 578-584

Feb, 17, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 761-769

**Classes and Class Conflict**

Mar. 02, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 55-63

**Self-Knowledge and Self Love**

Mar. 16, 2019 Great Books, Vol 3, pp 915-922

The Idea of **Infinity** from the Syntopicon

or Mortimer Adler’s Great Ideas: A Lexicon of Western Thought, pp 362-370

Mar. 30, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 212-220

**Hate**

Apr. 13, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 264-271 and 276-280

**Fear, Anger, Hope and Despair**

Apr. 27, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 674-683

**Wisdom and Folly**

May 11, 2019 Great Treasury of Western Thought, pp 1170-1189

**Nature and the Natural**

May 25, 2019 Ten Philosophical Mistakes Book Part One: **The Intellect and the Senses**, by Mortimer J. Adler, pp 1-10