

What to Read Next



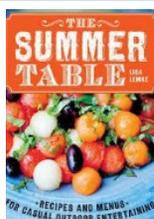
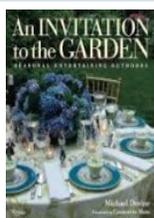
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Take advantage of the warm days of August and plan a party outdoors! We have books to help you every step of the way, from menu choices to table settings, for outdoor celebrations of any

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Is Your Nightstand Empty?

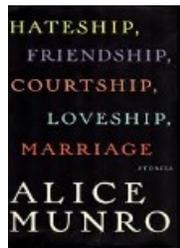
Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

Ann: "The books I enjoy most are those that transport me, even if only temporarily, because they have a felicity of language or memorable and richly detailed characters. Those books always end too quickly, regardless of the length. If the writing is really terrific, I'll read it; it doesn't matter what the genre is. I confess to seeking out good mysteries, especially ones with plausible twists that keep the solution obscure to the ending. Worse yet, I find books about gardens, garden design and interesting plant combinations virtually irresistible."

She recommends diverse authors including: Kate Atkinson, Sebastian Barry, Neil Gaiman, Mick Herron, Edward P. Jones, Verlyn Klinkenborg, David Sedaris, and Jess Walter.

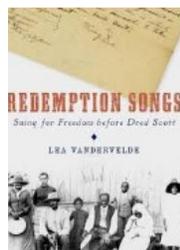


Monthly Staff Favorites

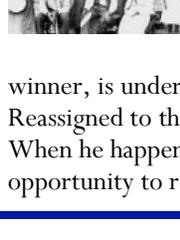


Richard: *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage* by Alice Munro. A collection of short stories explores the complexities of human relationships. A tough-minded housekeeper jettisons the habits of a lifetime because of a teenager's practical joke. A student visiting her unconventional aunt stumbles on an astonishing secret. An incorrigible philanderer responds with unexpected grace to his wife's nursing-home romance.

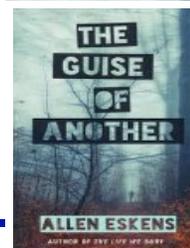
Amy: *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman. Britt-Marie can't stand mess. She eats dinner at precisely the right time and starts her day at six in the morning because only lunatics wake up later than that. And she is not passive-aggressive. Not in the least. It's just that sometimes people interpret her helpful suggestions as criticisms, which is certainly not her intention. But at 63, Britt-Marie has had enough.



Norma: *Redemption Songs: Singing for Freedom Before Dred Scott* by Lea Vandervelde. Through these remarkable accounts, Vandervelde takes readers beyond the narrative of the Dred Scott case to weave a tapestry of freedom suits and slave lives on the frontier. By grounding her research in St. Louis, a city defined by the Antebellum frontier, she reveals circumstances surrounding the institution of slavery in westward expansion.



Diane: *The Guise of Another* by Allen Eskens. Alexander Rupert, a Minnesota detective and Medal of Valor winner, is under subpoena by a grand jury on suspicion of corruption. Reassigned to the Frauds Unit, he is shunned by his fellow detectives. When he happens across a complex case of identity theft, Rupert sees an opportunity to rehabilitate his tattered reputation. But will it?



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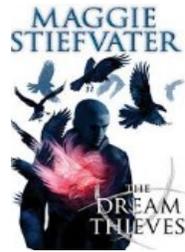
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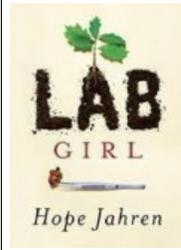


Anna: *The Dream Thieves* by Maggie Stiefvater. Now that the ley lines around Cakeswater are awake, magic is swirling around Blue and The Raven Boys. Ronan Lynch's ability to pull objects from his dreams is almost out of control. Worst of all, the mysterious Gray Man is stalking the Lynch family, looking for something called the Greywaren.

Emily: *A Hundred Summers* by Beatriz Williams. 1938, Memorial Day: New York socialite Lily Dane has just returned with her family to the idyllic oceanfront community of Seaview, Rhode Island, expecting another placid summer season among the familiar traditions and friendships that sustained her after heartbreak. That is, until the Greenwalds decide to take up residence in Seaview.

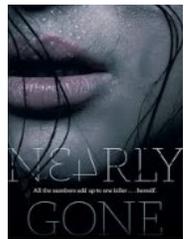
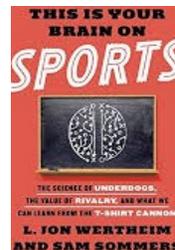


Jessica: *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Jahren has built three laboratories in which she's studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. She discusses her childhood in rural Minnesota with an uncompromising mother and a father who encouraged hours of play in his classroom's labs; about how she found a sanctuary in science, and the disappointments, triumphs and exhilarating discoveries of scientific work.



Heather: *This is Your Brain on Sports* by Sarah J. Maas.

L. Jon Wertheim teams up with Tufts psychologist Sam Sommers to take readers on a wild ride into the inner world of sports. Through the prism of behavioral economics, neuroscience, and psychology, they reveal the hidden influences and surprising cues that inspire and derail us--on the field and in the stands--and by extension, in corporate board rooms, office settings, and our daily lives.



Valerie: *Nearly Gone* by Elle Cosimano. Living in a DC trailer park, Nearly Boswell knows better than to share anything that would make her a target with her classmates. When a serial killer goes on a killing spree, she confides in the one person she shouldn't trust: a reformed bad boy working undercover for the police...doing surveillance on her.

ELA Book Groups:

Historical Fiction
Tuesday
August 9
10:30 AM

Whodunit Walking
Tuesday
August 16
5:30 PM

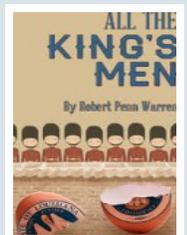
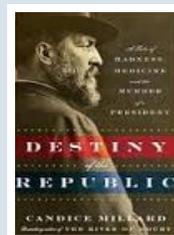
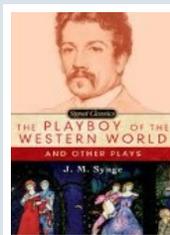
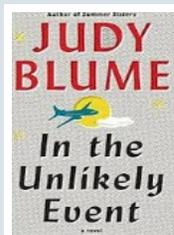
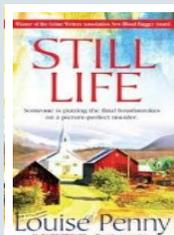
First Thursday
Thursday
September 1
4:00 PM

Classics Book Group
Thursday
September 7
5:30 PM

American History
Thursday
September 15
5:00 PM

Third Wednesday
Wednesday
September 21
10:30 AM

Great Plays
Thursday
September 22
5:30 PM



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