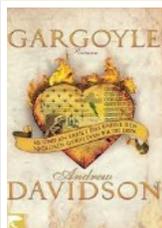
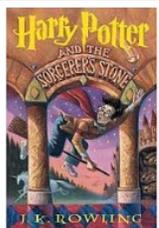
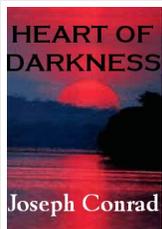
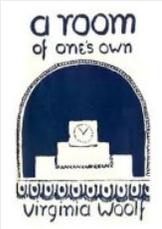
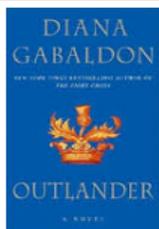
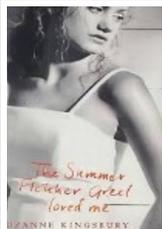
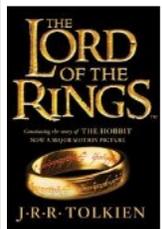
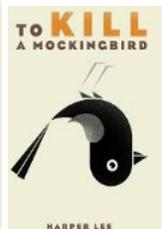
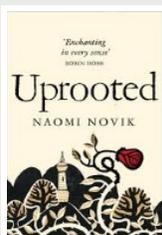
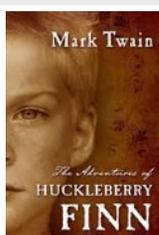


What to Read Next



Books Essex Librarians Would Love to Reread:

With so many books and so little time, we all have to make decisions regarding our reading choices. Below, you'll find the books our librarians would happily reread!



What's Your Genre?

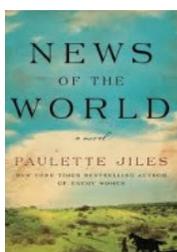
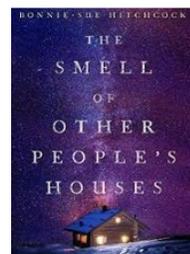


Anna cites "Romance" as one of her favorite genres, for as she explains: "I enjoy the development of a relationship between two people, and the security of knowing that no matter what happens, they will be happy together. Furthermore, there are romance novels for a reader's every mood or preference, be it melancholy, whimsical, suspenseful, or speculative. With thousands of novels published yearly, the supply is nearly inexhaustible."

Her top three recommendations are the following: **The Spindle Cove Series / A Night to Surrender by Tessa Dare**, **Darkest London Series / Firelight by Kristen Callihan**, and **The Lucky Harbor Series / Simply Irresistible by Jill Shalvis**.

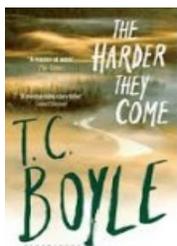
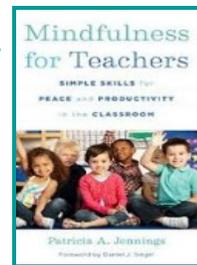
Monthly Staff Favorites

Jessica: *The Smell of Other Peoples Houses* by **Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock**. Ruth wants to be remembered by her grieving mother. Dora wishes she was invisible to her abusive father. Alyce is staying at home to please her parents. Hank is running away for the sake of his brothers. If we don't save each other, how can we save ourselves? Four lives are about to be entangled.



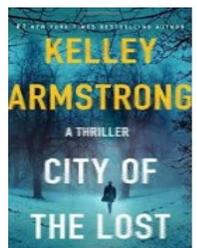
Amy: *News of the World* by **Paulette Jiles**. In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through Texas, giving live readings from newspapers. He is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed her family, but spared the recently rescued little girl, who has forgotten the English language.

Heather: *Mindfulness for Teachers: Simple Skills for Peace and Productivity in the Classroom* by **Patricia A. Jennings**. Teaching is one of the most rewarding professions, but also one of the most demanding. This book offers simple, evidence-proven mindfulness techniques to help educators manage the stresses of the classroom, and cultivate an ideal learning environment.



Richard: *The Harder They Come* by **T.C. Boyle**. Set in contemporary Northern California, *The Harder They Come* explores the volatile connections between three damaged people -- an aging ex-Marine and Vietnam veteran, his psychologically unstable son, and the son's paranoid, much older lover as they careen towards an explosive confrontation.

