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Upcoming Events For Readers

Evening Book Discussion will discuss In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick Tues June 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Afternoon Book Discussion will discuss The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure on Tues June 28, 2016 at 1:30 PM

To register your book club and receive this newsletter straight into your inbox, contact any Readers’ Services Librarian

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The Book Club Insider
Monthly Newsletter

New Summer Reads

With summer officially beginning on June 20, 2016, it is time to think about books for vacation, the backyard, or the beach. Keeping that in mind, here are some books your book club may choose to discuss:

Behold the Dreamers --- Imbolo Mbue (due out 8/23/16)
Two marriages, one immigrant working class and the other from the top one percent, are shaped by financial circumstances, infidelities, secrets and the 2008 recession.

Invincible Summer --- Alice Adams (due out 6/28/16)
Four close friends who graduate college together in 1998 and venture off to pursue their fortunes in the new Millennium find themselves drawn back together 20 years later amidst broken dreams, lost jobs and shattered relationships.

The Miracle on Monhegan Island --- Elizabeth Kelly
Returning unannounced to his dilapidated family home on Maine's Monhegan Island, rakish prodigal son Spark launches an unforgettable summer marked by his temperamental son's claims about a spiritual vision, which is exploited by his grandfather to revive a flagging church.

Modern Lovers --- Emma Straub
Three friends and former college bandmates struggle with the midlife difficulties of managing the sexuality, independence, and secrets of their young-adult children against painful memories of a friend who soared and fell without them.

Sons and Daughters of Ease and Plenty --- Ramona Ausube (due out 6/14/16)
Preparing for a family birthday celebration over a 1976 Labor Day weekend spent at Martha's Vineyard, Fern and Edgar discover that Fern's inheritance has suddenly run dry, prompting the couple to engage in reckless affairs while their children are left for days at a time without guardians.

Untethered --- Julie Lawson Timmer (due out 6/7/16)
When her husband dies unexpectedly, Michigan college professor Char Hawthorne is left questioning everything she believed about her cozy small-town life and her relationship with her once-spirited 15-year-old stepdaughter, who is suddenly not bound to Char in measurable ways.

-Jean Simpson, Readers' Services Librarian

I read for pleasure and that is the moment I learn the most.
-Margaret Atwood
Eight Great Novels Set in San Fran...

Having recently returned from a fabulous week long vacation in the ‘The City by the Bay”, I was curious what novels were set in or around the San Francisco environs. Here are eight novels that your book club may wish to explore:

**Telegraph Avenue** by Michael Chabon
In this novel, the author takes us to Telegraph Avenue. It is a story that explores the profoundly intertwined lives of two Oakland, California families, one black and one white. Here he creates a world grounded in pop culture: Kung Fu, 1970s Blaxploitation films, vinyl LPs, jazz and soul music, and an epic of friendship, race, and secret histories.

**A Visit from the Goon Squad** by Jennifer Egan
Bennie Salazar, an aging former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the passionate, troubled young woman he employs confront their pasts in this powerful story about how rebellion ages, influence corrupts, habits turn to addictions, lifelong friendships fluctuate and turn, and how art and music have the power to redeem.

**A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius** by Dave Eggers
A compelling voice for Generation X, Eggers here recounts his early 20s, caring for his younger brother after their parents’ unexpected deaths and his endeavors in a variety of media.

**The Confessions of Max Tivoli** by Andrew Sean Greer
Born as an old man, Max Tivoli lives his life aging backwards, falling in love and living an odd, sometimes terrifying life in San Francisco at the turn of the nineteenth century.

**The Maltese Falcon** by Dashiell Hammett
After the death of his partner, San Francisco private eye Sam Spade is dragged into a quest for a priceless statuette.

**Tales of the City** by Armistead Maupin (Book one in the Tales of the City Series)
The story of the residents of an apartment house at 28 Barbary Lane in San Francisco.

**Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Book Store** by Robin Sloan
After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at the titular bookstore in San Francisco, and soon realizes that the establishment is a facade for a strange secret.

**The Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan
Tells the epic story of four families whose extraordinary lives are filled with joy and heartbreak, richness and magic. From the war-torn fields of early-century China to the streets of modern-day San Francisco, the hopes, dreams and triumphs of two generations are revealed through the startling events that shaped their lives.

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

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**Audie Awards 2016: The Oscars of Audiobooks**

- The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah read by Polly Stone won in the Fiction category.
- The English Spy by Daniel Silva won for best Male Narrator by George Guidall.
- Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith narrated by Robert Glenister won for Best Mystery Novel.
- For best non-fiction audiobook, Ghetttoside by Jill Leovy read by Rebecca Lowman was the winner.
- The Science Fiction winner was the 25th Anniversary edition of Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton read by Scott Brick.

You can find all the Audie Award winners and finalists at the following website: https://www.audiopub.org/

Please ask for any of the above audiobooks at the first floor media desk.

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian