

What to Read Next

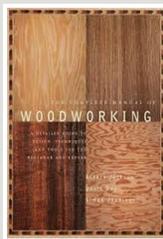
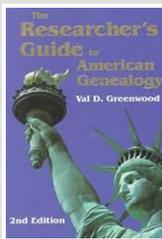
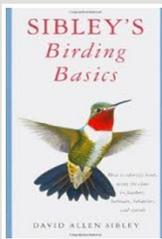
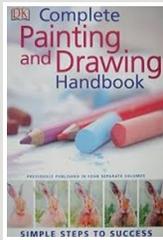
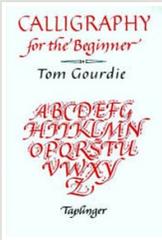
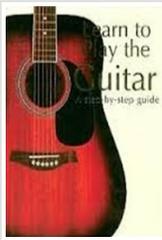


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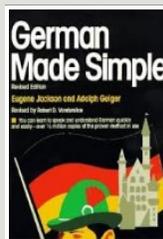
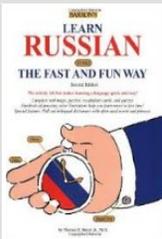
Try Something New: Perhaps a Different Hobby?

With the start of a new year, why not **try a new hobby**? The Essex Library has a variety of books about many activities. If you are interested in subjects including flower arranging, music, knitting, cooking, or learning to paint or draw, come visit the library to see what you can learn!



Or Learn Another Language?

If you plan to **learn a new language**, the library has you covered! In addition to the online courses we offer through Mango, the Essex Library has books, compact discs, and tapes to help you study a number of languages: Old English, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Chinese, and Russian are some of our offerings.



Is Your Nightstand Empty? Essex Librarians Offer Suggestions!

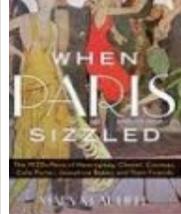
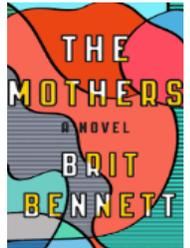
Although **Claire** has always been drawn to fantasy and realistic fiction, recently she has developed a love for historical fiction (particularly WWII) and dramas. Claire describes her reading preferences as follows: "Beautiful writing and attention to detail is a must. I find that I enjoy books most when I get attached to characters, whether that is through their personalities, interactions with others, or romances. That is why I love WWII books so much – they are always very powerful and emotional, and it's easy to feel connected to the characters."



Claire recommends the following books: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *How to be a Wildflower: A Field Guide* by Katie Daisy, and *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

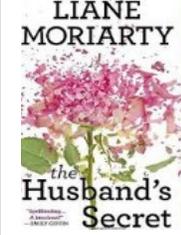
Monthly Staff Favorites

Amy: *The Mothers* by **Britt Bennett**. After 17 year old Nadia and her boyfriend, Luke, hid her pregnancy from everyone, including Aubrey, her best friend, the years quickly pass by. As the three friends become adults, they still live in debt to the choices they made that fateful summer. What if they had chosen differently?



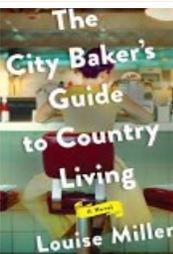
Ann: *When Paris Sizzled* by **Mary McAuliffe**. McAuliffe portrays the City of Light during the fabulous 1920s, when Parisians emerged from the horrors of war to find that a new world greeted them—one that reverberated with the metallic clang of the assembly line, the roar of automobiles, and jazz music.

Anna: *Inkheart* by **Cornelia Funke**. Twelve year old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. At the same time, Meggie's mother disappeared into the story.



Diane: *The Husband's Secret* by **Liane Moriarty**. This is the story of a woman who finds a secret letter from her husband. It says: "For my wife, Cecilia Fitzpatrick. To be opened only in the event of my death." Her husband is very much alive. Should she open it? Would YOU open it?

Emily: *The City Baker's Guide to Country Living* by **Louise Miller**. When Olivia Rawlings, Boston pastry chef extraordinaire, sets not only her flambé dessert but the entire building alight, she escapes to Vermont. Livvy soon finds herself immersed in small-town life, and falls in love with Martin.



