A Museum Outing with Your Book Club
Now that summer is upon us, many book groups take a few months off to enjoy the warm weather and the ocean breezes. Summer is a wonderful time to plan a visit to a museum with your book group. Below is a sampling of current museum exhibits that are part of SPL’s Museum Pass Program. Museum passes are available for Syosset residents and most passes admit 2 adults and 2 children. To reserve a museum pass, visit www.syossetlibrary.org and click on the museum pass icon or call (516) 921-7161 ext. 239.

Nassau County Museum of Art
New York, New York – July 22 – November 5, 2017
The exhibition demonstrates how artists through more than a century have been inspired by and portrayed New York City.

Glamour Icons – July 22 – November 5, 2017
Fragrance and Cosmetics Packaging as an Art Form - A retrospective of iconic designs by Marc Rosen

New York Historical Society
World War I Beyond the Trenches – May 26, 2017 – September 3, 2017
To honor the centennial of America’s involvement in World War I, the New-York Historical Society presents a special exhibition examining this monumental event through the eyes of artists. World War I Beyond the Trenches explores how artists across generations, aesthetic sensibilities, and the political spectrum used their work to depict, memorialize, promote, or oppose the divisive conflict.

Old Westbury Gardens
Old Westbury Gardens is pleased to invite you to a one of a kind art exhibition featuring the work of internationally renowned sculptor Seward Johnson. Johnson's life size bronze sculptures will be on display throughout the historic Westbury House and the magnificent Gardens and will feature two of the artist’s most popular series: “Celebrating the Familiar” and “Beyond the Frame” and will also feature 32 individual pieces of Johnson's work. These works focus on sculptural commentary about day-to-day life and Johnson's love of nature and French Impressionism.

Happy Summer!

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
Book Club Central

Last week I was lucky enough to be at the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference in Chicago where Sarah Jessica Parker, the inaugural chair of ALA’s new Book Club Central announced its first selection — *No One is Coming to Save Us* by Stephanie Powell Watts. The mission of Book Club Central is to provide resources for book clubs of all kinds. *No One Is Coming to Save Us* is an exploration of the American Dream among African Americans in the South. A story about the ghosts of the past and departed, as well as the lives of the living. The novel is a complex, post-integrationist tale that charts new territory. Kirkus Reviews said, “The Great Gatsby is revived in an accomplished debut novel…Watts spins a compelling tale of obsessive love and dashed dreams set in a struggling North Carolina town.” Publishers Weekly wrote, “…[it] hits home – and hard” and “Watts powerfully depicts the struggles many Americans face trying to overcome life’s inevitable disappointments.” Booklist stated, “This feels like an important, largely missing part of our ongoing American story.”

Ms. Parker will be announcing new titles throughout the year. You can follow Book Club Central on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or visit www.bookclubcentral.org for more information. If you are interested in reading this book, please ask a Readers’ Service Librarian at the second floor Readers’ Services Desk for help.

Successful Book Club Authors with New Releases

It is not easy to find a book that everyone will enjoy reading and look forward to discussing. Therefore, I am happy to report that some authors we have turned to for successful book discussions are releasing new books. Here are five new titles, you may want to consider:

**A Bridge Across the Ocean** by Susan Meissner
Brette Caslake visits the haunted Queen Mary and makes a discovery that will help solve a 70-year-old tragedy involving two European war brides who sailed on the same vessel to New York Harbor in 1946.

**Carnegie’s Maid** by Marie Benedict
Release Date: 1/16/18
With captivating insight and heart, *Carnegie’s Maid* tells the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie’s transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world’s first true philanthropist.

**Everybody’s Son** by Thrity Umrigar
An African American lawman struggles to come to terms with the moral fallout of crimes committed by his loved ones when he learns that he was wrongly taken from his biological mother and that his white foster father exploited their family’s influence to retain custody.

**The Horse Dancer** by Jojo Moyes
When her grandfather is ill, her life takes an unexpected turn, forcing Sarah, and her horse Boo, to rely on Natasha, a lawyer whose job is to represent the best interests of children.

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng
Release Date: 9/12/17
Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced family woman who is seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant’s past, only to trigger devastating consequences for both of their families.

All summaries are from the publishers.

–Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian