

Book Discussions in French, German and Spanish

A Special Professional Development Feature Provided to the CSC by OFLA

When was the last time you read a contemporary novel in the target language just for pleasure and discussed it with your peers?

Watch for these Book discussion session in your program and plan to attend. Information on the books and discussion ideas will be posted at the CSC and the OFLA Web sites. One or a panel of our esteemed colleagues will lead each discussion.



German Bookclub: *Der Vorleser* by Bernhard Schlink
Coordinator: Debbie Page, OFLA AATG Liaison

Join the discussion with fellow German instructors of Bernhard Schlink's novel, *Der Vorleser*, successful in both Germany and the United States. Participants are asked to read the novel before attending the session. The major themes, author information, reviews and teaching ideas can be found at <http://www.buecher4um.de/SondSchl.htm>. Copies of the book (ISBN 325-722-9534) can be ordered for \$10, plus \$2 shipping from International Book Import Service (IBIS) at 800-277-4247 or online at www.ibiservice.com. IBIS currently has about 100 books in stock for immediate shipment. Miramax films has recently acquired the international film and television rights to the story, and may soon be developing a feature film.

French Book Club: *Kamouraska*, by Québécoise author Anne Hébert
Coordinator: Rita Stroempl, OFLA Executive Vice President and AATF-OH President
Discussion Leader: Andrea Bradd-Laggan, Beachwood High School (OH) AP French Teacher

This is the second annual book discussion, OFLA-AATF-OH co-sponsored. Participants will have already read this text, full of intrigue and the complexities of love in the town of Kamouraska, in French-speaking Canada. Participants can view and give thought to the discussion questions, found on the AATF-OH affiliate of OFLA: www.ofla-online.org (hit sidebar for AATF-OH), or on the AATF-OH website: www.aatf-ohio.org. Participants interested in knowing some background are encouraged to search: www.yahoo.fr, under the author's name. The text can be purchased for \$13 from: AATF-OH, P.O. Box 48, Avon Lake, OH, 44012; or at: www.mep-eli.com. ISBN: 2.02.006123.6.



Spanish Book Club: *La materia del deseo* by Edmundo Paz Soldán
Coordinator: Patrice Castillo, OFLA Professional Development Committee Chair

The second annual OFLA Book Club! We welcome Central States to join us! Just read the novel before the conference and come prepared for a lively and thoughtful discussion led by a panel of local literary aficionados. Our Latin American selection for the 2005 conference is by a young prize-winning author from Bolivia who is currently living in New York. The novel is available for purchase online: Title: *La materia del deseo* Author: Edmundo Paz Soldán ISBN: 1581059833. Participants can view and give thought to the discussion questions found at the OFLA Website: www.ofla-online.org Information regarding the author and his publications is available on-line at the publisher's Website: http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/booksellers/press_release/soldan/

Please contact Patrice Castillo with questions regarding any of the book discussion sessions at her OFLA email address: profdev@ofla-online.org We look forward to your participation in these innovative sessions.