

## April 21st Book Chat: “**Lab Girl and Literature**”

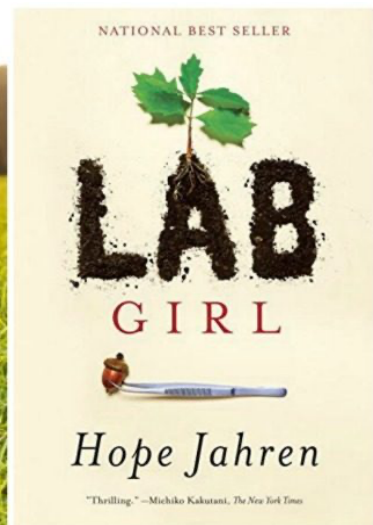
Guest Leader, **Dr. Pat Braun**

The 2021 book chosen for the Big Read is *Lab Girl*, by **Hope Jahren**. (The Big Read is sponsored by Lincoln Land Community College through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.) This book selection inspires us to examine children’s literature that revolves around different branches of science. Come join Dr. Pat Braun for a discussion stemming from *Lab Girl* but branching out to literature that you can share with your students to spark their interests in science and encourage their involvement with it in a myriad of ways. Don’t forget: there are still several community activities surrounding Lab Girl scheduled for April!

### [The Big Read](#)

#### More about Hope Jahren:

- Advocate for raising public awareness of science
- American geochemist and geobiologist
- Winner of the James B. Macelwane Medal of the American Geophysical Union
- Earned her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley in soil science
- Winner of three Fulbright Awards
- Currently Full Professor at the University of Hawaii
- Current research focus is on using stable isotope analysis to determine characteristics of the environment on different timescales



#### More about Dr. Braun:

- 36 years teaching at elementary and middle levels
- Literacy professor, Benedictine University
- Adjunct literacy professor, University of Illinois, Springfield
- Adjunct literacy professor, Eastern Illinois University
- Illinois Writing Project Consultant
- Past President, Illinois Reading Council
- Former Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Illinois Reading Council

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# CIRC BOOK CHATS!

## 2020-2021

**Third Wednesday evening** of each month (August 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 through May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021). The topic for the April Book Chat will be ***Lab Girl and Literature***, with guest leader Dr. Pat Braun, who will not only talk with us about the book *Lab Girl* but also provide book titles that will help highlight science for our students. This Book Chat is one of the April activities that make up **The Big Read**, sponsored by Lincoln Land Community College and supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 21st!** ‘Chats’ are held from **7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom**; participants will have two weeks afterward to complete @ one hour of required asynchronous activities.

Guest Leaders highlight books (alternating professional books and literature) and offer ideas for use. Not just an online lecture – these are interactive **‘Book Chats!’** Participants DO NOT need to read books prior to the session!

Each individual session provides **2 clock hours of Professional Development!**

**FREE to CIRC members!** Not a member? Join for just \$45/ year at <http://illinoisreadingcouncil.org/membership/interestinjoiningirc.html> (Please make sure you have joined at least two days prior to event. Professional Development hours will only be awarded to CIRC members who complete both the synchronous and asynchronous components of the session.)

**Registration** for each session opens two weeks prior to the session and closes two hours before the session begins. [Register here](#) for the **April 21st session, “*Lab Girl and Literature.*”**

P.S. Don’t forget – *register for each session separately* in order to participate!

Don’t forget to **share this opportunity** with your friends who are not yet IRC members!