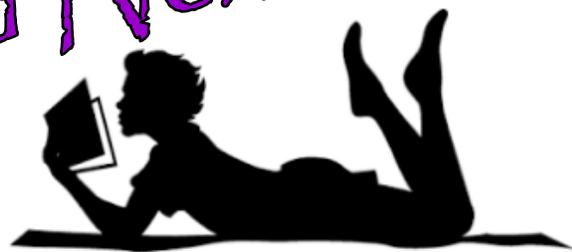
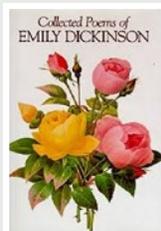
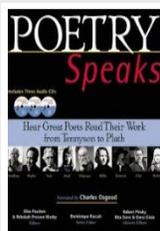
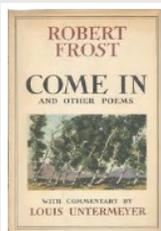
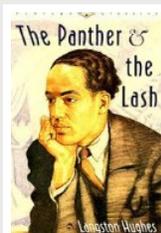
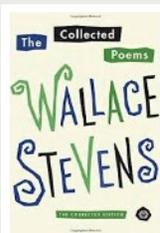
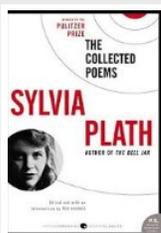


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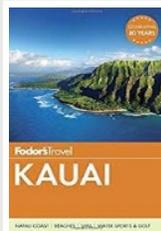
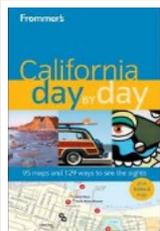
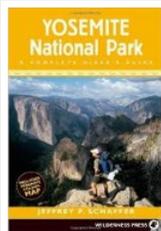
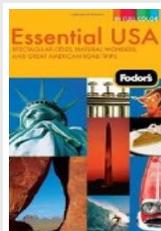
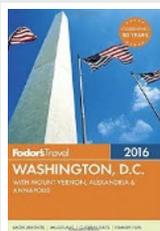
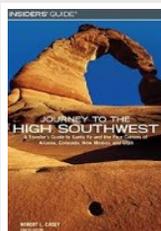
National Poetry Month:

Are you aware that April is **National Poetry Month**? At the Essex Library, we are ready to celebrate the art of written verse with you! We have selected the following resources to help you enjoy a wide range of poets and poetry:



National Park Week: April 15-23

National Park Week is a celebration of national heritage. It's about discovering open spaces, exploring amazing places, and enhancing America's best idea—the national parks! Staying local? Borrow the Essex Library's *CT State Parks and Forests Pass* which waives vehicle entrance fees.



What's Your Genre?

Jessica spent the majority of her childhood exploring the forest and visiting the ocean. As a way to further this relationship with the natural world, she's taken to any literature she can find that embodies it. She notes, "I'm very interested in ecosystems, animal behavior, and natural history. I especially enjoy descriptive works of fiction, volumes of poetry, and factual accounts. Through nature-based education strategies in our programming for young children, I hope to inspire the excitement surrounding wildlife and conservation that I experienced as a child."

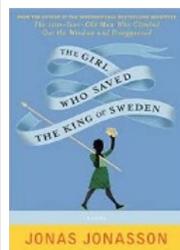
Jessica recommends the following books: *Upstream: Selected Essays* by **Mary Oliver**, *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by **Scott O'Dell**, and *Last Child in the Woods* by **Richard Louv**.

Monthly Staff Favorites

Heather: *How to be a Wildflower: A Field Guide* by **Katie Daisy**. Encouraging self-discovery through encounters with nature, beloved artist Katie Daisy brings her beautiful paintings and lettering to this collection of things to do and make, quotes, meditations, natural history, and more. Every page invites readers to wander, savor, and ponder the natural world around them.



Claire: *The Girl who Saved the King of Sweden* by **Jonas Jonasson**. Born in a Soweto shack in 1961, Nombeko is destined for a short, hard life. When she is run over by a drunken engineer, her luck changes. Alive, but blamed for the accident, she is sent to work for the driver, who is head of a project vital to South Africa's security. Only she knows his huge mistake...



Ann: *Persuasion* by **Jane Austen**. Set in Somersetshire and Bath, the novel revolves around the lives of Sir Walter Elliot, his daughters Elizabeth, Anne, and Mary, and various in-laws, friends, and suitors. At the center of the novel is Anne's thwarted romance with Captain Frederick Wentworth, a navy man Anne met and fell in love with when she was nineteen.



