

## **BOOK CLUB REPORT – June 19,2018**

A dozen members met to discuss March Forth by Trevor and Debbie Greene. This is the tragic, though hopeful saga of a Canadian soldier's journey from duty in Afghanistan through the trauma of a near fatal brain injury (ax attack) and the tale of a strong and dedicated wife who stood by him through years of struggle and endless medical complications without ever losing hope for his recovery, despite the hopeless prognosis she received from the medical community. Because Trevor was eventually sent to the Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury in Ponoka, several of our members actually knew both authors. This prompted stories of their personal relationships with them or about them. From this, others discussed their own experiences with the medical profession. Most members felt they learned a lot more about what it means to have a brain injury and a lot more about hope, perseverance, lack of consistency in health care, the importance of advocacy, lack of resources for proper nursing care and terminal illness vs catastrophic events. The read was interesting and informative though often slow and tedious. It was rated 7.8/10. The next official meeting will be on September 4, at 2:00. We will have a speaker and then pick our books for next year. All members should watch for an e-mail in the coming weeks as we will be meeting in July at a date yet to be determined to attend the movie, The Book Club at the Carnival Theatre.