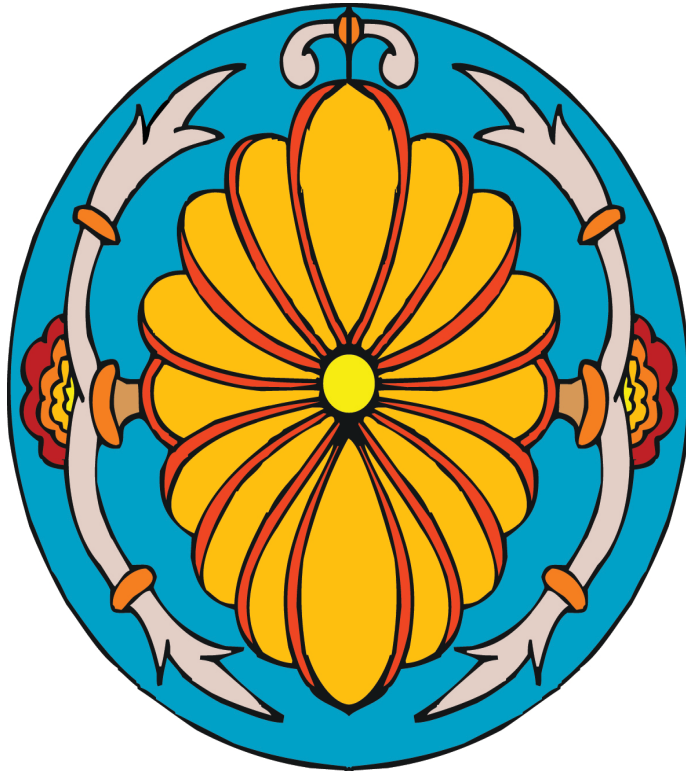


# The Arabic Literature Discussion Group meets from



6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of most months. Discussions are held in the Flatirons Meeting Room on the 2nd floor of the Main Library, 11th & Arapahoe in downtown Boulder unless **otherwise noted**. For more information, please contact Kirsten Wood at [Klwoodklw@aol.com](mailto:Klwoodklw@aol.com), or Ghada Kanafani Elturk, Outreach Librarian at 303-441-4941 or [elturkg@boulder.lib.co.us](mailto:elturkg@boulder.lib.co.us).

January 5, 2015: **The Gaza Kitchen: A Palestinian Culinary Journey** by Laila el-Haddad and Maggie Schmitt

More than a richly illustrated cookbook that explores the distinctive cuisine of the Gaza District, there are also conversations, the re-telling of family histories, and the daily drama of surviving and creating spaces for pleasure in an embattled place.

February 2, 2015: **The Seven Veils of Seth: A Modern Arabic Novel from Libya** by Ibrahim al-Koni

In the ancient Egyptian religion, Seth is the evil god who out of jealousy slays his brother Osiris, the good god of agriculture, to seize the throne. Seth is, however, also the god of the desert and therefore a benevolent champion of desert dwellers like the traditionally nomadic. Al-Koni draws on the tension between these two opposing visions of Seth to create a novel that also provides a vivid account of daily life in a nomadic oasis.

March 3, 2015: **Saladin** by A.R. Azzam.

As famous today as he was when he drove the Crusaders out of Jerusalem, Saladin has dissolved into legend. For the real Saladin, Azzam argues in this biography that we must place him within his historical setting amidst the 10th century Sunni Revival - the powerful and sweeping intellectual renaissance which would ultimately transform every field of Islamic thought. Azzam contends that Saladin's true greatness lay in his spiritual vision, not in his military role.

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