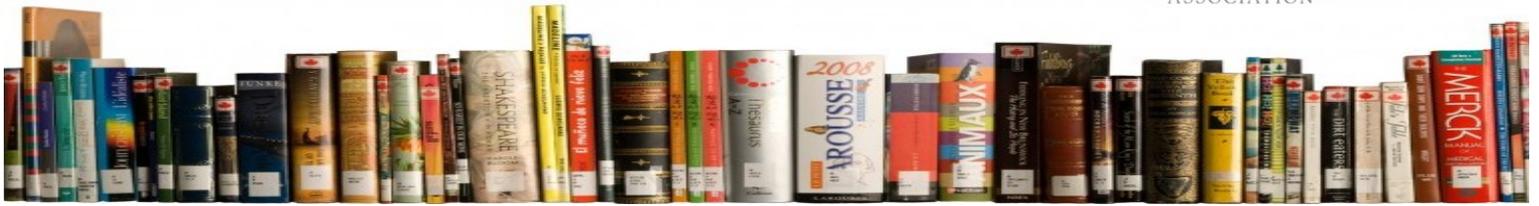


# What to Read Next



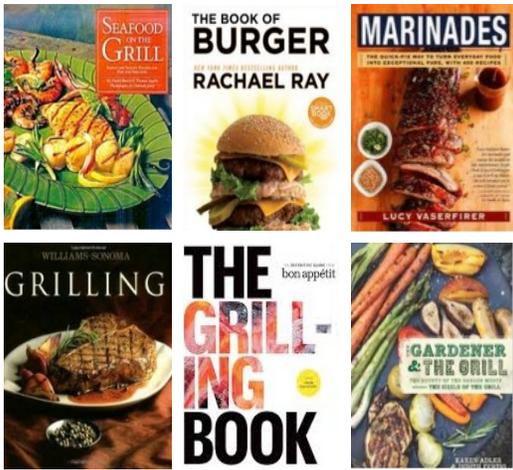
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## Are You Ready to Grill?

**Now** that the warmer weather has arrived, it's time for outdoor barbecues! We welcome you to come to the Essex Library to find inspiration and new recipes. We have a large cook book selection, filled with books to help any chef, from novice to highly skilled.

The following are just a "taste" of our cook books with outdoor grilling suggestions:



## Which Websites Do We Browse for Book Suggestions?

**BookPage** states its mission is "to connect every book lover with their next great read. BookPage covers all types of books—from literary fiction, history and biography to popular genres like romance and mystery—and our book reviews, author interviews and special features are informative and accessible." Providing new book reviews every month, BookPage can be accessed at <http://bookpage.com/>

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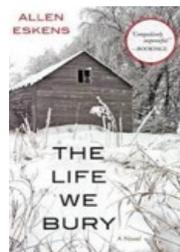
## Is Your Nightstand Empty? Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!



**Jessica** loves to learn something new, for as she states, "It's empowering to read a book that can entice you to learn how to mend a shirt, change a tire or make a meal." She additionally enjoys getting lost in the plot of a well-written story and is delighted to become engrossed in any form of great writing, from historical fiction to complete fantasy.

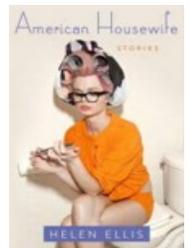
Therefore, Jessica's list of favorite genres includes historical fiction, fantasy, and non-fiction memoirs, essays and do-it-yourself reference. Her top three book recommendations are "Out of the Easy" by Ruta Sepetys, "Essays of E.B. White" by E.B. White, and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper E. Lee.

## Monthly Staff Favorites

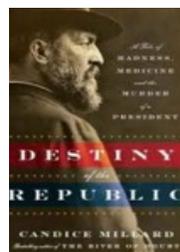


**Diane:** *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens. Joe Talbert receives a class assignment to write a biography of someone who has lived an interesting life. At a nursing home, he meets Carl Iverson, a man dying of cancer who has been medically paroled after spending 30 years in prison for the murder of a fourteen-year-old girl. Carl agrees to tell Joe his story, and Joe sets out to unravel the tapestry of the old murder.