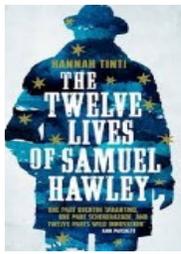
Val: *City of the Lost* by **Kelley Armstrong**. Casey Duncan is a homicide detective with a secret: when she was in college, she killed a man. She was never caught, but he was the grandson of a mobster, and she knows this crime will catch up to her. Her best friend, Diana, is on the run from a violent 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.





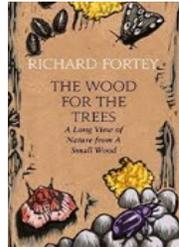
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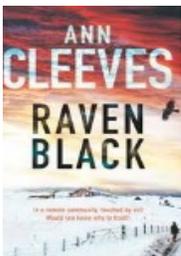
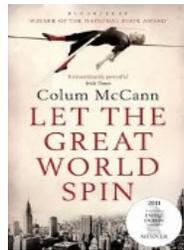
Emily: *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by **Hannah Tinti.** After years living on the run, Samuel Hawley moves with his teenage daughter, Loo, to his late wife's hometown in Massachusetts. Loo grows increasingly curious about her mother's mysterious death. Haunted by the twelve scars Hawley carries on his body, his criminal past spills over into his daughter's present.

Ann: *The Wood for the Trees: A Long View of Nature from a Small Wood* by **Richard Fortey.** Richard Fortey traces a year in his four-acre woodland property in the Chiltern Hills of Oxfordshire, England, where he discovered a new species. He explores the myriad of connections in the natural world, as well as how they reflect history and humanity's role in the universe.



Diane: *Everything You Want Me To Be: A Novel* by **Mindy Mejia.** Hattie Hoffman has spent her whole life playing many parts: the good student, the good daughter, the good girlfriend. When she's found brutally stabbed to death, the tragedy rips right through the fabric of her small-town community. The town's darkest secrets are revealed as Hattie inches closer to her death.

Claire: *Let the Great World Spin* by **Colum McCann.** New York: August 1974. A man is walking in the sky, and the city stands still in awe. Between the newly built Twin Towers, the man is striding, twirling and showboating his way through the air. Over 100 stories below him, the lives of eight strangers spin towards each other in a time of epic political and social change.



Norma: *Raven Black* by **Ann Cleeves.** It is a cold January morning, and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of color on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbor. Who killed her?

ELA Book Groups:

First Thursday
May 4
4:00 PM
The Makioka Sisters

Historical Fiction
May 9
10:30 AM
The Known World

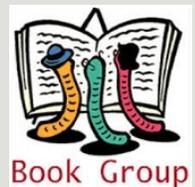
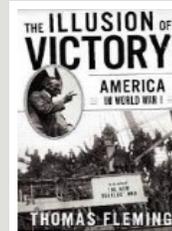
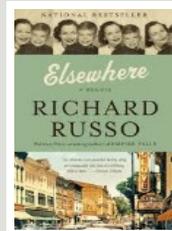
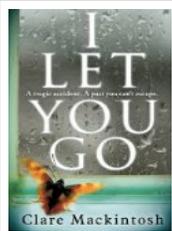
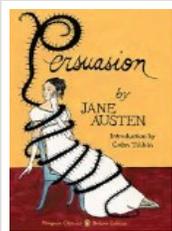
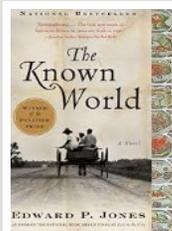
Classics Book Group
May 11
5:30 PM
Persuasion

Whodunit Walking
May 16
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I Let You Go

Third Wednesday
May 17
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Elsewhere

American History
May 25
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The Illusion of Victory

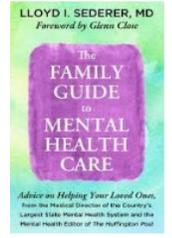
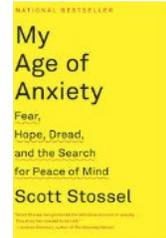
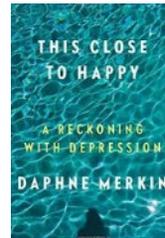
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May is Mental Health Month

The focus of the 2017 Mental Health Month campaign highlights the importance of mental health, as well as teaches us more about the behaviors and habits that increase the risk of developing or exacerbating mental illnesses. In addition to the Essex Library's book, book on CD, and DVD collections, our Community Room has relevant brochures pertaining to mental health issues available for you to take home.



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