The Book Club Insider
Monthly Newsletter

Banned Books Week: September 21 – September 27
2014 marks the 32nd Anniversary of Banned Books Week, an annual event celebrating the “freedom to read.” The Readers’ Services Department will be presenting two special events to commemorate Banned Books Week:

BANNED BOOK DISCUSSION
Tuesday, September 23. 1:30 PM
*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
With Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services

BANNED BOOK TO FILM
Friday, September 26. 2 PM
We will be showing the 1990 version of the film *Lord of the Flies* starring Balthazar Getty. A short discussion will follow the film.
With Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services

Registration is not required for either event. Both events are free. We encourage you and your group members to attend one or both of these events. Banned Books Week always provides for a lively conversation.

If your Book Club would like to do your own Banned Book discussion as well, some of the most challenged classics include:

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
*Women in Love* by D.H. Lawrence
*1984* by George Orwell
*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
*Rabbit, Run* by John Updike
*Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh

For more information on Banned Books Week, visit their website:
http://www.ala.org/bbooks/

- Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services
**MIXING A LOVE OF BOOKS WITH A LOVE OF TRAVEL**

Conde Nast Traveler recently published an article on its daily website entitled “12 Beautiful Bookstores That Are Worth Traveling For” which I thought was worth passing on to our *Book Club Insider* readers. How many of these bookstores have you been to? We would love to hear your thoughts: send us an email at Readersservices@syossetlibrary.org

City Lights Books – San Francisco, California.
Powell’s Books – Portland, Oregon.
Strand Bookstore – New York, New York.
Shakespeare and Company – Paris, France.
Munro’s Books – Victoria, BC, Canada.
Libreria Acqua Alta – Venice, Italy.
Cook & Book – Brussels, Belgium.
Barter Books – Alnwick, United Kingdom.
Prairie Lights Bookstore – Iowa City, Iowa.
El Ateneo Grand Splendid – Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Selexyz Dominicanen – Maastricht, The Netherlands.

For additional information regarding the above bookstores, please visit

- Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

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**Check out what your Teen is reading**

The Young Adult Book genre has become very popular for all Book Clubs to read and discuss. The following books have a wide appeal for all age groups:

*The Fault in our Stars* by John Green
Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel’s story is about to be completely rewritten.

*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
In the blink of an eye everything changes. Seventeen-year-old Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterwards, watching her own damaged body being taken from the wreck. Little by little she struggles to put together the pieces - to figure out what she has lost, what she has left, and the very difficult choice she must make. Heart wrenchingly beautiful, Mia's story will stay with you for a long, long time.

*We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

If your book group is interested in any of the above books please call the Readers’ Services desk at 921-7161 Ext 239 or 241 and we will obtain the books for you.

*All summaries are provided by the publisher.*

Evelyn Hershkowitz – Readers’ Services Librarian