

# West Hempstead Public Library

## Book Chat



Join our discussion of  
***The Awakening***  
by Kate Chopin.

**Thursday - 7 PM**  
**February 7, 2008**

**In the Board Room**  
**(second floor)**

Sign-up at the Reference Desk  
or call 481-6591.

Copies of the selection will be available in  
January for pickup at the circulation desk.

"First published in 1899, this beautiful, brief novel so disturbed critics and the public that it was banished for decades afterward. Now widely read and admired, *The Awakening* has been hailed as an early vision of woman's emancipation...Originally entitled "A Solitary Soul," this portrait of twenty-eight-year-old Edna Pontellier is a landmark in American fiction, rooted firmly in the romantic tradition of Herman Melville and Emily Dickinson."  
(from the Publisher of the Everyman's Library edition November 3, 1992)