

Mira Mesa Banned Book Club to Discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul* August 3

By Pam Stevens

On Tuesday, August 3, the Mira Mesa Library's Banned Book Club, a book group with a focus on reading and talking about books that have been banned or challenged, as well as other thought-provoking titles that tie into a "freedom to read" theme, will discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul*, by Asne Seierstad. The meeting was postponed a week from its originally scheduled July 27 date. Everyone interested is welcome to attend the discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community room.

The Banned Book Club normally meets the last Tuesday of the month (except August or December) at the Mira Mesa Library.

The group holds will hold its book selection meeting for the year ahead on September 28, 2010, during the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week," an annual celebration of the freedom to read. (For more information or titles that have been banned or challenged somewhere recently or in the past, see www.bannedbooksweek.org or www.ala.org/bbooks.) Anyone who'd enjoy recommending and/or helping choose titles to read and discuss in coming months is encouraged to attend. For a list of books previously discussed by the group, see <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/bookclubs.shtml> and follow the links under Mira Mesa Banned Book Club.

For further details, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com, or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.