



## Briarcliff Manor Public Library DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Books That Will Keep You Reading:  
Brown Bag Lunch Book Group**

**Bring your lunch and join the afternoon book discussion group at the library. We'll provide some goodies. Led by Melinda Greenblatt, Library Director.**

### **Netherland** by Joseph O'Neill

In a New York City made phantasmagorical by the events of 9/11, Hans -- a banker originally from the Netherlands -- finds himself marooned among the strange occupants of the Chelsea Hotel after his English wife and son return to London. Alone and untethered, feeling lost in the country he had come to regard as home, Hans stumbles upon the vibrant New York subculture of cricket, where he revisits his lost childhood and, thanks to a friendship with a charismatic and charming Trinidadian named Chuck Ramkissoon, begins to reconnect with his life and his adopted country.

**Tuesday, September 11; 12:30-2:00PM**

### **Room** by Emma Donoghue

To five-year-old Jack, Room is the entire world. It is where he was born and grew up; it's where he lives with his Ma as they learn and read and eat and sleep and play ... Room is home to Jack, but to Ma, it is the prison where Old Nick has held her captive for seven years ... She devises a bold escape plan ... What she does not realize is just how unprepared she is for the plan to actually work. Told entirely in the language of the energetic, pragmatic five-year-old Jack, ROOM is a celebration of resilience and the limitless bond between parent and child.

**Tuesday, October 9; 12:30-2:00PM**

### **Plainsong** by Kent Haruf

A heartstrong story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver. In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl -- her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house -- is pregnant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them.

**Tuesday, November 13; 12:30-2:00PM**

### **Title to be decided by group**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2012; 12:30-2:00PM**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:** Contact Melinda Greenblatt at [mgreenblatt@wlsmail.org](mailto:mgreenblatt@wlsmail.org) or (914) 941-7072 ext. 6 to register or for any further information. Books for the September session are now available at the library. Pick up books for the following sessions at the meetings or one month in advance. Join the group at any time.

**[www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/brownbagbookgroup.html](http://www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/brownbagbookgroup.html)**

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