

Velosophie, a sort of “book club on a bike,” has been part of the Grand Illinois Bike Tour since 2005 and is unique to multi-day bike rides. Originally planned by and discussions led by staff from *Illinois Humanities*, volunteers now choose the theme, reading materials, our nightly gathering spot, and lead the discussions. Still the basic format is unchanged with a heavy dose of mostly fiction, great literature, philosophy, history, classics, poetry, essays and the occasional non-fiction offering. Travel in general and bike riding specific literature can be included, but are more the exception than the rule.

We plan to meet at 4:30pm each night at the meal site before dinner to discuss our readings. It is always helpful when discussing books, movies or readings to come prepared, but this does not trump enthusiasm for the topic or personal interest, so everyone is invited to participate.

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Enjoy your readings and training rides and we'll see you June 12.  
Here is the reading list for Velosophie 2022 – Grand Illinois Bike Tour  
(June 12 through June 17)  
Comlara Park – East Peoria– Normal – Pontiac – Comlara Park

Theme: Windmills and Wanderlust

Readings:

Peoria Stories by Ken Zurski (the author will join us Sunday night in East Peoria)

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

West Wind (poetry) by Mary Oliver

The Art of Travel by Alain de Botton

(and this 49 minute video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kETN114A4IE>)

You & a Bike & a Road (graphic novel) by Eleanor Davis