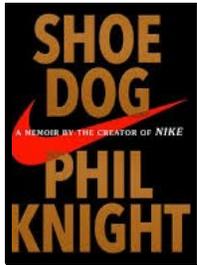
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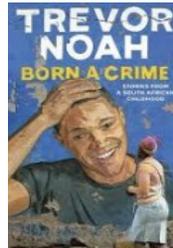
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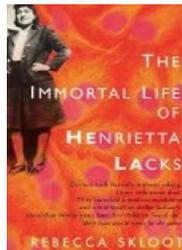


Heather: *Shoe Dog* by Phil Knight. In this memoir, Nike founder and CEO Phil Knight shares the inside story of the company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands. In 1962, fresh out of business school, Knight borrowed \$50 from his father and created a company with a simple mission: high-quality imports.

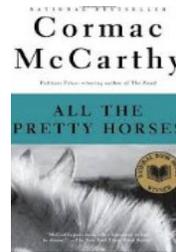
Jessica: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. One of the comedy world's fastest-rising stars tells his wild coming of age story during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Noah provides something deeper than typical memoirists: powerfully funny observations about how farcical political and social systems play out in our lives.



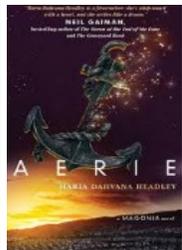
Norma: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor tobacco farmer, yet her cells--taken without her knowledge--became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, while she died over 60 years ago.



Richard: *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy. Sixteen year old John, finds himself at the end of a long line of Texas ranchers, cut off from the only life he has ever imagined for himself. With two friends, he sets off for Mexico on a sometimes idyllic, sometimes comic journey to a place where dreams are paid for in blood.



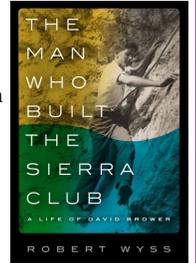
Valerie: *Aerie* by Maria Headley. The sequel to Headley's critically acclaimed *Magonia* tells the story of a girl who must make an impossible choice between two families, two homes and two versions of herself. Aza Ray is back on earth, and her family is healed. She's living a normal life, or as normal as it can be if you've spent the past year dying...



Author Talk:

Professor Robert Wyss
The Man Who Built the Sierra Club
January 19 at 7 PM

Please join us as Robert Wyss, Associate Professor of Journalism at the University of Connecticut, discusses his new book about David Brower (1912–2000), a central figure in the modern environmental movement whose conception of the wilderness changed how we approach nature. In many ways, Brower was a twentieth century Thoreau who transformed the Sierra Club into a national force and made environmentalism the cause of our time.



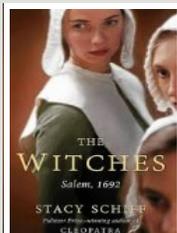
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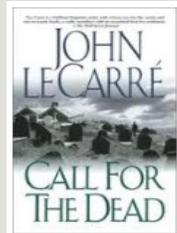
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January 5
4:00 PM
The Witches



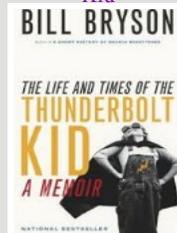
Historical Fiction
January 10
10:30 AM
Circling the Sun



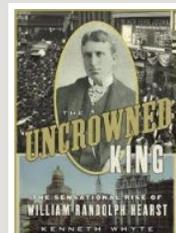
Whodunit Walking
January 17
5:30 PM
Call for the Dead



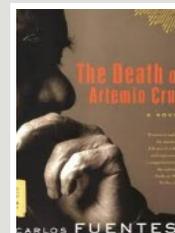
Third Wednesday
January 18
10:30 AM
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid



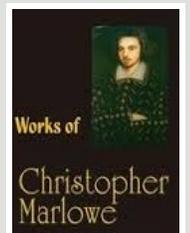
American History
January 19
5:00 PM
The Uncrowned King



Classics Book Group
January 26
5:30 PM
The Death of Artemio Cruz



Great Plays Group
February 16
5:30 PM
Doctor Faustus and The Jew of Malta



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