Recommended books include:

*Apollo 13*, by Jim Lovell & Jeffrey Kluger

*Off the Planet: surviving five perilous months aboard the space station Mir*, by Jerry M. Linenger

*Bold Endeavors: Lessons from Polar and Space Exploration*, by Jack Stuster

*Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*, by Alfred Lansing

*West With the Night*, by Beryl Markham

*Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster*, by Jon Krakauer

*The Conquest of New Spain*, by Bernal Diaz del Castillo

*Sailing Alone Around the World*, by Joshua Slocum

*Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of his Time*, by Dava Sobel

*1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*, by Charles C. Mann

*Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, by Jared Diamond

*The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea*, by Sebastian Junger

*The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey*, by Linda Greenlaw

*Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea*, Gary Kinder
  About searching for a ship wreck (lots of gold) and also some of the cool engineering ideas that were developed to bring up the treasure undisturbed...