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**Upcoming Events
For Readers**

Evening Book Club will
discuss *Little Failure* by
Gary Shteyngart on Tues-
day, Mar 10, 2015 at
7:30PM.

Afternoon Book Club will
discuss *Pride and Preju-
dice* by Jane Austen on
Mar 24, 2015 at 1:30PM.

If your Book Club would
like to recommend a book
to our readers,
please send us an email at
Readersservices
@syossetlibrary.org
and we will share it in
a future newsletter.

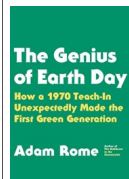
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**The Book Club Insider**

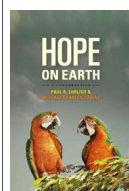
Monthly Newsletter

Earth Day's 45th Anniversary

How will you be celebrating Earth Day on April 19th? This year is even more memorable since it is the 45th Anniversary of this environmental movement. Whether you have registered your Earth Day Event with www.earthday.org, planned on attending an Earth Day celebration in your area, or discussed the important event over a family dinner, you may want to read about its inception, research relevant information, or enjoy a novel loosely based on the subject. Here are some suggested titles you may find interesting to commemorate Earth Day 2015:



The Genius of Earth Day: How a 1970 Teach-In Unexpectedly Made the First Green Generation by Adam Rome "Describes the first-ever Earth Day held in 1970 and discusses the ensuing rise of the environmental movement that has since grown to become a major source of inspiration to Americans and others around the world."



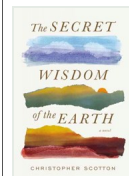
Hope on Earth: A Conversation by Paul R. Ehrlich & Michael Charles Tobias "This engaging and timely book invites readers into an intimate conversation with some of the most eminent voices in science as they offer a powerful and approachable argument that the ethical and scientific issues involved in solving our environmental crisis are deeply intertwined, while offering us an optimistic way forward."

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson "A rigorous presentation of the effects of pesticide use as well as a call to greater awareness of the environment."



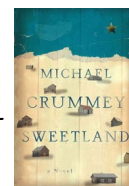
American Earth: Environmental Writing Since Thoreau edited by Bill McKibben; foreword by Al Gore "An anthology of seminal American environmental writing from the past two centuries considers their influence on the ways in which people view the natural world and includes pieces by such figures as Henry David Thoreau, John Muir, and John James Audubon."

The Earth Diet: Your Complete Guide to Living Using Earth's Natural Ingredients by Liana Werner-Gray "Outlines the principles of the earth diet, which draws on the power of plant-based and natural foods, and shares nutrient-dense recipes for all dieters, from raw vegans to meat eaters."



The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton "Witnessing his younger brother's accidental death, teenaged Kevin spends the summer traumatized in his grandfather's Appalachia coal-mining community, which is fighting plans for a massive mountaintop-removal operation."

Sweetland by Michael Crummey "The epic tale of an endangered Newfoundland community and the struggles of one man determined to resist its extinction."



Summaries from the Publishers

-Jean Simpson, Readers' Services Librarian

The Ides Of March

The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to March 15th. In ancient Rome, the Ides of March was marked by several religious observances. However, The Ides of March is best known as the date Julius Caesar was assassinated (March 15, 44 BC). Caesar's assassination marked the transition from the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire. Here is a brief sampling of novels and biographies relating to Julius Caesar and the Roman Empire that your book club may wish to explore:

***Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome* by Robert Harris**

Explores the history of the Roman Empire from 265-30 B.C.

***Emperor: The Gates of Rome* by Conn Iggulden (Book 1 in the Emperor Series)**

This historical novel traces the paths of the brothers Gaius and Marcus: one destined to be a renowned warrior, the other, a power broker in the Roman Senate.

***Caesar* by Colleen McCullough (Book 5 in the Master of Rome Series)**

McCullough brings to life the legend of Julius Caesar.

***Roma: The Novel of Ancient Rome* by Steven Saylor**

Spanning a thousand years, and following the shifting fortunes of two families through the ages, this is the epic saga of Rome, the city and its people.

***Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff**

The Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt. Though her life spanned fewer than 40 years, it reshaped the contours of the ancient world.

***I Am Livia* by Phyllis T. Smith**

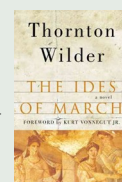
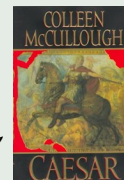
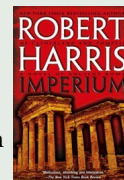
Keen and ambitious, fourteen-year-old Livia Drusilla finds herself suddenly thrust into the perilous world of Roman politics when she overhears the plot to assassinate Julius Caesar-and she reluctantly agrees to marry a prominent military officer for her family's sake.

***The Ides of March* by Thornton Wilder**

Through vividly imagined letters and documents, Wilder brings to life a dramatic period of world history and one of history's most magnetic, elusive personalities, Julius Caesar.

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- Lisa Jones, Readers' Services Librarian



A room without books is like a body without a soul — Marcus Tullius Cicero

New to Book Club in a Bag

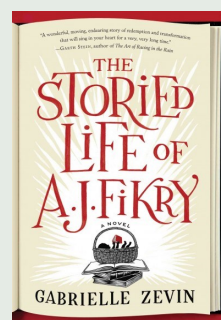
Readers' Services has added the following book to our Book Club in a Bag collection:

***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin**

A New York Times Bestseller, a #1 Indie Next Pick, and a #1 LibraryReads Selection

"A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner of Island Books, has recently endured some tough years: his wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and his prized possession--a rare edition of Poe poems--has been stolen. Over time, he has given up on people, and even the books in his store, instead of offering solace, are yet another reminder of a world that is changing too rapidly. Until a most unexpected occurrence gives him the chance to make his life over and see things anew.

Gabrielle Zevin's enchanting novel is a love letter to the world of books--an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love."



From the Publisher

Let us provide everything you need for a successful book discussion. We can supply you with 10 copies of the book and a discussion binder. The binder contains discussion questions, biographical information and critical material. Please contact Readers' Services, 921-7161, ext 239 to reserve a book for your Book Club.

- Evelyn Hershkovitz, Readers' Services Librarian