

# What to Read Next September 2017



## Upcoming Author Talks:

The Essex Library welcomes two local authors who will discuss their newest releases.

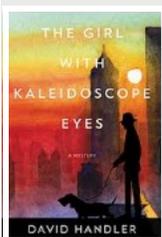
**David Handler**

*The Girl with Kaleidoscope Eyes*

**Saturday:**

**September 16 at 4 PM**

When murder strikes, celebrity ghostwriter, Hoagy, must quickly pull fact from fiction as he races to catch a clever, sinister killer.



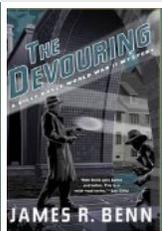
**James R. Benn**

*The Devouring*

**Tuesday:**

**October 3 at 7 PM**

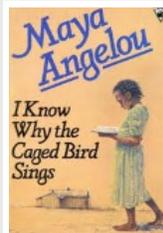
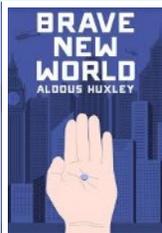
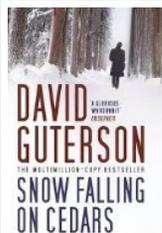
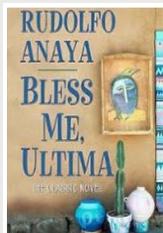
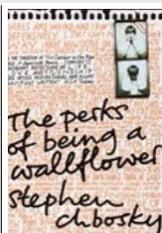
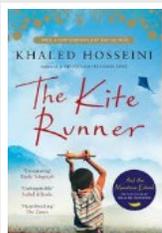
In the 12<sup>th</sup> Billy Boyle World War II mystery series, a murder in wartime Switzerland reveals Swiss complicity with the Nazis and profiteering during the era.



## Banned Books Week:

**September 24-30**

This annual event celebrates the freedom to read, and it highlights the value of free and open access to information. We have highlighted some of the most commonly banned or challenged books.



## What's Your Genre?

**Amy:** Having recently enjoyed **Christina Baker Kline's** *A Piece of the World*, I was reminded how much I enjoy fictionalized books about art and artists. I find the intersection of storytelling and the creation of art, sculpture or architecture to be fascinating. Many artists have very interesting histories due to the combination of their unique perspectives with how they seek inspiration. Fictionalized accounts of these lives can make great stories.

Three books Amy recommends are *The Girl with a Pearl Earring* by **Tracy Chevalier**, *Loving Frank* by **Nancy Horan**, and *The Marriage of Opposites* by **Alice Hoffman**.

## Monthly Staff Favorites



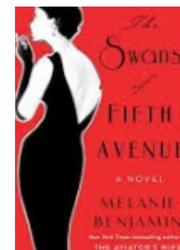
**Jana:** *The Disappearances* by **Emily Bain Murphy**. What if the ordinary things in life suddenly disappeared? When orphaned Aila and her younger brother Miles are sent to live in Sterling, they discover it to be a mysterious town where the experiences that weave life together--scents of flowers and food, reflections from mirrors and lakes, even the ability to dream--vanish every seven years. No one knows what caused these "Disappearances," or what will slip away next...

**Emily:** *Hello from the Gillespies* by **Monica McInerney**. For more than thirty years, Angela Gillespie has sent friends and family around the world an end-of-the-year letter titled 'Hello from the Gillespies'. Until this year, it's always been cheery and full of good news. Accidentally, she tells the truth: the Gillespies are far from the perfect family. When Angela is taken from them in a most unexpected manner, her family wonderfully pulls itself back together.



**Richard:** *That Old Cape Magic* by **Richard Russo**. Thirty years ago and full of hope, on their Cape Cod honeymoon, Jack and Joy Griffin drafted the Great Truro Accord, a plan for their future that's now thirty years old and has largely come true. Now the two of them are back on the Cape to celebrate the marriage of their daughter Laura's best friend. Full of every family feeling imaginable, painfully comic and profoundly involving, this novel is uplifting.

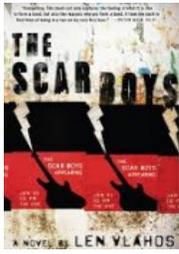
**Diane:** *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* by **Melanie Benjamin**. Of all the glamorous stars of New York high society, none blazes brighter than Babe Paley. Her flawless face regularly graces the pages of *Vogue*, and she is celebrated and adored for her ineffable style and exquisite taste. By all appearances, she has it all: money, beauty, glamour, jewels, influential friends, a prestigious husband, and gorgeous homes. However, beneath this elegantly composed exterior dwells a passionate woman seeking true love and passion. Enter Truman Capote.





