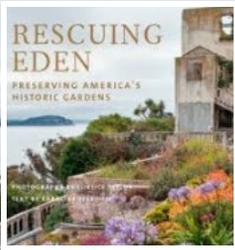




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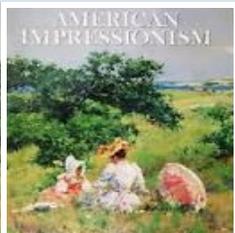
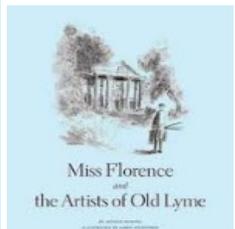


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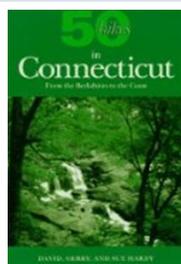
Before you visit the Florence Griswold Museum with the Essex Library Museum Pass, you may want to learn about the former art colony and gardens. Our library has several books and a DVD to help you discover more about the local treasure.



Check out *The American Artist in Connecticut: The Legacy of the Hartford Steam Boiler Collection*, and many more books. You can also view *Once Upon a Time in Old Lyme: The Story of an American Art Colony*.

Ready to Take a Hike?

As the leaves change to their spectacular autumn hues, October is a wonderful time to discover local trails! The Essex Library has several books to help plan your perfect hike, assisting with the trail's location, length, and difficulty. Some suggested titles are *50 Hikes in Connecticut*, *60 Selected Short Nature Walks in Connecticut*, and *Hiking the Pioneer Valley*. Stop by the circulation desk so we can point out more resources, enabling you to enjoy the beauty of our regional forests, mountains, and lakes.



Is Your Nightstand Empty?

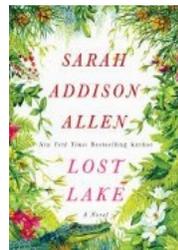
Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

Emily reads across many genres, but she frequently finds herself reading historical fiction. She notes, "The best historical fiction novels are those that inspire me to learn more. From Leo Tolstoy to Peter Carey, and Beatriz Williams to Sebastian Barry, I'm bound to find one I'll enjoy. When I need a lighter option, I tend to enjoy curling up with women's literature or a cozy mystery. I will happily escape with a great comedic memoir too, such as David Sedaris' *Me Talk Pretty One Day*."



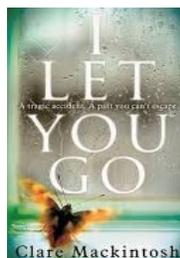
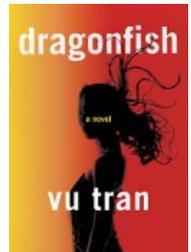
She suggests the following books: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, and *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel.

Monthly Staff Favorites



Amy: *Lost Lakes* by Sarah Addison Allen. Suley, Georgia, is home to Lost Lake Cottages and not much else, which is why it's the perfect place for newly-widowed Kate and her eccentric eight-year-old daughter Devin to heal. Kate spent one memorable childhood summer at Lost Lake—a place for dreaming. However, Kate doesn't believe in dreams anymore, and her Aunt Eby, Lost Lake's owner, wants to sell the place and move on. Can Kate revive the cottages or her heart?

Norma: *Dragonfish* by Vu Tran. Robert still can't let go of Suzy, the mysterious Vietnamese wife who left him. Now she's disappeared from her new husband, Sonny, a violent Vietnamese gambler who blackmails Robert into finding her for him. Pursuing Suzy through the gambling dens of Las Vegas, Robert chases her haunted past—one that extends back to a refugee camp in Malaysia after the fall of Saigon.



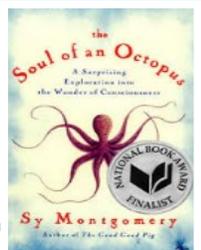
Diane: *I Let You Go* by Claire Mackintosh.

Devastated by a hit-and-run accident that has ended the life of her young son, Jenna moves to the remote Welsh coast to search for healing while two dedicated policemen try to get to the bottom of the case. As the police chase down one hopeless lead after another, they find themselves as drawn to each other as they are to the frustrating, twist-filled case before them.



