

What to Read Next



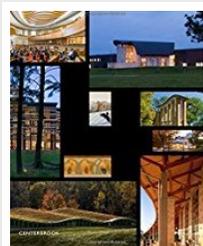
Upcoming Author Talk:

Centerbrook 4

Jeff Riley, Chad Floyd, Mark Simon, Jim Childress and Editor John Morris Dixon

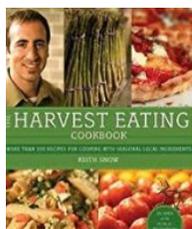
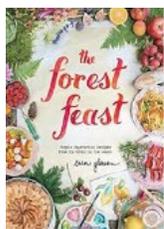
Thursday: November 9 at 6:30 PM

Centerbrook Architects was conceived in 1975 as a community of architects working together to advance American place-making and the craft of building. Recipients of the AIA Firm Award, they are entering their fifth decade of designing buildings across the country. *Centerbrook 4*, represents their fourth book on architecture, four decades of practice, and the four current partners, who are each recognized as AIA Fellows, in design. Each Partner will reveal formative ideas behind select projects to help convey how their design and attention to details make buildings memorable.



Harvest Time

Autumn is when we reap the benefits from our summer gardens. Whether you need a "how-to" book with directions on preserving the tastes of summer, or you are looking for seasonal recipes, the Essex Library has a plethora of cookbook options available. Bon appétit!



What's Your Genre?

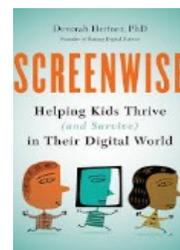


Emily: After recently reading *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, I reconfirmed how much I enjoy novels depicting a character who takes a journey. Recently, several wonderful books have been written about characters, who through their travels, heal their private wounds or become stronger due to the adversity. I'm most excited to read about a character who unintentionally discovers another facet of his/her personality.

I recommend the following three books: *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon, and *Britt Marie was Here* by Fredrik Backman.

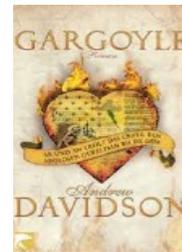
Monthly Staff Favorites

Heather: *Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World* by Devorah Heitner, PhD. Many parents worry that their kids are addicted to their digital devices. Media expert Devorah Heitner, believes that technology offers huge potential to our children, if parents help them navigate the challenges. Good judgment creates responsible digital citizens.



Norma: *Glass Houses* by Louise Penny. When a mysterious figure appears in Three Pines one cold November day, Armand Gamache and the rest of the villagers are at first curious. Then wary. Through rain and sleet, the figure stands unmoving, staring ahead. From the moment its shadow falls over the village, Gamache suspects the creature has deep roots and a dark purpose.

Diane: *The Gargoyle* by Andrew Davidson. On a burn ward, a man lies between living and dying, so disfigured that no one from his past life would even recognize him. His only comfort comes from imagining various inventive ways to end his misery. When a woman named Marianne Engel walks into his hospital room, she insists that she has known him for more than seven hundred years.



Jessica: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamante. Addie Baum is born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were suspicious of America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents cannot imagine. She dreams of going to college, having a career and finding true love.

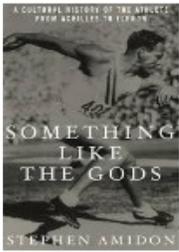
Ann: *Red Light Run: Linked Stories* by Baird Harper. When two cars collide at an intersection in a Chicago suburb, Hartley Nolan is not the person police expect to find behind the wheel. After all, he barely drinks. In eleven tightly linked stories, the reader is pulled into the inner lives of Hartley and his wife, Sonia, as well as other characters to untangle the mounting forces that carry them to their fates.





