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The Book Club Insider
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Broadway Musicals Based on Novels

Many book clubs will return from summer hiatus and resume monthly meetings. Did you know many musicals currently on Broadway are based on novels? Perhaps your book group would enjoy an outing to the theater after reading one of the novels listed below. Here are some show stopping recommendations:

- **The Book of Mormon (Musical)** based on the book *The Book of Mormon: An Account Written by the Hand of Mormon upon the Plates taken from the Plates of Nephi* translated by Joseph Smith.

- **Chicago (Musical)** based on the book *Chicago: A Musical Vaudeville* by Fred Edd & Bob Fosse which is based on the play *Chicago* by Maurine Dallas Watkins.


- **The Phantom of the Opera (Musical)** based on the novel *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux.

- **Wicked (Musical)** based on the novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* (Book 1 in the Wicked Years Series) by Gregory Maguire.

-Upcoming Events For Readers

**Evening Book Club** will discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion on Tuesday, Sept 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

**Afternoon Book Club** will discuss *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding on Tuesday, Sep 23, 2014 at 1:30 PM.

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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-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
Halloween Book to Film Book Club Meeting

For my October book discussion, taking place on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, I chose a classic ghost story, the novella *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James since Halloween is at the end of the month. We also scheduled one of the film versions of the story, *The Others* starring Nicole Kidman, to be shown in the theater later in the month - on Halloween in fact - Friday, October 31, 2014 at 1 PM. There’s still time to plan a similar horror story pairing for your own book group’s October meeting. Below are some suggestions for books to discuss that have been made into film(s) of the same title (except where noted).

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*Sonia Grgas, Reference Librarian*

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**New to Book Club in a Bag**

*The End of the Point* by Elizabeth Graver

*Longlisted for the 2013 National Book Award for Fiction*

“Ashant Point, Massachusetts, has anchored life for generations of the Porter family, who summer along its remote, rocky shore. But in 1942, the U.S. Army arrives on the Point, bringing havoc and change. That summer, the two older Porter girls—teenagers Helen and Dossie—run wild while their only brother, Charlie, goes off to train for war. The children’s Scottish nurse, Bea, falls in love. And youngest daughter Janie is entangled in an incident that cuts the season short.

An unforgettable portrait of one family’s journey through the second half of the twentieth century, Elizabeth Graver’s *The End of the Point* artfully probes the hairline fractures hidden beneath the surface of our lives and traces the fragile and enduring bonds that connect us.”  -from the publisher

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- Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian