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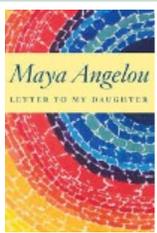
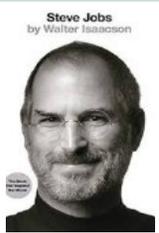
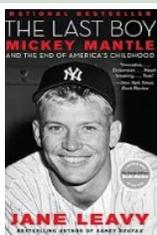
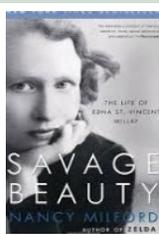
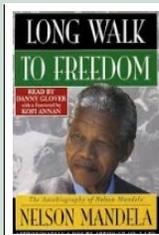


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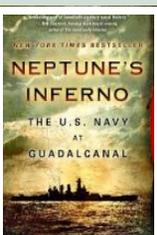
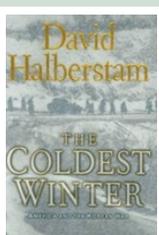
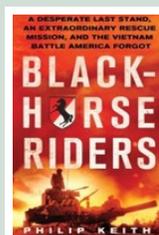
Biographies & Memoirs

Are you aware that the Essex Library has an extensive Biography and Memoir section? We have books that tell the stories of business people, politicians, authors, artists, inventors, revolutionaries and more. Come be inspired by the tales of the challenges, setbacks and successes these notable people experienced!



Veteran's Day

The Essex Library has a number of books which describe the confrontations faced and sacrifices made by those who have served our country. In honor of Veteran's Day, we have chosen a few titles you might want to consider:



Is Your Nightstand Empty?

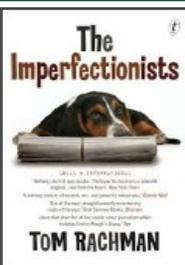
Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

Amy enjoys reading across a range of genres for escapism, enjoyment, or education. She explains, "Other than works of historical fiction, I tend to gravitate towards fiction with a humorous touch; the overarching theme is stories that are constructed around well developed characters with whom I can empathize. I mostly enjoy works by authors whose writing elevates the story to a point where the reader learns something new as she becomes engrossed in the characters' circumstances and conflicts."



Three works that Amy recommends for Essex patrons are the following: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce, and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

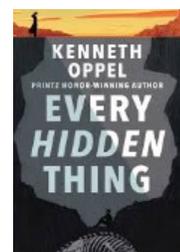
Monthly Staff Favorites



Richard: *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman. An "imperfect" crew of reporters and editors working for an international English language newspaper stumble toward an uncertain future as the era of print news gives way to the Internet age. The story is set against the gorgeous backdrop of Rome.

Jessica: *Every Hidden Thing* by Kenneth Oppel.

Nineteenth-century: Somewhere in the Badlands, embedded deep in centuries-buried rock and sand, lies the skeleton of a massive dinosaur. Some legends call it the Black Beauty, but to seventeen-year-old Samuel Bolt, it's the king dinosaur that could put him and his temperamental archaeologist father in the history books. This is "Rex."



Emily: *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, she's had enough.



Heather: *Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White* by Melissa Sweet. Two-time Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet mixes White's personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with her own exquisite artwork to tell his story, from his birth in 1899 to his death in 1985. Budding young writers will be inspired by the journalist and children's book author who loved words his whole life.



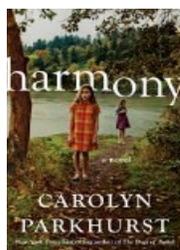
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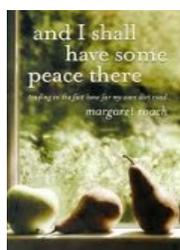
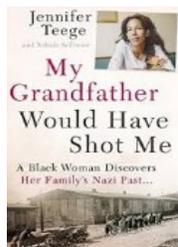
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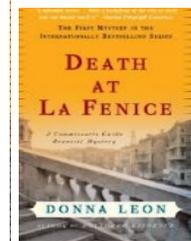
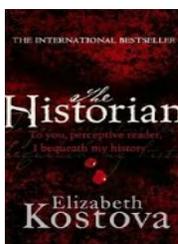
Diane: *Harmony* by Carolyn Parkhurst. How far will a mother go to save her family? The Hammonds are living in suburban DC, where everything seems to be going just fine, until it becomes clear that their daughter, Tilly, is developing abnormally. The family turns to Camp Harmony and the wisdom of child behavior guru Scott Bean for a solution. What they discover will push them to the very limit.

Jennifer Teege. When Jennifer Teege, a German-Nigerian woman, happened to pluck a library book from the shelf, she had no idea that her life would be irrevocably altered. Recognizing photos of her mother and grandmother in the book, she discovers a horrifying fact: her grandfather was Amon Goeth, a vicious Nazi commandant reviled the world over.



Ann: *And I Shall have Some Peace There* by Margaret Roach. Margaret Roach worked at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia for fifteen years. She first made her name in gardening and now has a popular gardening blog. Despite the rewards of her job, she felt unfulfilled. Margaret moved to her weekend house in an effort to lead a more authentic life by connecting with her garden.

Val: *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova. Late one night, exploring her father's library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters ominously addressed to "My dear and unfortunate successor." Her discovery plunges her into a labyrinth where the secrets of her father's past and her mother's mysterious fate connect to an evil of the ages.



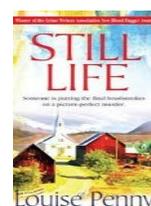
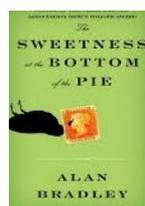
Anna: *Death at La Fenice* by Donna Leon. There is little violent crime in Venice, a serenely beautiful floating city of mystery and magic, history and decay. When evil does occasionally rear its head, it is under the jurisdiction of Guido Brunetti, the suave, urbane vice-commissario of police and a genius at detection. However, a recent investigation reveals a chilling picture.

Whodunit Book Group



During the winter season, the Whodunit Walking Book club will still meet. Instead of walking, the group will discuss their selections in the Essex Library's conference

room. New "detectives" are always welcome! Previous discussions were about the following books:



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ELA Book Groups:

First Thursday
Thursday
November 3
4:00 PM

Historical Fiction
Tuesday
November 8
10:30 AM

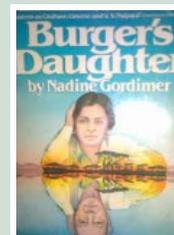
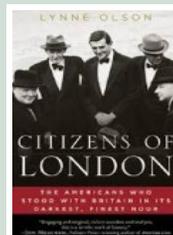
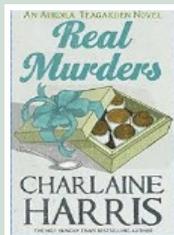
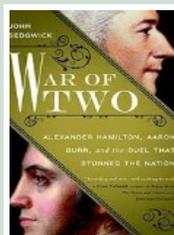
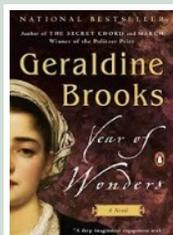
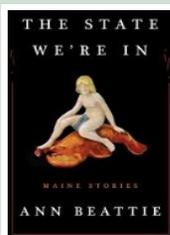
American History
Thursday
November 10
5:00 PM

Whodunit Walking
Tuesday
November 15
5:30 PM

Third Wednesday
Wednesday
November 16
10:30 AM

Classics Book Group
Thursday
November 17
5:30 PM

Great Plays Group
Thursday
December 8
5:30 PM



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