A NOVEL IDEA: VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

These programs will be conducted on Zoom and are free of charge. Registration and internet access are required to attend. Register with a valid email address on the Library website’s Upcoming Events list to receive emailed information on how to access these programs and a link to the Zoom meeting. The link will be emailed the business day prior to the program by 4:00 pm, after registration closes at noon.

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Wednesday, September 7, at 10:30 am on Zoom

**The Paper Palace** by Miranda Cowley Heller

Elle, happily married mother of three, awakens at “The Paper Palace”—the family summer place, the morning after she and her oldest friend Jonas had sex with each other for the first time. Now, over the next twenty-four hours, Elle will have to decide between the life she has made with her genuinely beloved husband, Peter, and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love, Jonas. The Paper Palace considers the tensions between desire and dignity, the legacies of abuse, and the crimes and misdemeanors of families.

*Moderated by Katie Kenny, Library HQ*

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Murder They Wrote: Virtual Mystery Book Discussion

Thursday, September 15, at 10:30 am on Zoom

**Clark and Division** by Naomi Hirahara

Set in 1944 Chicago, Edgar Award-winner Naomi Hirahara’s eye-opening and poignant mystery is the story of a young woman searching for the truth about her older sister's death, bringing to focus the struggles of one Japanese American family released from mass incarceration at Manzanar during World War II. Inspired by historical events, Clark and Division infuses an atmospheric and heartbreakingly real crime with rich period details and delicately wrought personal stories Hirahara has gleaned from 30 years of research and archival work in Japanese American history.

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SHORT & SWEET

A Virtual Short Story Discussion

Thursday, September 22, at 10:30 am on Zoom

“Representing T.A. Buck” (1915) by Edna Ferber

Emma McChesney, a divorced traveling saleswoman, uses ingenuity and business wiles in her encounters with sly predatory salesmen.

The story will be emailed after registration.

Moderated by Mary Patterson, Hazlet Library Branch

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Wednesday, September 28, at 10:30 am on Zoom

Of Women and Salt by Gabriella Garcia

From 19th-century cigar factories to present-day detention centers, from Cuba to Mexico, Gabriela Garcia's Of Women and Salt is a kaleidoscopic portrait of betrayals—personal and political, self-inflicted and those done by others—that have shaped the lives of these extraordinary women. A haunting meditation on the choices of mothers, the legacy of the memories they carry, and the tenacity of women who choose to tell their stories despite those who wish to silence them, this is more than a diaspora story; it is a story of America's most tangled, honest, human roots.

Moderated by Robyn Miller, Library HQ

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