

Smith College Club of Hartford

Book Group

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Book Club Trivia

Oprah Winfrey didn't invent "book clubs"; however she certainly helped to popularize them.

People have come together through the centuries to discuss books especially since the invention of the printing press in the 1450s. Some came together for economical reasons, as books were extremely expensive. Others saw literary clubs as a means for further

educating one's self. According to *The Encyclopedia Americana*, literary salons in Paris in the 17th and 18th centuries were defined as "fashionable assemblage(s), generally of literary, artistic, and political figures, held regularly in a private home." Although our group now meets at Cosi' in West Hartford Center, I hope you will be "fashionable" and join in the discussion(s) of some really great books.

-Amy Kullgren



Poetry Reading - Save the Date!

Thursday evening, September 20th

A Poetry Reading by Author and Smith Alum Minerva Neiditz

At the West Hartford Public Library on South Main Street

Please visit our Facebook page or website for more details.

"Book Club Trivia" came largely from "A Brief History of Book Clubs" by Dennis Adams, taken from <http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/club3.htm> on 7/31/12.

2012/2013 Smith Book Discussion Schedule

August 27th

The Night Circus
Erin Morgenstern
387 pages

September 24th

The Sense of an Ending
Julian Barnes
163 pages

October 29th

Eva Moves the Furniture
Margot Livesey
240 pages

November 26th

Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her
Melanie Rehak
314 pages

January 28th

Kosher Chinese: Living, Teaching, and Eating with China's Other Billion
Michael Levy
256 pages

February 25th

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox
Maggie O'Farrell
245 pages

March 25th

A Natural History of the Senses
Diane Ackerman
331 pages

April 22nd

The Tiger's Wife
Téa Obreht
338 pages

May 20th

The Happiness Project
Gretchen Rubin
320 pages

June 24th

Time to choose books for the coming year!

Check out <http://goodreads.com> for reviews and more information on these books!

For your convenience, go to <http://amazon.com>, look up the wish list for m2dc@charter.net and order your copies today!

Please visit the clubs' website for up-to-date news!

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