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

Upcoming Events For Readers

Evening Book Discussion
-The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen on Tues, Jan 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Afternoon Book Discussion
-The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict on Tues, Jan 30, 2018 at 1:30 PM

Let us provide you with everything you need for your book club. The library owns sets of books exclusively for local book clubs to check out for their discussions. Discussion questions are included in the set, along with biographical and critical material.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*All book descriptions are courtesy of the publisher

I think biography can be more personal than fiction, and certainly can be more expressive.

-Peter Ackroyd
Fiona Davis’ December 20th Visit to Syosset Public Library

Fiona Davis, the bestselling author of *The Dollhouse* and *The Address*, discussed her novels and the writer’s life. Both patrons and librarians were in awe of Davis’ account of the extensive research behind depicting the famous buildings in her books. Ms. Davis offered some details about the buildings, which she learned from her research and from interviews with former residents. “It’s as if the buildings themselves are another character in my novels,” she stated.

Ms. Davis also discussed her current writing project and her new book, *The Masterpiece*, which will be released on August 7, 2018. If your book club decides to discuss either *The Dollhouse* or *The Address*, it would be interesting to include true accounts of *The Barbizon Hotel* or *The Dakota* to add to the discussion. Please see a Readers’ Services Librarian if you need assistance finding information about the time periods or the famous buildings presented. We love to use our research skills to uncover new and intriguing facts.

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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:

**Small Great Things**
by Jodi Picoult

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race, *Small Great Things* is the stunning new page-turner from Jodi Picoult. Soon to be a major motion picture.

‘When her reluctance to treat the newborn of a white supremacist couple results in the child’s death, a black nurse is placed on trial and is aided by a white public defender who urges her not to bring up race in the courtroom.’

Let us provide everything you need for a successful book discussion. We can supply you with 10 copies of the book and a discussion binder. The binder contains discussion questions, biographical information and critical material.

Please contact Readers’ Services, 921-7161, ext 239 to reserve a book for your Book Club.

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

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Top Book Club Picks for 2017

Ever wonder what other book clubs are reading? The website Bookmovement.com publishes lists of books that are popular with the more than 35,000 book clubs that are registered with the site. The following titles were most discussed by those groups in 2017:

1. *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
2. *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
3. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
4. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
5. *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware
6. *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
7. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
8. *Lilac Girls: A Novel* by Martha Hall Kelly
9. *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
10. *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

-Sonia Grgas, Reference Librarian