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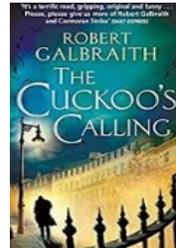
## Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



**Jessica:** *The Scar Boys* by Len Vlahos. In his college application essay, eighteen-year-old Harbinger (Harry) Jones goes beyond the 250-word limit and gives a full account of his life. He recounts a childhood defined by the hideous scars he hid behind, and how forming a band brought self-confidence, friendship, and his first kiss.

**Anna:** *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith.

Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. He is down to one client and living in his office. After supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, fell to her death a few months earlier, her brother, John, hires Strike to investigate his sister's death. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe it.

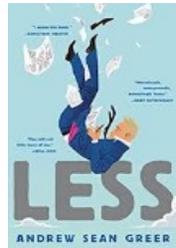


**Heather:** *Glow Kids* by Nicholas Kardaras. Dr. Nicholas Kardaras examines how technology—more specifically, age-inappropriate screen tech, with all of its glowing ubiquity—has profoundly affected the brains of an entire generation. A growing mountain of clinical research correlates screen tech with disorders like ADHD, addiction, anxiety, depression, increased aggression, and even psychosis.

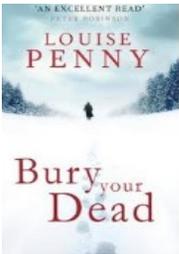


**Ann:** *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer.

You are a failed novelist about to turn fifty. A wedding invitation arrives in the mail: your boyfriend of the past nine years is engaged to someone else. You can't say yes—it would be too awkward—and you can't say no—it would look like defeat. Luckily, on your desk are a series of invitations to half-baked literary events around the world. How do you arrange to skip town? You accept them all. What could possibly go wrong?

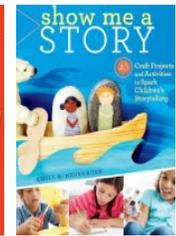
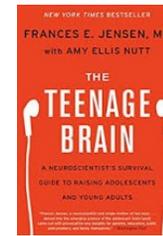
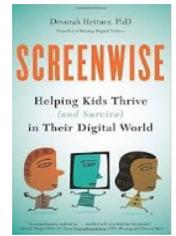
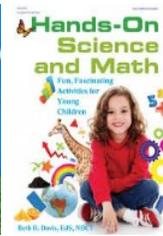


**Norma:** *Bury Your Dead* by Louise Penny. It is Winter Carnival in Quebec City, and Chief Inspector Armand Gamache has come not to join the revels but to recover from an investigation gone hauntingly wrong. However, violent death is inescapable. Could a secret buried with Samuel de Champlain for nearly 400 years be so dreadful that someone would kill to protect it?



## Back to School

As the new school year begins, parents often want to learn how to help their children become stronger students. Jess, our Children's and Teen Librarian, is always available to answer your questions and make reading recommendations. Here are a few of Jess' suggestions to get your child's academic year off to a great start:



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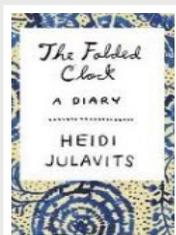
### Book Groups:

If you enjoy lively discussion with other book enthusiasts, please join us!

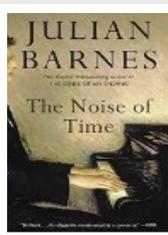


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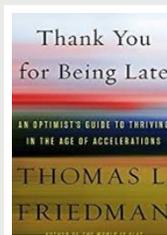
**First Thursday**  
September 7  
4:00 PM  
*The Folded Clock*



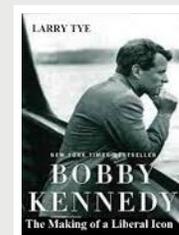
**Historical Fiction**  
September 12  
10:30 AM  
*The Noise of Time*



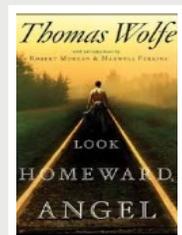
**Third Wednesday**  
September 20  
10:30 AM  
*Thank You for Being Late*



**American History**  
September 28  
5:00 PM  
*Bobby Kennedy*



**Classics Book Group**  
October 5  
5:30 PM  
*Look Homeward, Angel*



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