

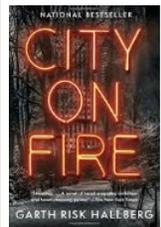
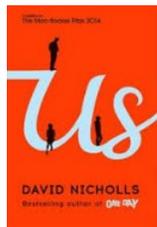
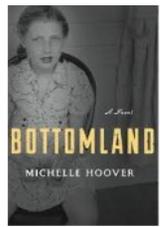
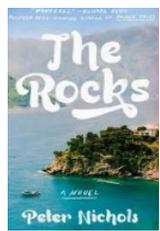
What to Read Next



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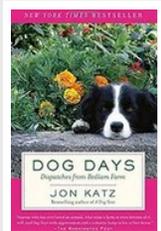
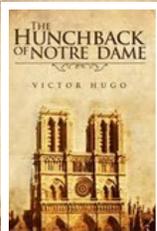
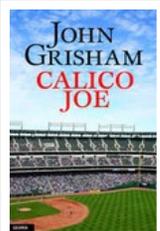
Appreciation Month:

June is Audio Book Appreciation Month, and the Essex Library is ready to help you celebrate! The library has a stellar collection of books on CD for you to listen to as you walk, drive, work, or relax. Biographies, non-fiction, and works of fiction are all available for your listening pleasure!



Additional Audio Options:

As well as audio books on CD, the Essex Library offers two more listening options! We have **Playaways** – highly portable, battery-operated audio books which weigh only two ounces for people “on the go.” Rather listen to your book on your computer or mobile device? **Overdrive** is an online service available to all Essex Library patrons. Enter the barcode of your library card, choose the audio title of interest, and you are all set!



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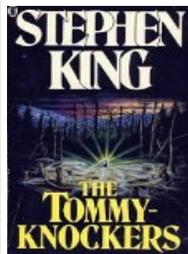
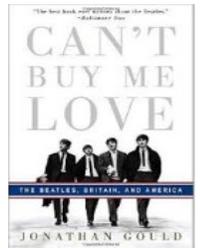
What's Your Genre?

Heather is a life-long learner who enjoys reading and researching many topics, which is why “Nonfiction” is one of her favorite genres. She notes, “You have so much freedom with nonfiction! You can jump around and read the parts or chapters you’re interested in at that time. There are many subjects to explore, and there’s always new research coming out. I like how the information can be presented differently. Who doesn’t enjoy a good caption, photograph, chart, or diagram?”

Her top three recommendations are the following: *Mindfulness for Teachers* by **Patricia A. Jennings**, *The Happiness Effect* by **Donna Freitas**, and *The Importance of Being Little* by **Erika Christakis**.

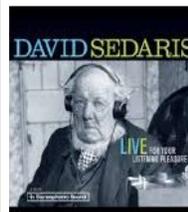
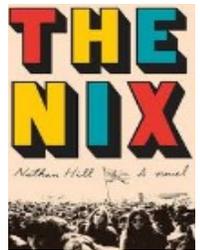
Monthly Staff Favorites

Richard: *Can't Buy Me Love: The Beatles, Britain and America* by **Jonathan Gould**. Jonathan Gould seeks to explain why the Beatles were a charismatic phenomenon of world wide proportions. By placing the Fab Four in the tumultuous panorama of their time and place, Gould roots their story in the social context that girded both their rise and their demise.



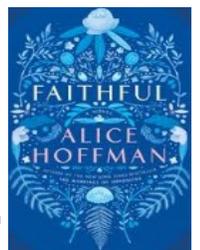
Norma: *The Tommy-Knockers* by **Stephen King**. While walking in the woods on her property in Haven, Maine, Bobbi Anderson stumbles over a metal protrusion. The consequences will affect every citizen of Haven, young and old. The object unleashes extraordinary powers beyond those of mere mortals -- and certain death for all outsiders.

Emily: *The Nix: A Novel* by **Nathan Hill**. Meet Samuel: stalled writer, bored professor, and obsessive player of online video games. He hasn't seen his mother, Faye, since she abandoned her family when he was a boy. Now she has suddenly reappeared, having committed a politically motivated crime that inflames a divided America. To survive the trial, she needs his help.



