

What to Read Next



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Ready for Spring?

Thanks to a generous donation by the Essex Garden Club, we have ordered several new gardening books which will be arriving soon!



- The Art Of Gardening* by R. William Thomas
- Great Natives For Tough Places* by Niall Dunne
- Plants With Style* by Kelly Norris
- The Irish Garden* by Jane Powers
- Remaking A Garden* by Roy Strong
- The Authentic Garden* by Richard Hartlage
- The English Flower Garden* by William Robinson
- Great Gardens Of London*
- Paradise And Plenty* by Mary Keen
- The Wild Garden* by William Robinson
- Women Garden Designers* by Kristina Taylor
- Terrariums* by Maria Colletti
- The Indestructible Houseplant* by Tovah Martin
- The High Line* by James Corner Field Operations
- The Gardener's Book Of Colour* by Andrew Lawson
- The Magical World Of Moss Gardening* by Annie Martin

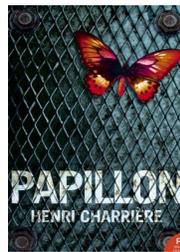
Is Your Nightstand Empty? Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!



Diane is drawn to psychological thrillers, but she finds that a good mystery or love story will grab her attention as well. Expanding upon her reading preferences, Diane says, "I like to be surprised by a story, any story, whether it's mystery, love story or thriller. I enjoy the fast pace and unexpected twists and turns that draw me in and the anticipation of the final chapter where I can say...whoa! I didn't see that coming! There's a certain satisfaction in surviving that rollercoaster ride."

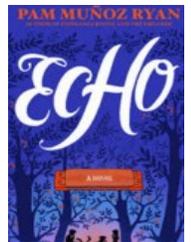
Three titles Diane suggests are: *The Life We Bury*, by Allen Eskens, *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica, and *The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian.

Monthly Staff Favorites



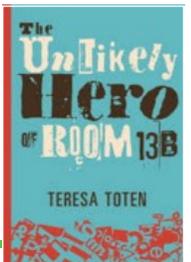
Emily: *Papillon* by Henri Charrière. Charrière candidly and vividly portrays himself and his fellow prisoners, the horrors of confinement in an open cage, the nightmare of a dungeon that floods at high tide, as well as the hope that helped him survive his nine escape attempts from penal colonies in French Guyana to his sanctuary in Venezuela in 1945.

Heather: *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny.



Ann: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal. When Lars Thorvald's wife, Cynthia, falls in love with wine -- and a dashing sommelier -- he's left to raise their baby, Eva, on his own. He's determined to pass on his love of food to his daughter, starting with puréed pork shoulder. As Eva grows, she finds her solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota.

Jessica: *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13 B* by Teresa Toten. When Adam meets Robyn at a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. But when you're fourteen and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step-siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine falling in love.



Which Websites Do We Browse for Book Suggestions?



LibraryReads aims to showcase the power that public library staff has in helping to build word-of-mouth for new books, and the

important role we play in creating audiences for all kinds of authors. Check it out at

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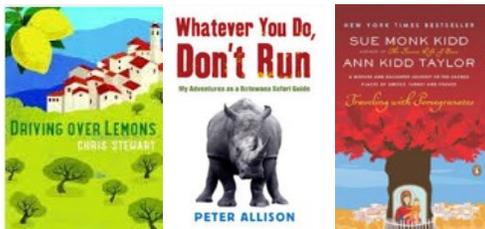


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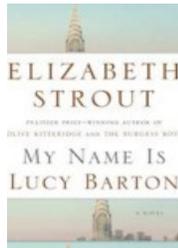
✓ **Searching** for books on cooking? Or a cozy mystery? Or staff favorites?



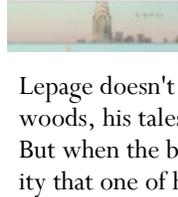
 **Board of the Month:** Oh, the Places We Will Go

✓ **Check** out **Pinterest:** an online visual pinboard for more suggestions: www.pinterest.com/essexlibrary/

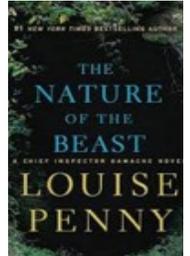
Monthly Staff Favorites Continued



Amy: *My Name is Elizabeth Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them.



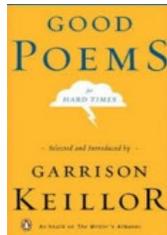
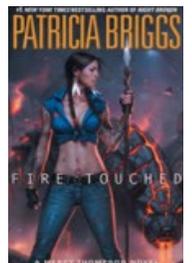
Norma: *The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny. Hardly a day goes by when nine year old Laurent Lepage doesn't cry wolf. From alien invasions, to winged beasts in the woods, his tales are so extraordinary no one can possibly believe him. But when the boy disappears, the villagers are faced with the possibility that one of his tall tales might have been true.



Anna: *Knitting Without Tears* by Elizabeth Zimmermann. Do you love to knit—and hate to purl? Have you ever started a sweater without enough yarn from the same dye lot to finish it? Zimmermann comes to the rescue with clever solutions to frustrating problems and step-by-step instructions for brilliant, timeless designs.



Valerie: *Fire Touched* by Patricia Briggs. Tensions between the fae and humans are coming to a head. When coyote shape shifter Mercy and her Alpha were-wolf mate, Adam, are called upon to stop a rampaging troll, they find themselves with something that could be used to make the fae back down: a human child stolen long ago by the fae.



Richard: *Good Poems* by Garrison Keillor. Every day people tune in to The Writer's Almanac on public radio and hear Garrison Keillor read them a poem. And here, for the first time, is an anthology of poems from the show, chosen by the narrator for their wit, their frankness, and their passion.

Upcoming Book Discussions

Essex Library Association Book Groups:

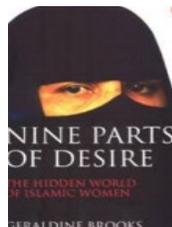
Are you always looking for a good book or author? Do you like a lively discussion with other book enthusiasts? Then join one of our book groups!

Men and women of all ages are invited to join our book groups at any time. We have copies of the books available to borrow.

Classics
Thursday
April 14
5:30 PM



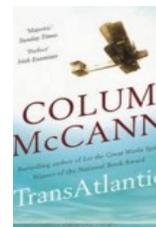
Third Wednesday
Wednesday
April 20
10:30 AM



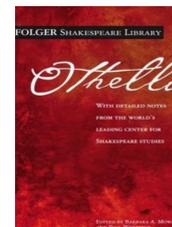
First Thursday
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May 5
4:00 PM



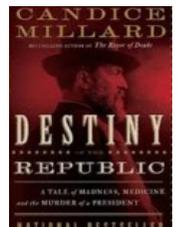
Historical Fiction
Tuesday
May 10
10:30 AM



Great Plays
Thursday
May 19
5:30 PM



American History
Thursday
May 26
5:00 PM



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