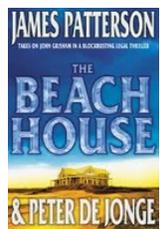
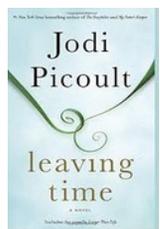
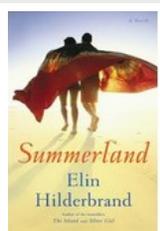
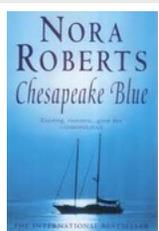
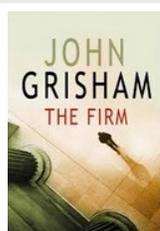


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Beach Reads

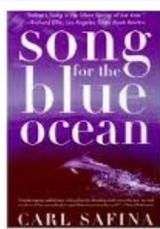
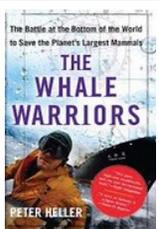
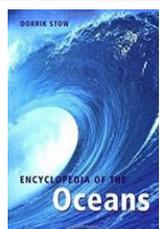
In celebration of summer, Val, one of our awesome librarians here at the Essex Library, has pulled together a book display of absorbing and fun beach reads. The following titles are just a few of her recommendations:



The Essex Library frequently changes its book displays. Keep an eye out for our latest reading suggestions!

Learn about Local Museums

Summer is the perfect time to visit the **Mystic Aquarium!** Did you know you can receive a discount on your admission fee by visiting the Essex Library to check out our museum pass? While here, you may also want to look at our resources about marine life and oceans. The library and aquarium provide limitless opportunities to discover more about these fascinating topics!



What's Your Genre?

Ann: One of my favorite genres after mysteries and gardening books is Essays. When a terrific writer holds court through an essay, it is equally fascinating and delightful as any literature. In some ways, one gets to know an author better as a person through their essays by allowing the reader to know what is important and compelling to the author. And, of course, some humor is always a welcome element.

Some of Ann's favorite collections of essays are the following: *The Essays of E. B. White by E. B. White*, *Dress Your Family In Corduroy And Denim by David Sedaris*, and *Don't Get Too Comfortable by David Rakoff*.

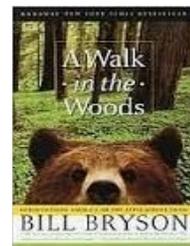
Monthly Staff Favorites

Anna: *March: Books One, Two, Three by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell.* March is a first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of segregation. *Book One* spans his youth in Alabama; *Book Two* takes place after the Nashville sit-in campaign; *Book Three* goes back in time to when Lewis is age 25.



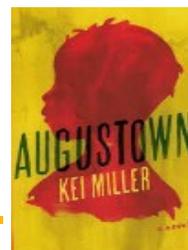
Amy: *The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan.* Andrew Peardeew collects things left behind by others and writing stories about them. He does this as a tribute to the fiancée who died the day he lost one of her keepsakes. When a dying Andrew bequeaths his estate to his assistant, Laura, she begins to bond with new neighbors while attempting to reunite the objects with their owners.

Emily: *A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson.* Bill Bryson set off to hike the 2,200 mile long Appalachian Trail, the longest continuous footpath in the world. Facing savage weather, merciless insects, unreliable maps and a companion (Stephen Katz) whose profoundest wish was to go to a motel and watch *The X-Files*, Bryson gamely struggled through the wilderness to achieve a lifetime's ambition, not to die outdoors.



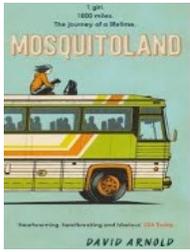
Diane: *The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me by Suzanne Kingsbury.* Fletcher Greel is home for the summer, and he falls instantly for the beautiful Haley who has broken the heart of every boy in town. Fletcher's friend Riley is in love with a blues-singing girl named Crystal. These four soon become inseparable,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

Norma: *Augustown by Kei Miller.* Set in Jamaica, *Augustown* is a magical and haunting novel of one woman's struggle to rise above the brutal vicissitudes of history, race, class, violence, collective memory, and myth. Ma Taffy may be blind, but she sees everything. When her great-nephew Kaia comes home from school in tears, what she senses sends a deep fear running through her.





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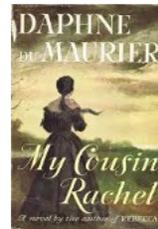
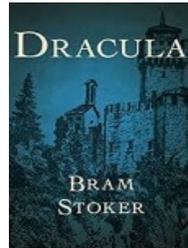
Heather: *Mosquitoland* by David Arnold. After the collapse of her family, Mim Malone is dragged from her home in Ohio to the "wastelands" of Mississippi, where she lives in a medicated milieu with her dad and stepmom. When she learns her mother is sick, she ditches her new life and hops aboard a Greyhound bus back to her real mother.

Valerie: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. When Jonathan Harker sets off for Transylvania to sell the mysterious Count Dracula a Gothic mansion, his bride-to-be Mina begs him to stay. Upon arrival at Dracula's oppressive castle, deep in a black forest surrounded by wolves, Harker wishes he had listened to his fiancée and longs for home. The Count is welcoming but unnerving.

Richard: *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields. Born in 1905, Daisy Goodwill drifts through the chapters of childhood, marriage, widowhood, remarriage, motherhood and old age. Bewildered by her inability to understand her own role, Daisy attempts to find a way to tell her own story within a novel that is itself about the limitations of autobiography.

Claire: *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls. Jeannette Walls, a former gossip columnist for MSNBC.com, chronicles her childhood, focusing on the complicated relationships within her dysfunctional family. Raised by nomadic and idealist parents who eventually settled in a poor West Virginia mining town, Walls and her siblings were often forced to fend for themselves if the family ran out of money.

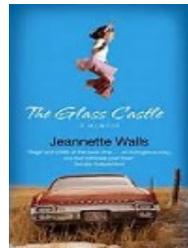
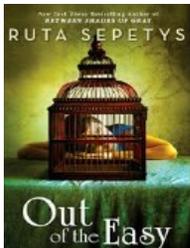
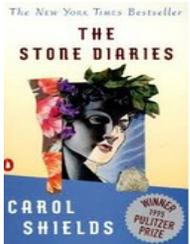
Jessica: *Out of the Easy* by Ruta Sepetys. Josie Moraine wants more out of life than the Big Easy has to offer. She devises a plan to get out, but a mysterious death in the Quarter leaves her tangled in an investigation that will challenge her conscience. Caught between the dream of an elite college and a clandestine underworld, Josie must make a choice.



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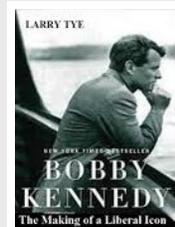
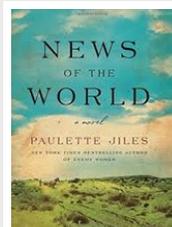
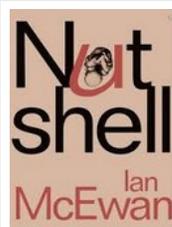
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