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HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS READING AND DISCUSSION
SERIES ON JEWISH LITERATURE
Meet The Scholar Opening Event

Highland Park Public Library is hosting a free five-part reading and discussion series called “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination. The series explores Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books. Local scholar Dina Elenbogen, who teaches writing and Jewish studies classes, will lead the discussion series at the Library.

To open the series, the Library is hosting “Meet The Scholar” on Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m. Patrons are invited to meet Elenbogen and join the Library for an afternoon of readings and art. Elenbogen will read from her recently published book, “Apples of the Earth: Poems,” and contributors to *East on Central*, a Highland Park community publication, will present readings and art from the “Ethnic and Family Roots” section of the newly published journal. Learn about the monthly scholar-led book discussion series and preview the books selected for discussion.

The reading and discussion series will begin September 11 with “Lost in Translation” by Eva Hoffman. Additional books will be discussed each month through January and include “Mr. Sammler’s Planet” by Saul Bellow, “Out of Egypt” by Andre Aciman, “The Centaur in the Garden” by Moacyr Scliar and “Kaaterskill Falls” by Allegra Goodman. All of the books examine the theme “Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming.”

“We are very excited to have been chosen to host this unique series that will provide an opportunity for a scholar-led community-wide discussion on themes in Jewish literature,” said Gail Juris, reference manager at the Highland Park Public Library. The series invites readers to meet and share thoughts, ideas and experiences that are common to many cultures. To register for the book discussions, stop by the Readers’ Advisory desk at the Library or call (847) 432-0216, ext. 105.

Highland Park Public Library strives to provide the highest quality Library services to community members for life-long learning, cultural enrichment, and enjoyment. Let’s Talk About It: Jewish literature, a reading and discussion series, has been made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association. The Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue and is open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, call (847) 432-0216, ext. 105 or visit the web site at hplibrary.org.

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