MONDAY NIGHT SEMINAR SERIES

Resource Guide

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"Why Life is Better in the Country: How Suburban Crows are at a Disadvantage"

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_Historically a bird of the countryside, the American Crow has moved into cities only in the last 20 years. For this they may be paying a price. Although crows are skilled at finding food in city trash cans and compost piles, the nutritive value of most of what they find in these areas is low. Rebecca will reveal the developmental repercussions for nestling crows raised on the city “junk food” diet._

_Rebecca Heiss_
Rebecca works as a researcher for the New York State Department of Health. She won the Lynds Jones Prize at the 2004 Wilson Ornithological Society Awards for her poster presentation entitled “Mouth color and tail shape as an indicator of age in American Crows.”

_Resources on the American Crow_

_Kevin J. McGowan_
Kevin works as a research associate at the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology in education. Visit his website on crows to learn more about these fascinating animals:

[http://www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/crowinfo.htm](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/crowinfo.htm)

_Available at Cornell University Libraries:_
“Crows Count,” an eleven-minute videoguide for learning how to help scientists gather data on crow behavior (Adelson Library, QL696.P2367 C96 2004)

“Crows and jays: a guide to the crows, jays, and magpies of the world (Adelson Library, QL 696 PZ367 M34. 1994)
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For younger readers
“The Crows of Pearblossom” is the only published children’s story by Aldous Huxley, who wrote it for a favorite niece. (Adelson Library, PR 6015.U96 C95 1967 on the Children’s Shelf)

“Corbie” is the story of a white crow who is initially rejected by peers. Fear not, it ends well! (Adelson Library, Call number PZ 7.M4736 C65 on the Children’s Shelf)

For teen readers (age 12 and up)
“The Mob,” the first book in Clem Martini’s The Crow Chronicles, cleverly depicts a crow family’s survival following a disastrous attack on a cat. (Adelson Library, Call number PZ7.M36719 M6 2004 on the Children’s Shelf)