Explore the Art World with your Book Club

Looking for a fun and educational outing with your book club? Now that the warm weather has arrived, try planning a trip to a museum with your book group. Your group could choose one of the following titles as a summer selection and then visit a museum** to view the particular artist/painters work up close and personal.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan
The Women by T.C. Boyle
Death in a Prairie House: Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Murders by William R. Drennan

The Guggenheim Museum is currently showing “A Long Awaited Tribute: Frank Lloyd Wright’s Usonian House & Pavilion” until September 13, 2013.**

VINCENT VAN GOGH

Sunflowers by Sheramy Bundrick
The Last Van Gogh by Alyson Richman

MOMA has an ongoing exhibit of select paintings by Van Gogh**

VERMEER

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland

RENOIR

Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland
The Metropolitan Museum of Art has ongoing exhibits of both Vermeer and Renoir’s paintings.

Two additional noteworthy selections regarding art and artists are:
Claude and Camille: A Novel of Monet by Stephanie Cowell
Leonardo’s Swans by Karen Essex

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-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
Looking Ahead for Your Next Pick: Why Not a Cookbook?

We’ve all heard suggestions about pairing the books you read for your group with foods you can enjoy during your discussions. How about choosing a cookbook as the book for one of your meetings? Members can agree to try one or two recipes during the month and report back on how the dishes turned out. Discussion could cover the usefulness of the chosen cookbook, if the directions were clear, if there were pictures, if anything new was learned and so on. Each member might agree to bring a sample of a successful dish for everyone else to try. But which cookbook?

Here are some suggestions for a Cookbook Book discussion:

**Is there a certain cuisine or the recipes of a certain chef that your members have always wanted to try:**
- Mastering the Art of French Cooking — Julia Child
- Lidia Cooks from the Heart of Italy — Lidia Bastianich
- The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook — Ina Garten

**Maybe your members are not comfortable in the kitchen and would like to learn to cook with more confidence:**
- How to Cook Everything — Mark Bittman
- The America’s Test Kitchen Cookbook— Editors of Cooks Illustrated
- Joy of Cooking — Irma S. Rombauer

**Or members would like to drop a few pounds and learn to cook foods that would help with that goal:**
- Weight Watchers All-Time Favorites — Weight Watchers International
- The Best Life Diet Cookbook — Bob Greene
- The New Mediterranean Diet Cookbook — Nancy Harmon Jenkins

**Or maybe every one would like to try baking a dessert or two:**
- Baking Illustrated — Editors of Cooks Illustrated
- Baking Handbook — Martha Stewart
- Baking with the Cake Boss — Buddy Valastro

Let Readers’ Services help to make your cookbook discussion possible. We can obtain enough copies of all of the cookbooks mentioned here, as well as many others. If this idea sounds appetizing (pun intended!) to you and your group please do not hesitate to discuss it with us next time you visit the library or just give us a call!

- Sonia Grgas, Readers’ Services Librarian