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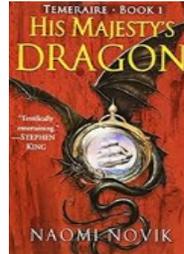
Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



Hannah: *Something Like the Gods* by Stephen Amidon. Why is the athlete so important to us? Few public figures can dominate the public imagination with such power and authority. Even in our cynical times, when celebrities can be debunked at the speed of light, many still look to athletes as models for our moral and emotional lives. Amidon examines the archetype of the competitor.

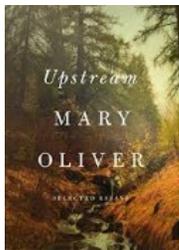
Anna: *His Majesty's Dragon* by Naomi Novik.

When the HMS Reliant captures a French ship and its priceless cargo, an unhatched dragon egg, Captain Will Laurence is swept into kinship with an extraordinary creature. He joins the elite Aerial Corps as a master of the dragon Temeraire, in which role he must match wits with the powerful dragon-borne forces of Napoleon Bonaparte.



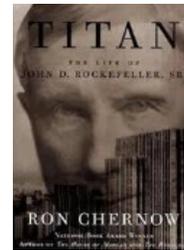
Jana: *Upstream: Selected Essays* by Mary Oliver.

A collection of essays follows the author as she contemplates the pleasure of artistic labor, her boundless curiosity for the flora and fauna that surround her, and the responsibility she has inherited from the great thinkers and writers of the past. Oliver encourages us all to give time to the creative and whimsical urges that live within us.



Richard: *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, SR.* by Ron Chernow.

Drawing on unprecedented access to Rockefeller's private papers, Chernow reconstructs his subjects' troubled origins (his father was a swindler) and his single-minded pursuit of wealth. He also uncovers the profound religiosity that drove him "to give all I could," his devotion to his father, and his wry sense of humor.



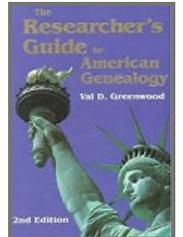
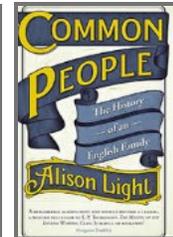
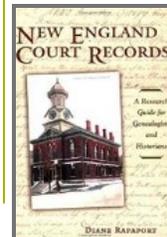
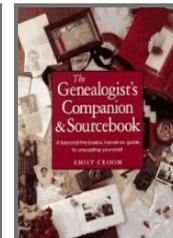
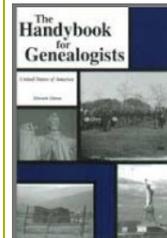
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Family History Month

October is National Family History Month and a wonderful time to commemorate your family's history. The Essex Library owns several books to assist you with your genealogy research, and you may access Ancestry.com via the library computers. Also, feel free to ask our resident genealogist Norma for advice.



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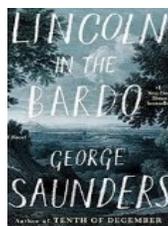
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Book Group

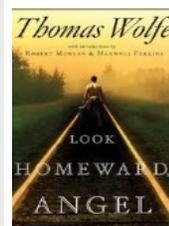
First Thursday
October 5
4:00 PM

Lincoln in the Bardo

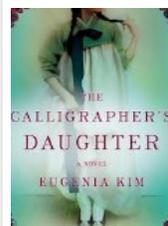


Classics Book Group
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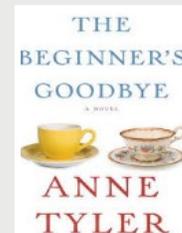
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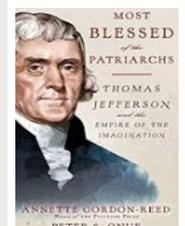
Historical Fiction
October 10
10:30 AM
Calligrapher's Daughter



Third Wednesday
October 18
10:30 AM
The Beginner's Goodbye



American History
November 16
5:00 PM
Most Blessed of the Patriarchs



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