The Kennedy Family: Still Captivating America
The Kennedy family is one of the most written about subjects in U.S. history. More than fifty years after JFK’s assassination and seventeen years after JFK Jr.’s death in a plane crash, Americans continue to be swept up in the Kennedy mystique. Now a new wave of books about the Kennedy sisters, Rosemary and Kick Kennedy have recently been published. Add to that, *The Nine of Us: Growing Up Kennedy*, a memoir by Jean Kennedy Smith, the last surviving sibling of JFK, will be released in October 2016.
Here is a small sampling of the myriad of other books relating to the Kennedy family that are available at Syosset Public Library. Proof positive that America’s adoration of the Kennedy family still burns bright. Perhaps your book club would be interested in a Kennedy themed book discussion.

*The Good Son: JFK Jr. and the Mother He Loved*  
by Christopher P. Andersen

*JFK Jr., George and Me: A Memoir* by Matt Berman

*Kick: The True Story of JFK’s Sister and the Heir to Chatsworth* by Paula Byrne

*Come to the Edge: A Memoir* by Christina Haag

*Five Days in November* by Clint Hill & Lisa McCubbin

*Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill & Lisa McCubbin

*Kennedy Wives: Triumph and Tragedy in America’s Most Public Family* by Amber Hunt & David Batcher

*Kick Kennedy: The Charmed Life and Tragic Death of the Favorite Kennedy Daughter* by Barbara Leaming

*The Missing Kennedy: Rosemary Kennedy and the Secret Bonds of Four Women* by Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff

*What Remains: A Memoir of Fate, Friendship and Love* by Carole Radziwill

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

Here’s to books, the cheapest vacation you can buy.
— Charlaine Harris
The Man Booker Longlist Announced

The Man Booker Prize, launched in 1969, rewards the best novel of the year written in English and published in the United Kingdom. Since The Man Booker shortlist will be unveiled on September 13th, your book club may be interested in reading a book from the list. For more details or for the complete list, you can search: http://themanbookerprize.com/fiction/news/man-booker-prize-announces-2016-longlist

Included here are the seven titles already in our Syosset Public Library collection:

**Eileen** by Ottessa Moshfegh

Dreaming of life in the city while caring for her alcoholic father and working in a 1960s boys’ prison, a disturbed young woman is manipulated into committing a psychologically charged crime during the holiday season.

**Hot Milk** by Deborah Levy

A young anthropologist named Sofia and her mother Rose travel to Spain to see a famous doctor in an attempt to understand Rose’s mysterious illness, but the doctor’s strange methods only compound the mystery and strain the relationship between the two women.

**Hystopia** by David Means

Describes an alternate history where JFK survived and created an enormous federal agency, the Psych Corps, charged with keeping American citizens happy, even if it means erasing their memories, a practice that is particularly handy for returning Vietnam veterans.

**My Name is Lucy Barton** by Elizabeth Strout

After an appendix operation puts her in the hospital, New York writer Lucy Barton reconnects with her estranged mother as the pair reminisce about the past.

**The North Water** by Ian McGuire

A 19th-century whaling ship sets sail for the Arctic with a killer aboard, in a dark, historical thriller.

**The Sellout** by Paul Beatty

A biting satire by the author of *The White Boy Shuffle* traces a young man's isolated upbringing and a racially charged trial that sends him to the Supreme Court.

**Work Like Any Other** by Virginia Reeves

Forced to give up a promising career in the early twentieth-century field of electricity when his wife inherits a family farm, Roscoe uses his skills to siphon energy and is imprisoned when a power company worker is electrocuted by one of Roscoe's illegal lines.

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Jean Simpson, Readers’ Services Librarian

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New to Book Club in a Bag

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

**The Rent Collector** by Camron Wright

“Working as “pickers,” Sang Ly and her husband, Ki Lim, earn their living by sifting through the trash at Stung Meanchey, Cambodia’s large city dump. Desperately poor, they live with their sickly baby boy in a one-room hut on a small piece of land that they rent from the cantankerous Rent Collector. Everything changes when one day Sang Ly discovers the Rent Collector's secret: she can read. Determined to give her son a better life, Sang Ly convinces the Rent Collector to teach her how to read. An unlikely friendship blossoms between the two women, and Sang Ly learns that the Rent Collector's gruff exterior hides unspeakable personal tragedies and a life shattered by the Khmer Rouge. Underscoring Sang Ly's literary journey is the support and care of the Stung Meanchey community, illustrating how beauty can be found in even the ugliest of places. Drawn from the real lives of the residents of Stung Meanchey, this is a beautifully told story about the perseverance of the human spirit and the importance of standing up for what is right.” (Review from Booklist)

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