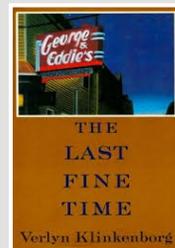
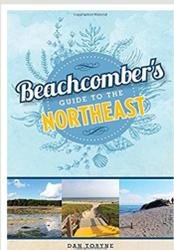
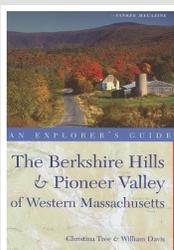
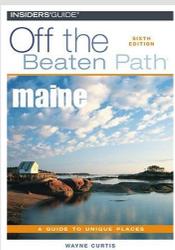
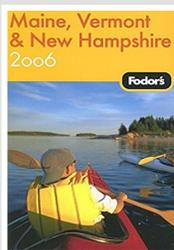
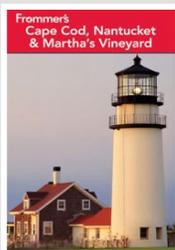
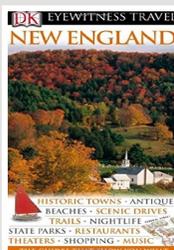
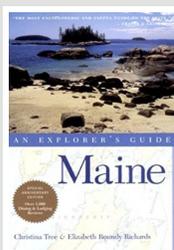
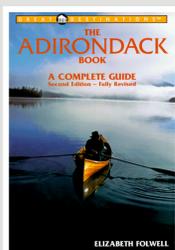


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Planning a Trip?

Does the warmer weather have you day dreaming about a summer vacation? Whether you are looking forward to a relaxing beach vacation, or you are hoping to scale majestic mountains, our collection is bound to have something for inspiration.

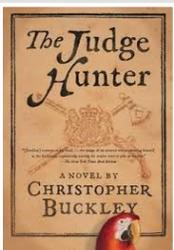


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Verlyn Klinkenberg
Essex Library

Authors in Conversation:

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Centerbrook Architects



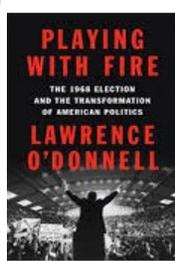
Who's Your Favorite Author?



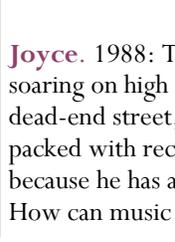
Norma enjoys a variety of authors, but if she revisits any, she particularly enjoys **Toni Morrison** because she relates to her writing. She notes, "They speak to me as a woman and a person of color. I own every book she's written." She also reads many mysteries written by **Louise Penny** since she finds the fictional tiny town of Three Pines in Canada to have interesting characters, including Ruth, whose dry wit and off-color humor make her laugh. **Ernest J. Gaines** is another favorite.

Norma recommends *Sula* by **Toni Morrison**, *Glass Houses* by **Louise Penny** and *A Gathering of Old Men* by **Ernest J. Gaines**.

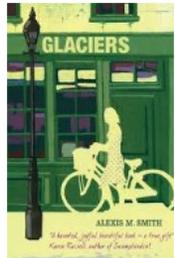
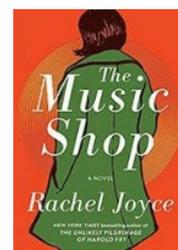
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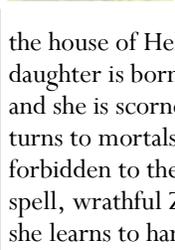
Richard: *Playing with Fire: The 1968 Election and the Transformation of American Politics* by **Lawrence O'Donnell**. Long before Lawrence O'Donnell was the anchor of his own political talk show, he was the Harvard Law-trained political aide to Senator Patrick Moynihan, one of postwar America's wisest political minds. The 1968 election was O'Donnell's own political coming of age, and this story represents his master class in American electioneering, as well as a country, coming apart at the seams in real time.



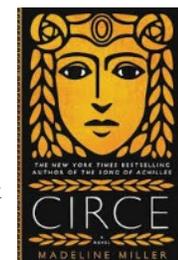
Emily: *The Music Shop: A Novel* by **Rachel Joyce**. 1988: The CD has arrived, and sales of the shiny new disks are soaring on high streets in cities across the England. Meanwhile, down a dead-end street, Frank's music shop stands small and brightly lit, jam-packed with records of every kind. It attracts the lonely and the adrift because he has a gift for finding his customers the music they need. How can music bring us together and save us when all seems lost?