Emily: *Modern Lovers* by **Emma Straub**. Friends and former college band mates Elizabeth, Andrew and Zoe have watched one another marry, start businesses and families, all while trying to hold on to the identities of their youth. But nothing ages them like having to suddenly pass the torch (of sexuality, independence, and the ineffable alchemy of cool) to their own kids.



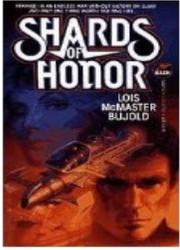
Diane: *Bittersweet* by **Miranda Beverly-Whittemore**. Mabel Dagmar has always been ordinary. She is used to being invisible. When college roommate Geneva Winslow invites her to spend the summer with her prestigious family in Vermont, for the first time in her life, she feels like she belongs. As Mabel becomes an insider, she makes a horrifying discovery.





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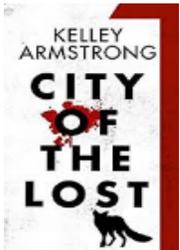
Anna: *Shards of Honor* by Lois McMaster Bujold. When Cordelia Naismith and her survey crew are attacked by a renegade group from Barrayar, she is taken prisoner by Aral Vorkosigan, commander of the Barrayan ship that has been taken over by an ambitious and ruthless crew member. Aral and Cordelia survive countless mishaps while their mutual admiration and even stronger feelings emerge.

Richard: *Watergate: A Novel* by Thomas Mallon

Mallon. Thomas Mallon conveys the drama and high comedy of the Nixon presidency through the urgent perspectives of seven characters we only thought we knew before now. Enjoy this "third-rate" burglary!

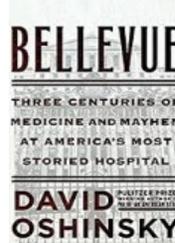


Val: *City of the Lost* by Kelley Armstrong. Casey Duncan is a homicide detective with a secret: when she was in college, she killed a man. She was never caught, but he was the grandson of a mobster, and she knows this crime will catch up to her. Casey's best friend, Diana, is on the run from an abusive ex-husband. When Diana's husband finds her, and Casey herself is attacked shortly after, Casey knows it's time for the two of them to disappear.

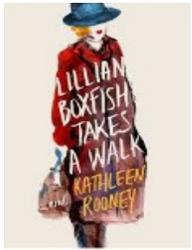


Norma: *Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.

Bellevue Hospital, on New York City's East Side, occupies a colorful and horrifying place in the public imagination: a den of mangled crime victims, vicious psychopaths, lunatics, and exotic-disease sufferers. Today, Bellevue is a revered public hospital bringing first-class care to all.



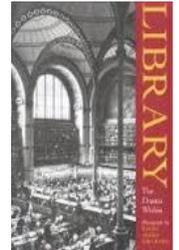
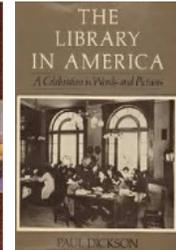
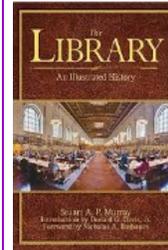
Amy: *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney. It's the last night of 1984, and Lillian, age 85, is just as savvy as ever and on her way to a party. A love letter to city life in all its guts and grandeur, Rooney paints a portrait of a remarkable woman across the canvas of a changing America: from the Jazz Age to the onset of the AIDS epidemic, and the Great Depression to the birth of hip-hop.



National Library Week



National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, as well as to promote library use and support. Come visit the Essex Library and learn about all the resources and services we offer!



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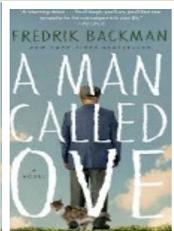
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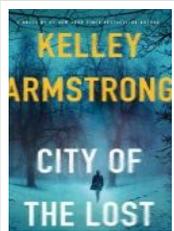
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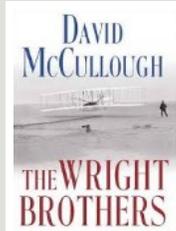
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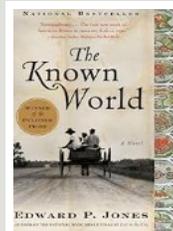
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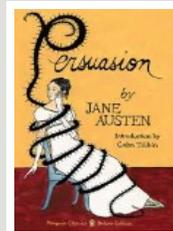
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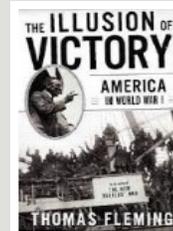
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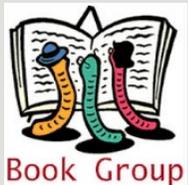
American History
May 25
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The Illusion of Victory



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