Rosenberg Library Announces Museum Book Club Spring 2018 Selection

Rosenberg Library is pleased to announce that its selection for the Spring 2018 Museum Club series will be *Frozen Lives* by LuLynne Streeter. The book tells the story of the Kuerner family, neighbors of the iconic American artist, Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009). In his signature Realist manner, Wyeth featured the Kuerners and their rural Pennsylvania farm in numerous paintings.

The Spring Museum Book Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 4 from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Fox Room on the library’s 4th floor. The program will include an author talk and book signing. Light refreshments will be provided.

About The Book

To their children, Karl and Anna were “ordinary” people. To the rest of the world they were the extraordinary faces immortalized by Andrew Wyeth. Their story shows they were also far more complicated. Reflecting unprecedented access granted to the author by the Kuerner family, this compellingly readable book sheds light on the complex impacts the Kuerners had on Andrew Wyeth. Even as a young boy growing up in Pennsylvania’s rural Brandywine Valley, he was fascinated by his intriguing neighbors, and they would be a major source of Wyeth’s inspiration for more than seventy years. Karl Kuerner, hardened by poverty and his service in the German Army during World War I, faced demons of anger and frustration. Anna had her own battles, sometimes wandering the farm muttering to herself in German, between periods in the insane asylum. Included are family photos as well as color images of some of the major Wyeth paintings that the Kuerners and the farmscape inspired.
About the Author
LuLynne Streeter is an award-winning author, poet, and journalist. She has travelled extensively throughout the United States and Mexico and currently lives and writes in Galveston, Texas.

From the Permanent Collection
Rosenberg Library staff will share several examples of Realist art from the permanent collection.

About the Museum Book Club
Rosenberg Library’s Museum Book Club offers participants the chance to experience art and literature in a more interactive way. Members have the opportunity to view rarely exhibited art and historical artifacts from the library’s permanent collection as they discuss related books.

Registration is required for all Museum Book Club meetings. Established book clubs are encouraged to participate. Groups of over 10 people are asked to call the Reference Desk in advance to arrange accommodations.

Print copies of Frozen Lives are available for checkout at Rosenberg Library.

Visit www.rosenberg-library.org or call 409-763-8854 ext. 125 for additional information or to register.