Have you heard the saying on the right? We might add, ‘never judge a BOOK CLUB by it’s movie either’. Each has its own character due to a wide array of factors ranging from participants to locations. Gilsum Book Club is unique!

We normally meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Books are available for loan each month at the Gilsum library and we try to fluctuate genres read. To request more information, call the library anytime at 352-4286.

Our June book is - The Beautiful and the Cursed by Page Morgan. The author will come and talk to our book club!

July - Handmaids Tale by Margaret Atwood

August - Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan

CVTC’s Volunteer Drivers provide “no fee” transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age or other limiting circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-emergency medical, social service appointments and trips to the grocery store and pharmacy.

Our CVTC Volunteer Driver, Terry, says:

“About two years ago our small-town newsletter ran an ad looking for Volunteer Drivers. Since then, my husband and I have been active participants in the CVTC program. Being retired and having the freedom to “go & do” on our own schedules, we were initially hesitant to sign up, fearful of getting locked into a schedule of some kind.

We did our “due diligence,” learning that the selection of days and times were at our discretion. The fear of commitment evaporated. There’s an impressive computer system allowing volunteers to easily search and assign themselves for riders in need. After the trip has been concluded, it’s simple to record time spent and mileage for reimbursement.

This program not only helps our riders in getting to appointments but it has enhanced our retirement existentially. We feel needed, appreciated and there’s a reason for being here. In some instances, we’ve encountered riders who have little social interaction outside of their trips to hospitals and doctors. Our trips in these cases have reflected rejuvenation for both rider and driver. Our riders have been diverse, fascinating and most appreciative of CVTC’s services. We cheerfully look forward to continuing assisting those we’ve met to date and anticipate meeting new riders as our schedules allow.

Try putting yourself into the positions our riders are experiencing: losing their independence and ability to drive; dependency on others. You’ll find as a driver that you’ll get more out of the ride than your rider will. “

Thank you CVTC Drivers, for donating your time and taking your neighbors where they need to go. For those drivers who do not use a computer CVTC’s staff is happy to assist in choosing trips as well as mileage reimbursement. Talk with us if you have questions or would like to take part!