

What to Read Next

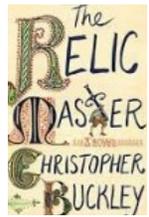
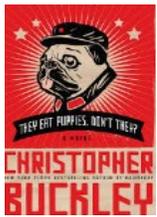


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Exciting News!

Authors in Conversation:
Christopher Buckley and Sam Tanenhaus
Friday, June 10 at 7 p.m.
Centerbrook Architects
67 Main Street in Centerbrook



Novelist, essayist, humorist, critic, magazine editor and memoirist, Christopher Buckley, will chat with former New York Times Book Review Editor, Sam Tanenhaus, about his latest novel, *The Relic Master*. The author of fifteen books, Buckley was awarded the Thurber Prize for American Humor and the Washington Irving Medal for Literary Excellence. Sam Tanenhaus is currently writing a biography of Christopher Buckley's father, William F. Buckley, Jr. Seating is limited, please call the Library to register.

Which Websites Do We Browse for Book Suggestions?

LibraryThing allows you to find new titles, discuss your preferences with other bibliophiles, as well as catalog your books, movies and music. The website also enables you to look up your favorite books and view recommendations from LibraryThing members based on your reading tastes:
www.librarything.com/



Is Your Nightstand Empty? Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

Anna: Her top three genres are romance, mystery, and classic literature, although she has been recently reading more fantasy and science fiction. The Essex librarian also enjoys biography and history, adding, "I read widely across genres, but well-written characters are essential. They don't have to be likeable, but they must be convincing. I also love historical settings."



Anna's book recommendations include *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik, and *Romancing Mister Bridgerton* by Julia Quinn.

Monthly Staff Favorites

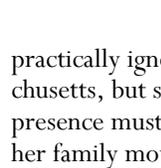
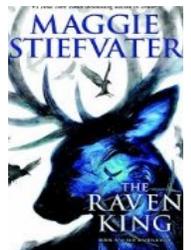


Richard: *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. Sir Edward Feathers has had a brilliant career, from his early days as a lawyer in Southeast Asia, where he earned the nickname Old Filth (FILTH being an acronym for Failed In London Try Hong Kong) to his final working days as a respected judge at the English bar. Yet through it all, he has carried with him the wounds of a difficult and emotionally hollow childhood.



Valerie: *The Raven King* by Maggie Stiefvater. Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love's death. She doesn't believe in true love and never thought this would be a problem, but as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she's not so sure anymore.

Ann: *Everybody Rise* by Stephanie Clifford. It's 2006 in the Manhattan of the young and glamorous. At 26, bright, funny and socially anxious Evelyn Beegan is determined to carve her own path in life and free herself from the influence of her social-climbing mother, who propelled her through prep school and onto the Upper East Side. Evelyn has long felt like an outsider to her privileged peers, but when she gets a job at a social network aimed at the elite, she's forced to embrace them. Despite herself, Evelyn finds the lure of belonging intoxicating and pretends she's old money.



Jessica: *Nightbird* by Alice Hoffman. Twig, aged 12, is practically ignored by classmates and other residents of Sidwell, Massachusetts, but she gets along fine with just her mother and brother, whose presence must be kept secret, until descendants of the witch who cursed her family move in next door and want to be friends.



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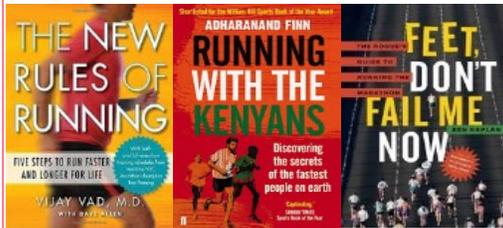


Making Travel Plans?

Summer is just around the corner, and our travel section is ready to inspire you. Come browse the shelves to gather ideas for your next trip!



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



Board of the Month:
Born to Run

✓ **Check** out **Pinterest:** an online visual pinboard for more suggestions:
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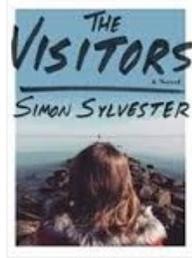


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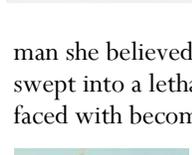
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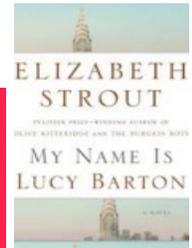
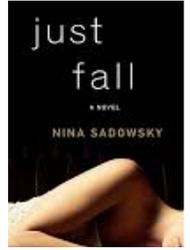
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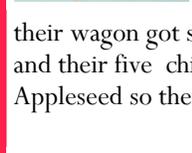
Emily: *The Visitors* by Simon Sylvester. Life on the remote Scottish island of Bancree becomes desperate as people begin disappearing. When a body washes ashore, suspicion turns to the newcomers on Dog Rock where a mysterious man and his daughter live. Convinced of their innocence, Flo is determined to protect her friend.



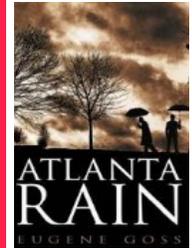
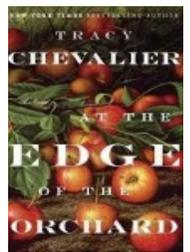
Diane: *Just Fall* by Nina Sadowski. On the night of her wedding to Rob, Ellie's perfect world suddenly collapses. Her suave and charming husband is not the man she believed him to be. Could he really be a killer? Ellie is rapidly swept into a lethal vortex of betrayal, lies, and uncertainty. Soon, she is faced with becoming a murderess herself to save the man she loves.



Heather: *My Name is Lucy 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, but tension lies just below the surface.



Amy: *At the Edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier. 1838: James and Sadie Goodenough have settled where their wagon got stuck – in the muddy swamps of northwest Ohio. They and their five children buy saplings from a local tree man known as John Applesed so they can cultivate the 50 apple trees required to stake their claim on the property, but not without lasting battles.



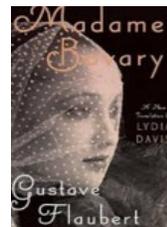
Norma: *Atlanta Rain* by Eugene Goss. Prominent Atlanta attorney, Richard Boomer, represents the accused while his son Troy, is assigned by the State of Georgia to prosecute. On the basis of circumstantial evidence, Georgia accuses Billy Hinkler, son of an Atlanta banker, of kidnapping and murdering a young boy. The attorneys quickly become estranged due to their competitive nature.

Upcoming Book Discussions

First Thursday
Thursday
June 2
4:00 PM

Classics
Thursday
June 9
5:30 PM

Historical Fiction
Tuesday
June 14
10:30 AM



ELA 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.

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