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Each session will center on the discussion of one book. Each book is therefore required for purchase, since you will want to underline and make notes in the margins. The books are also on reserve in Firestone Library.

October 6 Robert D. Putnam, Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy (Princeton U., 1993)
October 13 Thomas Bender, Community and Social Change in America (Rutgers U., 1978)
October 27 Kevin Mattson, Creating a Democratic Public: The Struggle for Urban Participatory Democracy During the Progressive Era Penn State U., 1998)
November 3 Fall Break
November 24 Paul Hirst, Associative Democracy: New Forms of Economic and Social Governance (U. Massachusetts, 1994)
December 1 Francis Fukuyama, Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity (Free Press, 1996)

December 15  Concluding discussion and student presentations