Ann: *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery.

From New England aquarium tanks, to the reefs of French Polynesia, Sy Montgomery has befriended octopuses with strikingly different personalities—gentle Athena, assertive Octavia, curious Kali, and joyful Karma. Each one shows cleverness in a myriad of ways: escaping enclosures; jetting water to bounce balls; and more.



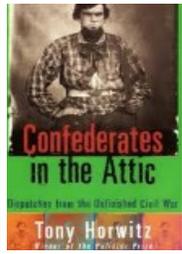
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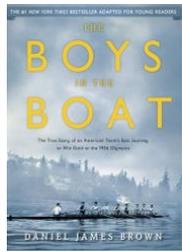
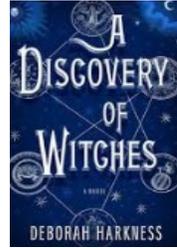
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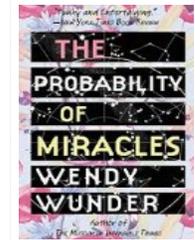
Richard: *Confederates in the Attic* by **Tony Horwitz**. Propelled by his boyhood passion for the Civil War, Horwitz embarks on a search for places and people still held in thrall by America's greatest conflict. The result is a marathon trek into the soul of the unvanquished South, where the ghosts of the Lost Cause are resurrected through ritual and remembrance.

Valerie: *A Discovery of Witches* by **Deborah Harkness**. Witch and Yale historian Diana Bishop discovers an enchanted manuscript, attracting the attention of 1,500-year-old vampire Matthew Clairmont. The daughter of two powerful witches, Bishop prefers intellect, but she relies on magic after discovering a palimpsest that documents the origin of a supernatural species. The undead soon arrive.



Heather: *The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)* by **Daniel James Brown**. Berlin, 1936: During the Olympic finals of the eight-oared rowing race between Germany, Italy, and the USA, the American boat touches the finish line first, beating all odds and sending Hitler away in a silent rage. In the midst of the Great Depression, the rowers showed the world true grit.

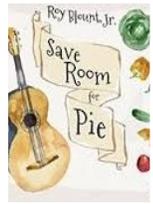
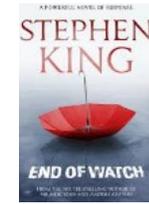
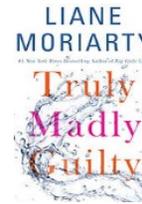
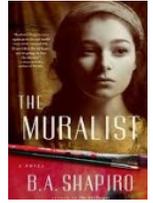
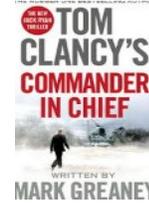
Anna: *Hot in Hellcat Canyon* by **Julie-Anne Long**. A broken truck, a broken career, and a breakup heard around the world land superstar John Tennessee McCord in Hellcat Canyon. He falls for Britt, who has a secret as dark as the hills, and his past is poised to invade their present. It's up to the people of Hellcat Canyon to make sure their future has a happy ending.



Jessica: *The Probability of Miracles* by **Wendy Wunder**. Having spent several years in and out of hospitals for a life threatening illness, pragmatic sixteen year old Cam is relocated by her miracle seeking mother to a town in Maine known for its mystical healing qualities.

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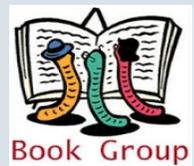
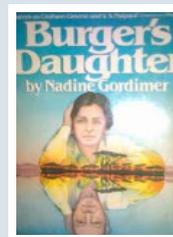
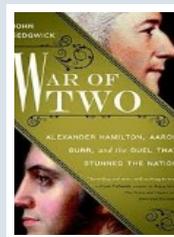
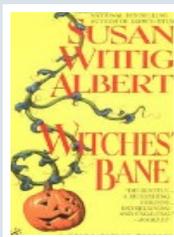
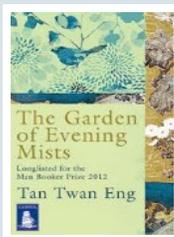
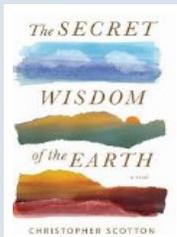
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