

WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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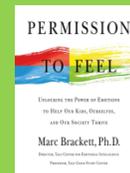


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We're adding memory kits to our collection!

A memory kit is a collection of items intended for individuals with cognitive impairment, including dementia and Alzheimer's, to stimulate conversation and recollection through sight, sound, touch, and activity. Kits contain items and activities centered around a place, time, or theme, and may include DVDs, music CDs, and activities such as puzzles. Memory kits will be available starting this month.

DID YOU KNOW?

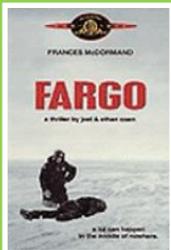
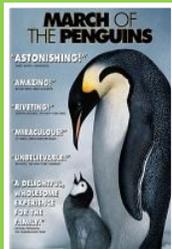


Tri-Town Youth Services is presenting *Permission To Feel: A Community Read and Discussion Series* on Zoom.

The series will take place on Wednesdays, January 19th, 26th and February 2nd from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Essex Library is a program partner and copies of the book are available at the library.

WINTERY DVDS

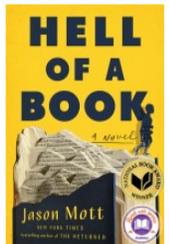
Winter officially starts on December 21st, so why not get into the spirit with this selection of cool DVDs from the Essex Library? Visit the library today to check out these titles!



NEW AT THE LIBRARY

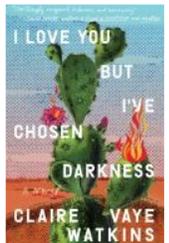
HELL OF A BOOK BY JASON MOTT

Hell of a Book tells the story of a Black author who sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. It is also the story of Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour. Who is The Kid? Will the author finish his book tour, and what kind of world will he leave behind?



I LOVE YOU BUT I'VE CHOSEN DARKNESS BY CLAIRE WATKINS

Leaving her husband and their baby, a writer with a spiraling case of postpartum depression leaves for a speaking engagement in Reno. Her temporary escape from domestic duties turns into an extended romp away from the confines of marriage and motherhood, and a seemingly bottomless descent into the past.



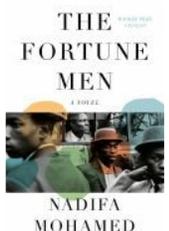
ONE TWO THREE BY LAURIE FRANKEL

The teenaged Mitchell triplets are beloved in the tiny town of Bourne. Mirabel is the smartest person anyone has ever met, Monday is the town's purveyor of books now that the library's closed, and Mab plans to get into college and out of Bourne. Life seems like it might go on the same forever but then a new student enrolls at Bourne Memorial High. He's smart, handsome, and the Mitchell family's sworn enemy.



THE FORTUNE MEN BY NADIFA MOHAMED

In Cardiff, Wales in 1952, Mahmood Mattan, a young Somali sailor, is accused of a crime he did not commit. At first, Mahmood believes he can ignore the accusation, secure in his innocence and his belief in British justice. But as the trial draws closer, his prospect for freedom dwindles. Under the shadow of the hangman's noose, Mahmood begins to realize that even the truth may not be enough to save him.



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NEW BOOKS

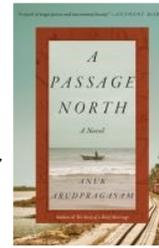
BEASTS OF A LITTLE LAND BY JUHEA KIM

An epic story of love, war, and redemption set against the backdrop of the Korean independence movement. In an act of desperation, a young girl named Jade is sold by her family to a courtesan school. She befriends JungHo, an orphan who begs on the streets of Seoul. As they come of age, JungHo joins the revolutionary fight for independence, and Jade becomes a sought-after performer. Jade must decide whether she will risk everything for the one who would do the same for her.



A PASSAGE NORTH BY ANUK ARUDPRAGASM

A Passage North begins with a telephone call informing Krishan that his grandmother's caretaker has died under unexpected circumstances. At once a powerful meditation on absence and longing, as well as an unsparing account of the legacy of Sri Lanka's thirty-year civil war, this procession to a pyre "at the end of the earth" lays bare the imprints of an island's past, the unattainable distances between who we are and what we seek.



DOLPHIN JUNCTION BY MICK HERRON

Mick Herron is on his way to becoming one of the most critically acclaimed and culturally important crime fiction writers of this century. Now, Herron's short fiction has been collected into one volume. In *Dolphin Junction*, five standalone thrilling crime fiction stories are complemented by four mystery stories featuring the Oxford wife-and-husband detective team of Zoë Boehm and Joe Silvermann, along with those of Jackson Lamb, irascible top agent at Slough House.



THE FAMILY BY NAOMI KRUPITSKY

Sofia Colicchio is a free spirit, loud and untamed. Antonia Russo is thoughtful, observing the world around her. Best friends since birth, they live in the shadow of their fathers' unspoken community: the Family. But the disappearance of Antonia's father drives a wedge between the girls as they grow into women and leaders. One fateful night, their loyalty to each other and the Family will be tested. Only one of them can pull the trigger before it's too late.



UPCOMING PROGRAM



BRIDGES OF THE MERRITT PARKWAY

Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

The Bridges of the Merritt Parkway offers a virtual tour of the historic highway's bridges, renowned for their distinctive and unusual architectural expressions. The tour examines their design sources and iconography, placing them within the context of bridges over time.

For more information and to register, visit: www.youressexlibrary.org/adult-services/adults-featured-events/

LOCAL AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

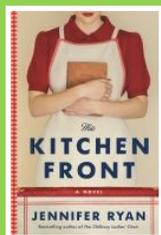


Voyaging with Marionette records the 25 years of experience Ron Breault has shared with his boat. If you have rescued, restored, or built your own boat, you know the special relationship that develops between yourself and the craft. Stop by the library to check out this book.

ELA BOOK GROUPS

Historical Fiction

December 14th
10:30 a.m.



The Kitchen Front

Third Wednesday Essex Meadows

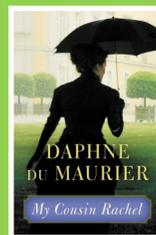
December 15th
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The Daughters of Yalta

First Thursday

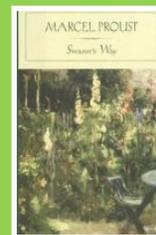
January 6th
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My Cousin Rachel

Classic Books Group

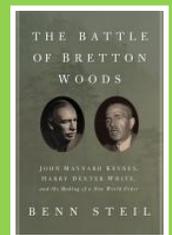
January 13th
5:00 p.m.



Swann's Way

American History

January 20th
5:00 p.m.



The Battle of Breton Woods

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