Ann: *Live at Carnegie Hall / Live for Your Listening Pleasure* by **David Sedaris**. David Sedaris tells story after humorous story, always pulling laughs from his audience. This short collection of memoir-like stories will keep you laughing. Stories include a conversation between a cat and a baboon, his experiences on a book tour and entries from his diary. This audio set will appeal to his loyal fans, as well as admirers of classic comedy.

Diane: *Faithful* by **Alice Hoffman**. Growing up on Long Island, Shelby Richmond is an ordinary girl, until one night an extraordinary tragedy changes her fate. Her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident, while Shelby walks away with the burden of guilt. What happens when a life is turned inside out? *Faithful* is the story of a survivor.





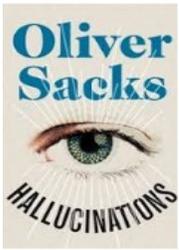
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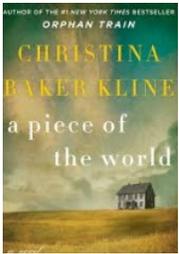
Valerie: *A Court of Wings and Ruin* by Sarah J. Maas. Feyre returns to the Spring Court on a reconnaissance mission to gather information on Tamlin, the invading king threatening Prythian. She plays a deadly game of deceit while trying to find allies. As a spy, the future of the entire kingdom relies on her ability to play her part perfectly, including her decisions about who to trust.

Claire: *The Idiot* by Elif Batuman. 1995: Email is new to the world, and Selin, the daughter of Turkish immigrants, arrives for her freshman year at Harvard. She signs up for classes in subjects she has never heard of, and almost by accident, begins corresponding with Ivan, a mathematics student from Hungary. Each email they exchange takes on a mysterious meaning.

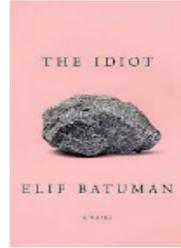


Anna: *Hallucinations* by Oliver Sacks. Have you ever seen something that was not really there? Heard someone call your name in an empty house? Sensed someone following you and turned around to find nothing? Hallucinations don't belong wholly to the insane. Much more commonly, they are linked to sensory deprivation, intoxication, illness, or injury.

Jessica: *The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me* by Suzanne Kingsbury. Fletcher Greel is home for the summer, and he falls instantly for the beautiful Haley who has broken the heart of every boy in town. Fletcher's friend Riley is in love with a blues-singing girl named Crystal. These four soon become inseparable, until racism in their small town tries to divide them.



Amy: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. Due to an increasingly incapacitating illness, Christina Olson's entire world was her family's farm in Maine. She seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for two decades, she was inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and she became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the 20th century.



School's Out!

Now that summer has arrived, are you looking for fun activities to share with your children or grandchildren? Jess, our Children's Librarian, has many awesome ideas and resources to suggest. Here is a sampling of titles from our large "Parenting Corner" collection, located in the Essex Library's Children's Department.



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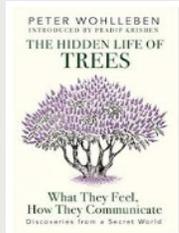


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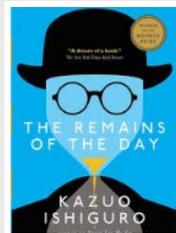
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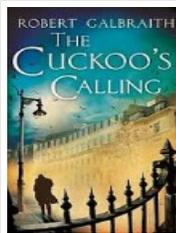
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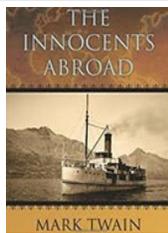
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The Cuckoo's Calling



Classics Book Group
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The Innocents Abroad



Join a Book Group!

Are you always looking for a good book or author? Do you like a lively discussion with other book enthusiasts? Then join one of our book groups!



Book Group

Men and women of all ages are invited to join our book groups at any time. We have copies of the books available to borrow. During the summer, our American History and Third Wednesday Book Groups are taking a break.

Check our website for more information or reading suggestions! Read our "What to Read Next?" webpage to learn more about the services Essex Library offers, as well as what our librarians are reading: www.youressexlibrary.org/what-to-read-next/



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