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Upcoming Events
For Readers

Evening Book Club will discuss In the Shadow of the Banyan by Vaddey Ratner on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Author Visit: Yona Zeldis McDonough will join us to discuss her latest novel, A Wedding in Great Neck on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 2 PM.

Beach Reads Evening Title Swap Join us for a special evening Title Swap. Librarians and Patrons share favorite titles. Wednesday, July 17, at 7 PM.

Afternoon Book Club will discuss the Young Adult novel, Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

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The Book Club Insider
Monthly Newsletter

Join the Syosset Public Library Evening Book Club ...

Interested in joining another book discussion group? We are looking to expand our Evening Book Club. Over the past year, our Book Clubs were re-designed to increase patron’s reading options for book discussions. We formerly discussed the same book at both the Monthly Book Club day and evening sessions, but felt it was time for a change. Thus, the Afternoon and Evening Book Clubs evolved solely to offer patrons a choice in their book club reading, or for our true book club lovers, an opportunity to attend a book club every two weeks. Our Afternoon Book Club has grown into a consistent group, with almost 30 patrons attending each program.

We would love to see our Evening Book Club continue to grow and include more members. Our current members are a wonderful, diverse group of people ranging in age from late 30’s through 80’s. Our discussions are always lively and intriguing due to the diverse nature of the group. As with the Afternoon Book Club, we aim to discuss various topics and genres. Our selections include a wide range of discussable time periods, cultures, and perspectives. Our past selections have included biographies, mysteries, classics, historical fiction, literary fiction, cultural fiction and more.

It may be a little late to read the July Selection, In the Shadow of the Banyan by Vaddey Ratner, which will be meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30 PM, but you still have plenty of time to read the August Selection, The Lotus Eaters by Tatiana Soli, meeting on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30 PM. The discussion will be led by Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian. No registration is required. All are welcome. This event is open to Non-Syosset residents, so bring your friends! We hope to see you there. Copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk after the July discussion meeting.

The Lotus Eaters Summary:
“Helen Adams, an American combat photographer during the Vietnam War, captures the wrenching chaos of battle on film and finds herself torn between the love of two men, one an American war correspondent and the other his Vietnamese underling.” (From the Publisher)

-Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services
**Entertainment Weekly’s Top 100**

Entertainment Weekly’s July 5-12 issue is all about the 100 All-Time Greatest Movies, TV Shows, Novels and more. The Syosset Public Library Book Club in a Bag (BCIB) consortium has many of the books that appear on their top 100 list. We have the following books that you may borrow for your Book Clubs:

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
*Maus* by Art Spiegelman
*Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides
*A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry

The following “All-Time Greatest Books” were published in 2012. Although they are not available as a BCIB we can interloan enough copies for your Book Club:

*Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain
*Bring up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel

The top ten books can be found online on Entertainment Weekly’s website (www.ew.com) Please contact Readers’ Services at 516 921 7161 ext 239 to reserve any of the BCIB in a Bag sets.

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

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**Top Ten Book Club Books for June 2013**

The following were the most popular book club books* during June 2013 based on votes from readers and leaders of more than 80,000 book clubs registered with ShelfAwareness.com.

1. *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
2. *Girl in the Grave* by Gillian Flynn
3. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
4. *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom
5. *Defending Jacob* by William Landay
6. *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
7. *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter
8. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
9. *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple
10. *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

Should your book club like to reserve copies of any of the books mentioned above, please contact the Readers’ Services Desk.

-Sonia Grgas, Readers’ Services Librarian

*Source: Shelf Awareness Pro Newsletter, July 9, 2013

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**In Memoriam: Remembering Fr. Andrew W. Greeley and Vince Flynn**

Fr. Andrew M. Greeley Roman Catholic priest, scholar and writer died May 30, 2013 at the age of 85. Fr. Greeley wrote over 50 bestselling novels and more than 100 works of non-fiction including countless articles about Catholic theology, politics and the environment. He garnered most of his readers from his many novels about Vatican intrigues, immoral priests and middle class Irish Americans. Some of his more popular novels include The Cardinal Sins, the Nuala Anne McGrail novels including Irish Whiskey and the Bishop Blackie Ryan novels including The Archbishop in Andalusia. His two autobiographies, Confessions of a Parish Priest and Furthermore! were also noteworthy.

Born in 1928 in Oak Park, Illinois, Fr. Greeley was ordained in 1952 after attending St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology in 1962 from the University of Chicago. He donated most of his earning to the Catholic Church and other charities including The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests (SNAP). Priesthood was what held Fr. Greeley’s life together. “I’m a priest, pure and simple…The other things I do….sociological research, my newspaper columns, the novels I write, are just my way of being a priest. I decided I wanted to be one when I was a kid growing up on the West Side. I’ve never waivered or wanted to be anything but.”

Author Vince Flynn died on June 19, 2013 from prostate cancer at the age of 47. Flynn was the best-selling author of the hugely popular Mitch Rapp series. Flynn wrote a total of 15 books all but one, his first, *Term Limits*, features Mitch Rapp, the undercover CIA Counter Terrorism agent.

Vince Flynn was born in April 1966 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was diagnosed with Dyslexia at age 12. He received more than 60 rejection letters while trying to publish his first novel *Term Limits*. He then decided to self-publish the novel and sold copies out of the trunk of his car. The character of Mitch Rapp was created in his second book *Transfer of Power*. His last book *Survivor* (book #14 in the Mitch Rapp series) will be published October 2013.

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian

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**If your Book Club would like to recommend a book to our readers, please send us an email at Readersservices@syossetlibrary.org and we will share it in a future newsletter.**

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be some kind of library.”  
— Jorge Luis Borges