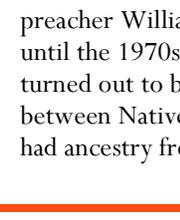
Through twelve irresistible stories, meet the women of American Housewife: they wear lipstick, pearls, and sunscreen, even when it's cloudy. They casserole. They pinwheel. Then they kill a party crasher, carefully stepping around the body to pull cookies out of the oven.



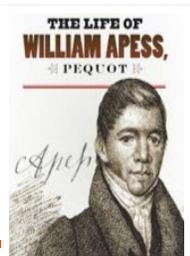
**Amy:** *American Housewife: Stories* by Helen Ellis.



**Richard:** *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. James Abram Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president. Born into abject poverty, he rose to become a wunderkind scholar, a Civil War hero, and a renowned reformist congressman. Nominated for president against his will, he engaged in a fierce battle with the corrupt political establishment.



**Norma:** *The Life of William Apess* by Philip F. Gura. The work of Native American author and Methodist preacher William Apess went largely unnoticed from his death in 1839 until the 1970s, when historians compiled his writings. The writings turned out to be an eloquent collection of musings about the dynamics between Native Americans and white Americans, written by a man who had ancestry from both groups.



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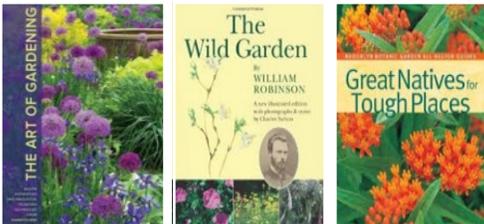


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✓ **Searching** for books on cooking? Or a cozy mystery? Or staff favorites?



## Board of the Month: Gardening

✓ **Check** out **Pinterest**: an online visual pinboard for more suggestions: [www.pinterest.com/essexlibrary/](http://www.pinterest.com/essexlibrary/)

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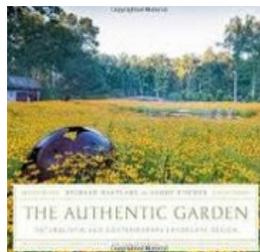
**Anna:** *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman. Richard Mayhew is an unassuming young businessman living in London. One night he stumbles across a girl bleeding on the sidewalk. He stops to help her--and the life he knows vanishes like smoke. By the following morning, Mayhew has been erased from his world and consigned to a Neverwhere.



**Valerie:** *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater. Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger. When she meets Gansey, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are dangerous.



**Heather:** *Nowhere Girl* by Susan Strecker. “The day Savannah was killed, she was fifteen minutes late to meet me.” So begins Strecker's second novel of twin sisters and the murder that left one twin behind. Years later Cady, a bestselling author of suspense, spends her time interviewing killers.



**Emily:** *Chicago* by Brian Doyle. A love letter to Chicago: when a young college grad lived for five seasons in the north side of Chicago, he meets gangsters, gamblers, policemen, a brave and garrulous bus driver, a cricket player, a librettist, his first girlfriend, a shy apartment manager, and many other riveting souls, not to mention a personable wise dog.



**Ann:** *The Authentic Garden: Naturalistic and Contemporary Landscape Design* by Richard Hartlage. In contemporary American garden design, beauty for beauty's sake is making a comeback. The 60 gardens featured here trace current planting trends across the country, showcasing the best designs of recent years from the verdant Pacific Northwest to the tailored Eastern Seaboard.

## Upcoming Book Discussions

### Essex Library Association Book Groups:

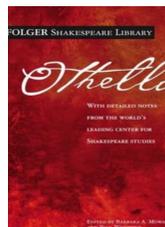
Are you always looking for a good book or author? Do you like a lively discussion with other book enthusiasts? Then join one of our book groups!

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.

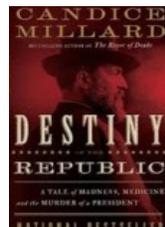
**Third Wednesday**  
Wednesday  
May 18  
10:30 AM



**Great Plays**  
Thursday  
May 19  
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**American History**  
Thursday  
May 26  
5:00 PM



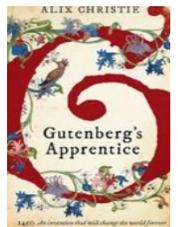
**First Thursday**  
Thursday  
June 2  
4:00 PM



**Classics**  
Thursday  
June 9  
5:30 PM



**Historical Fiction**  
Tuesday  
June 14  
10:30 AM



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