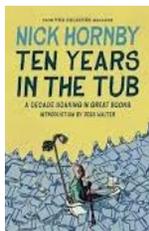
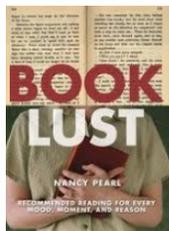
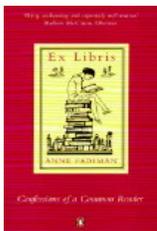
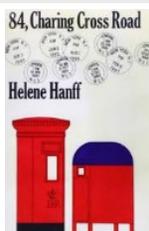
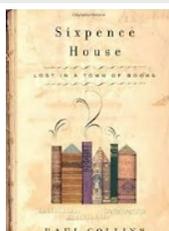
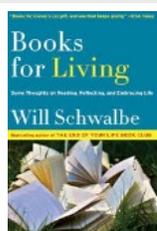


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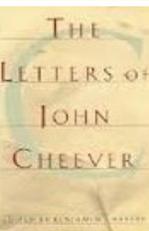
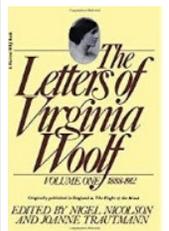
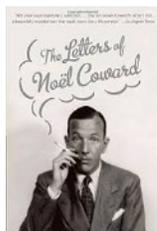
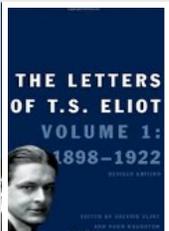
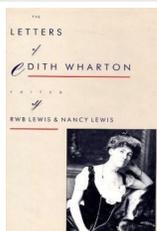
## Books about Books!

Do you LOVE books? The selected titles below include delightful insights and suggestions about books that will surely perk up your “must read” lists. As always, the librarians at the Essex Library will happily make additional recommendations.



## The Dying Art of Letter Writing

Before the hustle and bustle of the holidays approaches, consider picking up a pen and paper and writing a letter. This thoughtful endeavor provides calm to you and a gift to the recipient. For inspiration, check out the titles below!



## What's Your Genre?

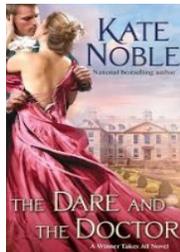
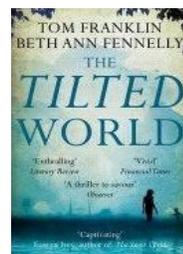


**Jana:** “Poets tend to have a quiet way of creating connection with their audience—there is this gentle resonating between poet and reader, bridged by shared experience. The genre is layered with this connection, this intimacy that is webbed across decades, and distance. These connections are quite unique to the genre of poetry, I find, and are also my favorite thing about it.”

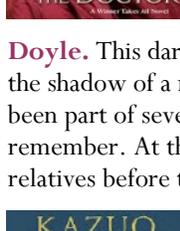
Jana recommends the following works: *Dreamwork* by Mary Oliver, *Night Sky With Exit Wounds* by Ocean Vuong and *What The Living Do* by Marie Howe.

## Monthly Staff Favorites

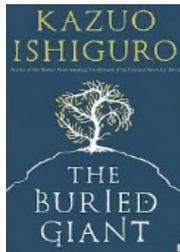
**Ann:** *The Tilted World* by Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly. April, 1927: After months of rain, the Mississippi River has reached dangerous levels, and the little town of Hobnob is under threat. Residents fear the levee will either explode under the pressure of the water or be blown by saboteurs from New Orleans, who wish to save their own city. Events are about to change the great South.



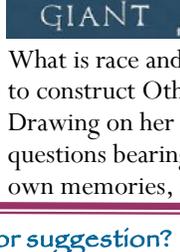
**Anna:** *The Dare and the Doctor* by Kate Noble. Dr. Rhys Gray and Miss Margaret Babcock are friends—strictly friends. Over the course of the year, as they exchange dozens of letters, they share personal details that put them on the path to something more. When Dr. Gray helps Margaret realize her dearest dream and she comes to his defense in the uproar that follows, it seems that their connection cannot be denied.



