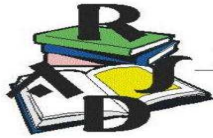


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## Author Talks

There will be a free author talk at The East Hampton Library Saturday November 10th from 3-4:30 PM. Renowned author Yona Zeldis McDonough will be discussing her new novel "A Wedding in Great Neck".

Library Journal raves, "An interesting take on the wedding novel that doesn't place the bride and groom at the center. Fans of women's fiction about weddings and family drama are sure to enjoy." There will be a book signing to follow, all are welcome.

Yona Zeldis McDonough is the author of the novels *A Wedding in Great Neck*, *Breaking the Bank*, *In Dahlia's Wake*, and *The Four Temperaments*, as well as nineteen books for children. She is also the editor of two essay collections and is the Fiction Editor at Lilit magazine. Her award-winning short fiction, articles, and essays have been published in anthologies and in numerous national magazines and newspapers.

Call (631) 324-0222 ext 3 for a reservation  
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## Lost Wife Trip



Janet Schneider, Great Neck Library

In conjunction with the Long Island Reads 2012 selection of *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman, the Lost Wife Tour recently returned from its breathtaking 9 day trip to the

ci-ties of Prague, Budapest and Vienna. Made up of a congenial mix of librarians, library friends and relatives, the adventurous 23 member tour group was unanimous in its enthusiasm for the trip. According to tour organizer Loretta Piscatella, Adult Services Librarian at Middle Country Public Library, "Our trip included just the perfect amount of settings from the book combined with unforgettable cultural experiences." In books such as "The Lost Wife," it is the combination of geography as well as the richness of the fictitious characters which makes the stories seem so real. For those participating in the Lost Wife Tour, the most moving aspect was a visit to Terezin, better known by the German name Theresienstadt, a fortress and walled town used during World War II by the Gestapo as a ghetto. In particular, tour members were able to picture for themselves the camp's severe overcrowding. The visit to Terezin also brought to life scenes from the book which focused on a select group of brave artists who besides creating propaganda art for their German captors, managed to secretly record through their art the endless queues for food, horrific conditions and deportations. In the city of Prague, as well as in Budapest and Vienna, expert tour guides explained their city's rich history, including the impact of the post-Communist reality. There were also visits to such highlights as the beautiful streets of Prague, Prague Castle, Bratislava, Buda Castle district and Central Market in Budapest, Danube River cruise and Vienna museums celebrating the 150th birthday of painter Gustav Klimt. With wonderful local food and drink to relax with at the end of each day, the evenings were truly enjoyable as well.

Brookhaven Free Library Director Kathleen Scheibel called it a "dream" trip. "From Charles Bridge in Prague to Chain Bridge in Budapest, we went from one gorgeous vista to another."

The Long Island Reads Committee hopes to incorporate more literary landscape tours as programming to celebrate future One Island - One Book selections. According to Nassau County co-chair Janet Schneider, who participated in the tour, "This wonderful Literary Tour brought together a group of us who love both books and travel. I can't wait for the next one!"

## Reader's Advisory

Reader's Advisory meets Happy Trails!

Are you thinking of joining The Reader's Advisory Committee? If you're not on board, you're missing the fun. At September's meeting, we read and then listened to a book of our choosing. We discussed whether or not the audio version affected our experience of the book.

We'll meet again in January at the Smithtown Library for a genre we have never done before - Westerns! Not just your grandfather's Western, a la Zane Grey, but some modern tales set in the West by authors such as Robert Parker, Johnny Boggs, Glendon Swarthout, Teresa Svoboda, Jim Fergus, and Larry McMurtry.

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