

What to Read Next



Upcoming Author Talks:

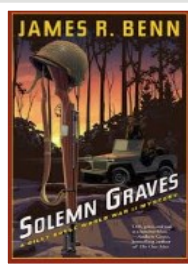
Christopher Buckley: August 15 at 7 PM
Venue: The Cube at Centerbrook Architects



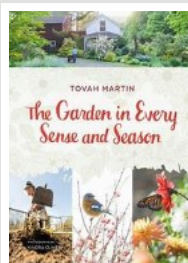
In a special event, "My Old Man and the Sea," **Christopher Buckley** will share details about a lifetime of sailing with his father on Long Island Sound, across the Atlantic twice and the Pacific once. Check out his memoir, *Losing Mum and Pup*.

James R. Benn: September 13 at 7 PM

The Essex Library is honored to welcome back **James Benn** in celebration of the release of his 13th Billy Boyle WWII mystery, *Solemn Graves*. In Benn's latest mystery, US Army detective Billy Boyle investigates a murder in Normandy that threatens Allied operations.



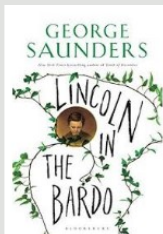
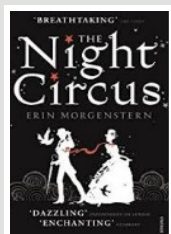
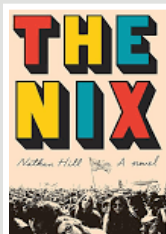
Tovah Martin: September 16 at 7PM



Your garden could be so fulfilling, if you plug in. Find out how when **Tovah Martin** speaks about her new book, *The Garden in Every Sense and Season*. This lecture explores the garden on all levels by attuning your eyes, nose and ears to enjoy the gardening experience.

Have You Tried the Libby App?

The Essex Library has loads of audio books you can download for free to help you while away the long hours on the road. These are a few of our favorites!

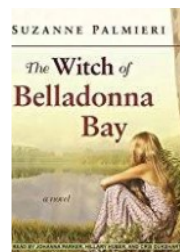


Who's Your Favorite Author?

Jana appreciates writers who create intelligent descriptions and careful connections, writers who organize a paragraph (or a stanza) eloquently and effortlessly, and writers who evoke feeling or response from the reader. She notes, "I like to read writing that is poetic—as I find poets write very efficiently, and often times, very beautifully. Above all, I read writers like **Francesca Lia Block** and **Mary Oliver** who make an impact, leave a lingering taste or a lasting impression."

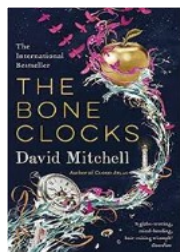
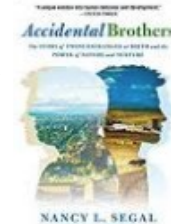
Jana recommends **Mary Oliver's** *Dream Work* and **Francesca Lia Block's** novel *The Hanged Man*, as well as *The Rose and the Beast: Fairy Tales Retold*.

Monthly Staff Favorites



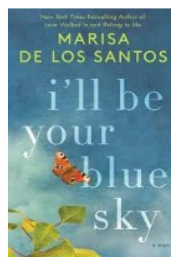
Jessica: *The Witch of Belladonna Bay: A Novel* by **Suzanne Palmieri**. Bronwyn Walen hasn't set eyes on the red dirt of Magnolia Creek, Alabama, for fourteen years—not since her mama died. Her brother, Patrick, is imprisoned for the murder of her childhood best friend, and her eccentric father, Jackson, is at his wits' end while her eleven-year-old niece, Byrd, runs wild. Bronwyn finds herself once again surrounded by the troubled family she left behind.

Sue: *Accidental Brothers: The Story of Twins Exchanged at Birth and the Power of Nature and Nurture* by **Nancy L. Segal and Yesika S. Montoya**. This is the unique story of two sets of identical Colombian twin brothers who discovered at age 25 that they were mistakenly raised as fraternal twins when they were not even biological brothers. Due to an oversight in the hospital, one twin in each pair was switched with a twin in the other pair.



