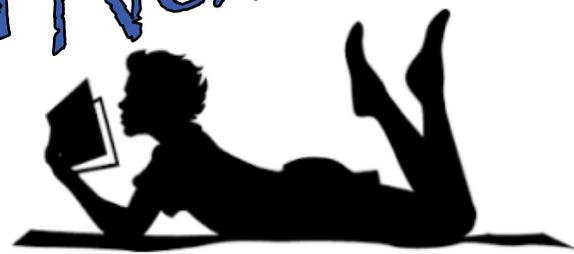


What to Read Next



Planning a Spring Picnic?

With warmer temperatures on their way, many of us are looking forward to gathering outdoors with our friends and family to enjoy the pleasant weather. What better way to kick off the season than with a Memorial Day Picnic? The Essex Library has a large cooking and entertaining collection for all of your dietary needs, and we have chosen a few lovely options to assist you with your picnic planning.



The Great American Read

The Essex Library is excited to announce that we will be aligning with "The Great American Read," which is a collaboration between the American Library Association (ALA) and Public Broadcast Systems (PBS). PBS describes the series: "The Great American Read, hosted by Meredith Vieira, is an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us. The series will engage audiences with a list of 100 diverse books. Audiences are encouraged to read the books,

vote from the [List of 100](#), and share their personal connections to the titles." We plan to offer many of the titles. Please join us in exploring and discussing these books this summer!



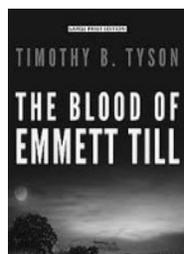
Who's Your Favorite Author?



Ann enjoys reading books written by the following authors: **Verlyn Klinkenborg**, **Tom Rachman** and **Carys Davies**. She notes, "They each have extraordinary skills when setting a scene, creating characters and describing a thought. Their ability to transport a reader and carry them along through the story is consistent and reliable. In fact, they provide a relatively perfect read." She is always happy to recommend other authors who share similar writing techniques.

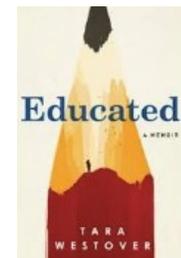
Ann suggests checking out: *The Last Fine Time* by **Verlyn Klinkenborg**, *The Italian Teacher: A Novel* by **Tom Rachman**, and the recently released *West: A Novel* by **Carys Davies**.

Monthly Staff Favorites



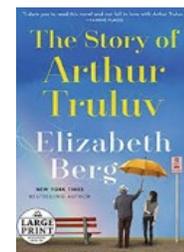
Norma: *The Blood of Emmett Till* by **Timothy B. Tyson**. In 1955, white men in the Mississippi Delta lynched a visiting teen from Chicago named Emmett Till. His murder was part of a wave of white terrorism in the wake of the 1954 Supreme Court decision that declared public school segregation unconstitutional. The national coalition organized to protest the Till lynching became the foundation of the Civil Rights Movement.

Jessica: *Educated: A Memoir* by **Tara Westover**. Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she never saw a doctor or went to school. However, when one of her brothers went to college and came back with news of the world, she decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her to the esteemed universities of Harvard and Cambridge.



Richard: *Leonardo da Vinci: The Biography* by **Walter Isaacson**. Walter Isaacson brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in this biography to show us what we can learn from such a genius. Based on da Vinci's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Isaacson weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves: curiosity, observation and imagination.

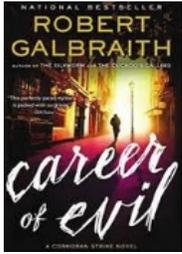
Emily: *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by **Elizabeth Berg**. For the past six months, Arthur Moses's days have looked the same: he tends to his rose garden and then rides the bus to the cemetery to visit his beloved late wife for lunch. When he unexpectedly meets eighteen-year-old Maddy Harris, an introspective girl who visits the cemetery to escape the other kids at school, it's the beginning of a friendship between two lonely souls. Moved by his kindness, Maddy nicknames him "Truluv."





What to Read Next

Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



Anna: *Career of Evil: A Novel by Robert Galbraith.* When a mysterious package is delivered to Robin Ellacott, she is horrified to discover that it contains a woman's severed leg. Her boss, private detective Cormoran Strike, is less surprised but no less alarmed. There are four people from his past who he thinks could be responsible, and he knows that any one of them is capable of sustained brutality. As more horrendous acts occur, time is quickly running out for all.

Jana: *Bright Dead Things: Poems by Ada Limón.*

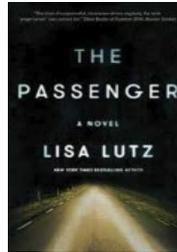
Limón. *Bright Dead Things* examines the chaos that is life, the dangerous thrill of living in a world you know you have to leave one day, and the search to find something that is ultimately "disorderly, and marvelous, and ours." A book of bravado and introspection, of 21st century feminist swagger and harrowing terror and loss, this fourth collection of poetry considers how we build our identities out of place and human contact, tracing in detail the various ways the speaker's sense of self perseveres.



Sue: *The Disappearances by Emily Bain Murphy.* Aila Quinn's mother, Juliet, has always been a mystery: vibrant yet guarded. When Juliet dies, Aila and her younger brother Miles are sent to live in Sterling, the place where Juliet grew up. Sterling is a place 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 causes these "Disappearances."

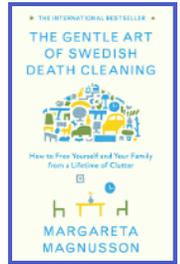
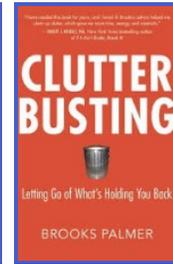
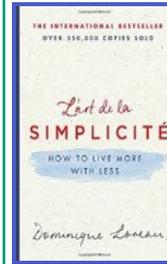
Diane: *The Passenger: A Novel by Lisa Lutz.*

Forty-eight hours after leaving her husband's body at the base of the stairs, Tanya Dubois cashes in her credit cards, dyes her hair brown, demands a new name from a shadowy voice over the phone, and flees town. It's not the first time. She meets Blue, a female bartender who recognizes the hunted look in a fugitive's eyes and offers her a place to stay. With dwindling choices, Tanya-now-Amelia accepts the uneasy and dangerous alliance.



Time to Spring Clean

After an especially long winter this year, many of us are eager to commence a deep cleaning of our homes. Whether you are looking to become more orderly, or you wish to simplify your life by eliminating detritus, the Essex Library offers several books to inspire you.



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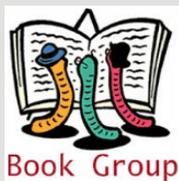
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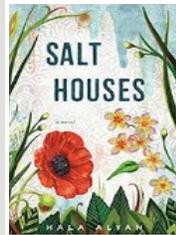
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First Thursday
May 3
4:00 PM
Cocoa Beach



Historical Fiction
May 8
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Salt Houses



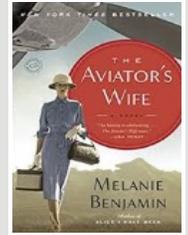
Classics Book Group
May 10
5:30 PM
Bury My Heart



American History
May 17
5:00 PM
Madam Secretary



Third Wednesday
May 23
10:30 AM
The Aviator's Wife



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