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Evening Book Club will discuss Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Afternoon Book Club will discuss The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 1:30 PM

Upcoming Book To Films
Here is a list of some upcoming books to film that you may want to share with your Book Club:

Labor Day (Release date – 1/31/14)
Based on the novel by Joyce Maynard, Labor Day stars Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin. “Thirteen-year-old Henry Wheeler is irrevocably changed when he and his emotionally fragile mother show kindness to a stranger with a terrible secret; a poignant story of love, betrayal and its haunting consequences.”

The Monuments Men (Release date – 2/7/14)
Based on the book The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter. “Previously untold story of a little known WWII Allied Division whose mission was to track down European art and treasures that had been looted by the Nazis at Hitler’s command.” George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray star in this film.

Winter’s Tale (Release date – 2/14/14)
Based on the novel by Mark Helprin, Winter’s Tale stars Colin Farrell and Russell Crowe. “When master mechanic Peter Lake attempts to rob a mansion on the Upper West Side, he is caught by young Beverly Penn, the terminally ill daughter of the house. Their subsequent love sends Peter on a desperate personal journey.”

The Fault in our Stars (Release date – 6/6/14)
Based on the novel by John Green. “Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at a cancer support group forces her to re-examine her perspective on love, loss and life.” Starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort.

All summaries from the publishers.

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Monthly Newsletter

New January Releases Perfect for Book Clubs!
Great news: So many fantastic books were released in January that are perfect reads for Book Clubs. I have read all of the following and would highly recommend them as a future pick for your group. Remember to save these for your Spring or Summer choices, as they are still new releases at the Library! Enjoy …

Radiance of Tomorrow by Ishmael Beah
“In a parable about postwar life in Sierra Leone, two long-time friends return to their ruined home village and struggle to rebuild in the face of violence, scarcity, and a corrupt foreign mining company.”
*Received Starred Reviews from Library Journal & Kirkus Reviews.

The Wind is Not a River by Brian Payton
“Desperate to understand the war that claimed the life of his brother, journalist John Easley heads to Alaska to investigate the Japanese invasion of the Aleutian Islands, while his wife is forced to reimagine who she is and what she is capable of doing after he disappears.”
*Received Starred Reviews from Library Journal.

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
“Traces more than three decades in the lives of a wealthy Charleston debutante who longs to break free from the strictures of her household and pursue a meaningful life; and the urban slave, Handful, who is placed in her charge as a child before finding courage and a sense of self.” (From the Publisher)
*Received Starred Reviews from Booklist, Library Journal & Kirkus Reviews.

All summaries from the publishers.

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Heard any good books lately?

Last month, the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association, announced the 2014 Listen List for Outstanding Audiobook Narration. Our audiobook collection at the Syosset Library includes many of the titles that were chosen. These audiobooks would make for outstanding Book Club Selections. Some of the titles are:

- **The Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown
  - A non-fiction account of the U.S Rowing team’s journey to the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

- **The Ocean at the End of the Lane** by Neil Gaiman
  - A modern fairy tale in which two stalwart children pit themselves against dark and relentless terrors.

- **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban** by Malala Yousafzai
  - Sonia Grgas, Readers’ Services Librarian

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- Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

*“Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable.”*

— Louisa May Alcott

**BookMovement’s Top Book Club Picks for the week of February 3-10, 2014**

BookMovement.com is a website that welcomes Book Clubs to register, review and keep track of their Book Club choices. BookMovement is able to track the feedback about what 35,000 clubs are reading nationwide and provide a ranked list of Top Book Club Picks, based on the clubs’ book selections and recommendations. These are the top ten book club picks for the week of February 3-10, 2014:

- **The Husband’s Secret** by Liane Moriarty
- **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline
- **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt
- **The Book Thief** by Marcus Zusak
- **The Light Between Oceans** by M. L. Stedman
- **Me Before You** by Jojo Moyes
- **And the Mountains Echoed** by Khaled Hosseini
- **The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- **The Kitchen House** by Kathleen Grissom
- **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban** by Malala Yousafzai

- Sonia Grgas, Readers’ Services Librarian