Richard: *The Bone Clocks* by **David Mitchell**. Following a scalding row with her mother, fifteen-year-old Holly Sykes slams the door on her old life. Holly is no typical teenage runaway. As a sensitive child, she was once contacted by voices she knew as "the radio people." She's a lightning rod for psychic phenomena. As she wanders deeper into the English countryside, visions and coincidences reorder her reality until they assume the aura of a nightmare brought to life.

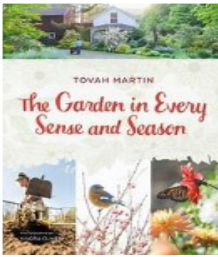
Emily: *I'll be Your Blue Sky: A Novel* by **Marisa de los Santos**. On the weekend of her wedding, Clare Hobbes meets an elderly woman named Edith Herron. During the course of a single conversation, Edith gives Clare the courage to end her engagement to her charming, yet possessive fiancé. Three weeks later, Clare learns that Edith has died and has given her Blue Sky House. Shifting between the 1950s and the present, a decades-old mystery will come to light through the alternating voices of Clare and Edith.





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Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...



Ann: *The Garden in Every Sense and Season* by Tovah Martin. So much of gardening is focused on the long list of chores: the weeding, the planting, and the pruning. But what about the joy a garden can provide? Packed with lush color photographs and 100 evocative essays, Martin shares sage garden advice, offers intimate reflections on her own garden, and urges gardeners to inhale, savor, and become more attuned with their gardens.

Diane: *Little Broken Things: A Novel* by Nicole Baart. When Quinn Cruz receives a cryptic text message from her older sister, Nora, she doesn't think much of it. Since they haven't seen each other in nearly a year, their relationship consists mostly of infrequent phone calls and the occasional e-mail. When a haunted-looking Nora shows up just hours later, a chain reaction is set into motion that will change their lives forever. It's a matter of life and death, and the lengths a woman will go to protect the ones she loves.



Anna: *The Duchess Deal* by Tessa Dare. When the Duke of Ashbury returns from war scarred, he realizes he needs an heir, which means he needs a wife. When Emma Gladstone, a vicar's daughter turned seamstress visits wearing a wedding dress, he decides on the spot that she'll do. His terms are simple: They will be husband and wife by night only, with no questions about his battle scars. Most importantly, once she's pregnant with his heir, they need never share a bed again. Emma is no pushover, but she has secrets and some rules of her own.



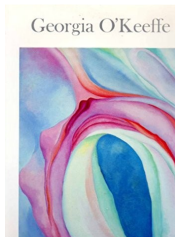
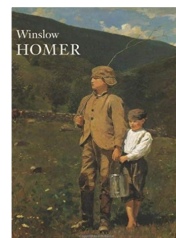
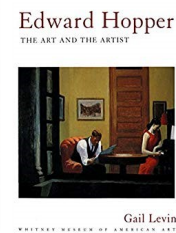
Changes to the Online Catalog:

Along with all of the other member libraries of Libraries Online, Inc. (LION), the Essex Library recently launched a new online catalog, Pika. We are happy to help you navigate it and to teach you how to place holds from the convenience of your home via <https://ex.catalog.lionlibraries.org/>



Celebrate American Artist Appreciation Month!

August is **American Artist Appreciation Month** and a wonderful time to appreciate those American artists who are creating or have created works of art. The Essex Library owns many art books to introduce you to several American artists and their famous pieces. Don't forget to check out our museum pass to the **Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art!**



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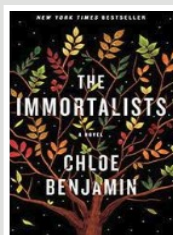
If you enjoy lively discussion with other book enthusiasts, please join us!



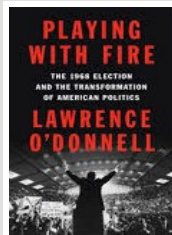
Book Group

First Thursday
August 2
4:00 PM

The Immortalists



American History
September 6
5:00 PM
Playing with Fire



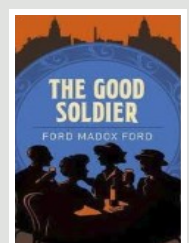
Historical Fiction
September 11
10:30 AM
The Help



Third Wednesday
September 19
10:30 AM
Last Hope Island



Classics Book Group
September 27
5:30 PM
The Good Soldier



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