National Federation of Music Clubs
Membership Education Division

APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY BOOK LIST ABRIDGED

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In Tune Charley Patton, Jimmie Rodgers, and the Roots of American Music (2014) by Ben Wynne
Selected Poems of Edna St Vincent Millay: An Annotated Edition (2016) by the poet, Timothy F Jackson (Editor),
Holly Peppe (Introduction)

May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem (2018) by Imani Perry
The Essential Writings of James Weldon Johnson (2008) by James Weldon Johnson, Rudolph Byrd (Editor),
Charles Johnson (Foreword)

This Land is Your Land (2000) by Woody Guthrie, Kathy Jakobsen (Illustrator) Children’s Book
Mavis Staples, the Staple Singers, and the March Up Freedom’s Highway (2014) by Greg Kot

A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings, by Charles Dickens
A Great Ring of Pure and Endless Light: Selected Poems (2017) by Henry Vaughan, A H Ninham (Editor)

The Whole Harmonium: The Life of Wallace Stevens (2017) by Paul Mariani

The Collected Verse of Robert Service (2020) by Robert Service

The Inextinguishable Symphony: A true story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany (2001) by Martin Goldsmith
Emily Dickinson’s Gardening Life: The Plants and Places that inspired the Iconic Poet (2019)
by Marta McDowell

Hi-de-Ho: The Life of Cab Calloway (2010) by Alyn Shipton
by Jo O’Donovan (Commentary) Gerald Manley Hopkins, Francis Browne (Photographer)

The Andrews Sisters: The Lives and Legacy of the famous Singing Trio during the Swing Era (2020) by Charles River
Glenn Miller Declassified (2017) by Dennis M Spragg

Poetry for Young People: William Blake (Children’s Book) (2007) by John Maynard (Editor) and
Allesandra Cimatoribus (Illustrator)

Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing up Bernstein (2019) by Jamie Bernstein
The People, Yes (1939) by Carl Sandburg

Wayfaring Stranger (the fascinating Autobiography) by Burl Ives (1952)
In the Bleak Midwinter: Advent and Christmas with Christine Rossetti (2019) by Rachel Mann

Swing, Swing, Swing: The Life and Times of Benny Goodman, (1993) by Ross Firestone
The collected Poems of Langston Hughes (2008) by Langston Hughes and Arnold Rampersad (Editor)

Sarah Caldwell: The First Woman of Opera (2008) by Daniel Kessler
Along the Silk Road (2002) by Yo-Yo Ma and Elizabeth Ten Grotenhuis or Children Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma (Children’s Book) by Joanna Ho and Teresa Martinez (Illustrator)
The book selections for the NFMC Course of Study program are suggested texts in order to plan a program year and enjoy exploring new music, composers, and authors, with your membership and guests. Since there are so many outstanding music themed books available, if you wish to highlight other texts not listed here during your club year, just ask me!

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