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.

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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