**Jessica:** *The Accident Season* by Moira Fowley-Doyle. This dark and beautiful debut novel depicts a young girl living in the shadow of a mysterious curse: the accident season. The curse has been part of seventeen-year-old Cara's life for as long as she can remember. At the end of October, foreshadowed by the deaths of many relatives before them, Cara's family becomes strangely accident-prone.



**Richard:** *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro. As elderly Briton couple Axl and Beatrice journey to visit the son they've not seen in years, they begin to remember the troubled past they share with their traveling companions: a Saxon warrior, his orphaned charge, and an illustrious knight. Sometimes savage, often intensely moving, this novel addresses lost memories, love, revenge, and war.



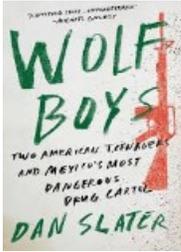
**Norma:** *The Origin of Others* by Toni Morrison. What is race and why does it matter? What motivates the human tendency to construct Others? Why does the presence of Others make us so afraid? Drawing on her Norton Lectures, Morrison takes up these and other vital questions bearing on identity in *The Origin of Others*. She considers her own memories, as well as history, politics, and especially literature.





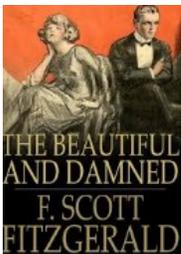
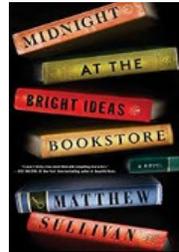
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## Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



**Diane:** *Wolf Boys* by **Dan Slater**. This is the story of two American teens recruited as killers for a Mexican cartel and their pursuit by a Mexican-American detective who realizes the War on Drugs is futile. How does a fifteen-year-old American boy go from star quarterback to trained assassin? Slater shows how poverty, ideas about identity, and government ignorance warped the definition of the American dream.

**Emily:** *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by **Matthew Sullivan**. When Joey Molina, a young, beguiling BookFrog, kills himself in the bookstore's upper room, Lydia's life comes apart. Always Joey's favorite bookseller, Lydia has been bequeathed his meager worldly possessions. As Lydia flips through his books, she finds them defaced. They seem to contain a hidden message about her tragic past.



**Hannah:** *The Beautiful and Damned* by **F. Scott Fitzgerald**. Through this novel, Fitzgerald chronicles the relationship of Anthony Patch, a Harvard-educated, aspiring aesthete, and his beautiful wife, Gloria, as they await to inherit his grandfather's fortune. A devastating satire of New York's nightlife, of reckless ambition and squandered talent, it is also a shattering portrait of a marriage fueled by alcohol and wasted by wealth.

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<https://www.rbdigital.com/lioninc/service/magazines/landing>. If you already have an account, please note that your login and password information will remain the same. Happy reading!

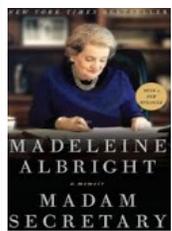


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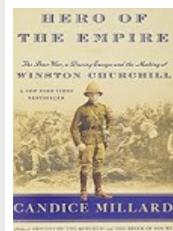
**First Thursday**  
November 2  
4:00 PM  
*Madam Secretary*



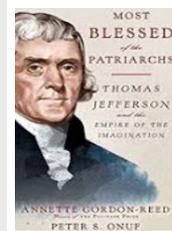
**Historical Fiction**  
November 14  
10:30 AM  
*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*



**Third Wednesday**  
November 15  
10:30 AM  
*Hero of the Empire*

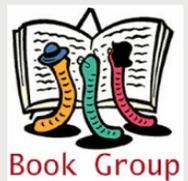


**American History**  
November 16  
5:00 PM  
*Most Blessed of the Patriarchs*



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