Jana: *Glaciers: A Novel* by **Alexis M. Smith**. Isabel lives in Portland, Oregon and works in a library, repairing damaged books. She longs to visit the destinations revealed in their pages, and her daydreams are peopled by memories from her Alaskan childhood. The object of her affection, a soldier recently returned from Afghanistan, works with her. He seems equally quiet, but she's determined that today is the day they will finally talk.



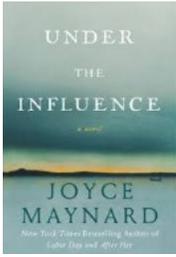
Jessica: *Circe: A Novel* by **Madeline Miller**. In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. Circe has neither the look nor the voice of divinity, and she is scorned and rejected by her kin. Increasingly isolated, she turns to mortals for companionship, leading her to discover a power forbidden to the gods: witchcraft. When love drives Circe to cast a dark spell, wrathful Zeus banishes her to the remote island of Aiaia. There she learns to harness her occult craft, drawing strength from nature.





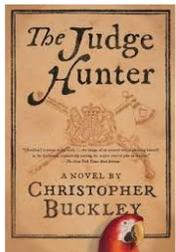
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Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



Diane: *Under the Influence: A Novel by Joyce Maynard.* Alcohol cost Helen her marriage and custody of David, her young son. Though she once aspired to be an art photographer, she now makes ends meet taking photos of children. When she meets Ava and Swift Havilland, Helen is instantly enchanted. Wealthy and connected philanthropists, they offer to pay for an attorney to help her regain custody of her son. Soon, she must choose between the truth and the friends who have given her everything.

Anna: *Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell.* Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, everybody is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, it's something more. Fandom is life. It's what got her and her sister, Wren, through losing their mom. It's what kept them close. Now that she's starting college, introverted Cath isn't sure what's supposed to get her through. She's got a surly roommate, a fiction-writing professor who thinks fanfiction is the end of the civilized world, and she's worried about her dad, who's loving, fragile and all alone.



Ann: *The Judge Hunter: A Novel by Christopher Buckley.* London, 1664. Twenty years after the English Revolution, the monarchy has been restored, and Charles II sits on the throne. The men who conspired to kill his father are either dead or disappeared. Balty St. Michel is twenty-four and unemployed until his brother-in-law Samuel Pepys, an officer in the king's navy, offers him a job in the New World. Balty must find the judges responsible for the execution of the last king.

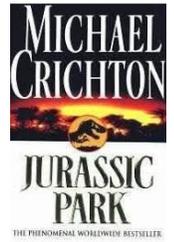
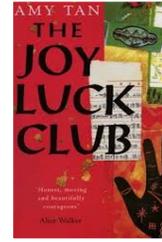
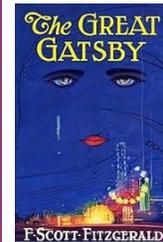
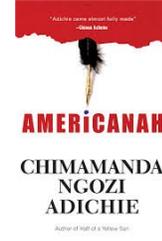
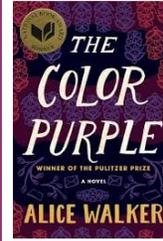
Sue: *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead by Brené Brown.* Every day we experience uncertainty and emotional exposure that define what it means to be vulnerable, or to dare greatly. Whether the arena is a new relationship, our creative process, or a difficult family conversation, we must find courage to walk into vulnerability and engage with our whole hearts, which Brown notes is **not** a sign of weakness.



The Great American Read



As you may know, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the American Library Association (ALA) have released the list of 100 books they selected for America to read. How about listening to some of them on a road trip? We've selected a few audio books to get you started!



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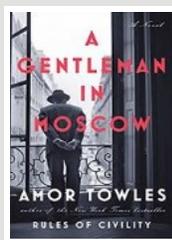


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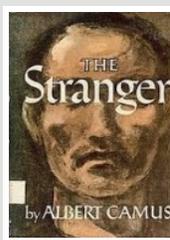
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