

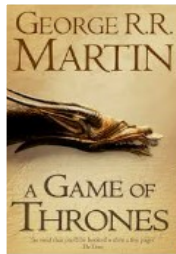
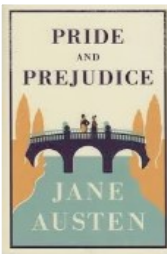
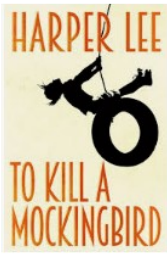
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DIANE chose three fictional characters to dine with her: **Atticus Finch**, **Elizabeth Bennet** and **Tyrion Lannister**. She elaborates, "I would enjoy dining with Atticus Finch because he is such a kind man with the sense of honor and decency we should all strive to have. Since Elizabeth Bennet is sassy, assertive and confident, I'd include her. Additionally, I'd invite Tyrion Lannister who is likely to keep the conversation witty, and I think he'd be really fun to have at the table. He strikes me as someone who would choose well, so I'd have him bring the wine. And of course, Ina Garten (author of the *Barefoot Contessa* cookbooks) would cook for us!"

To spend time with the characters, DIANE suggests reading these novels: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, and *A Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin.

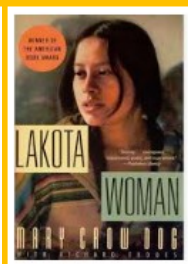
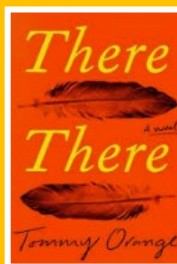
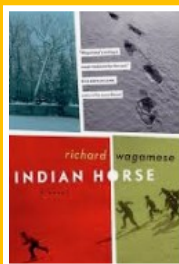
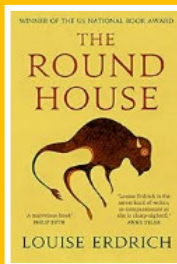
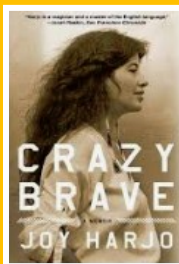


WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL LITERARY DINING COMPANIONS? AND WHY?

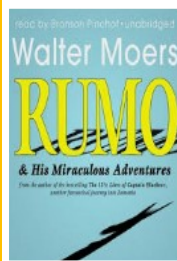


NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

During the month of November, the **Library of Congress**, **National Archives and Records Administration**, **National Endowment for the Humanities**, **National Gallery of Art**, **National Park Service**, **Smithsonian Institution**, and **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** join in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. For additional information and more history, please visit <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>. To celebrate, we've selected several books written by Native American authors.

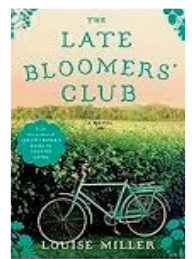


MONTHLY STAFF FAVORITES



REAGAN: *RUMO & HIS MIRACULOUS ADVENTURES* BY **WALTER MOERS**. Rumo is a little Wolperring, a domesticated creature somewhere between a deer and a dog, who will one day become the greatest hero in the history of Zamonia. Armed with Dandelion, his talking sword, he fights his way across Overworld and Netherworld, two very different realms chock-full of adventures, dangers, and unforgettable characters such as a weather-sensitive swordsman and the guardian of a talking animal forest.

JESSICA: *THE LATE BLOOMERS' CLUB: A NOVEL* BY **LOUISE MILLER**. Nora, the owner of the Miss Guthrie Diner, is quite happy serving up apple cider donuts and coffee to her regulars, and she takes great pleasure in knowing exactly what's "the usual." Her life is shaken when she discovers she and her free-spirited, sister Kit stand to inherit the home and land of the town's beloved cake lady, Peggy Johnson. Should they sell the land to a big-box developer?



EMILY: *THE GREAT ALONE* BY **KRISTIN HANNAH**. In 1974, Cora and Ernt Allbright move with their daughter, Leni, to Alaska to live off the grid. Ernt, a former Vietnam POW, suffers from flashbacks and nightmares, and when a former military buddy bequeaths this Alaskan home to him, the family is hopeful to finally find peace and restoration. Unprepared for the weather and the isolation, they fight to build a home in this harsh land.

ANN: *THE HUNDRED-YEAR HOUSE: A NOVEL* BY **REBECCA MAKKAI**. Meet the Devohrs: Zee, a Marxist literary scholar who detests her parents' wealth, but she finds herself living in their carriage house; Gracie, her mother, who claims she can tell your lot in life by looking at your teeth; and Bruce, her step-father, stockpiling supplies for the Y2K apocalypse and perpetually late for his tee time. If uncovered, the secrets of the hundred-year house could turn everything they think they know about her family on its head.



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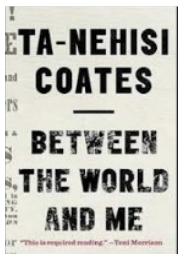
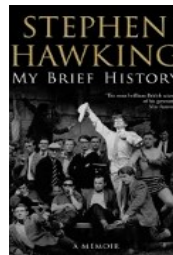
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MONTHLY STAFF FAVORITES CONTINUED...



ANNA: *THE FIRST TIME AT FIRELIGHT FALLS* BY JULIE ANNE LONG. Single mom Eden Harwood has a lively daughter, a blooming business, and a juicy secret she's hidden for ten years. Gabe Caldera, the principal of Hellcat Elementary, is usually knee-deep in fawning PTA moms, but he only has eyes for the fiery redhead. Until Gabe reminds Eden of what she might be missing, she doesn't mind a bit that there's no room for romance in her whirlwind life.

RICHARD: *MY BRIEF HISTORY: A MEMOIR* BY STEPHEN HAWKING. This concise, witty, and candid account introduces listeners to a Hawking rarely glimpsed in previous books: the inquisitive schoolboy whose classmates nicknamed him Einstein; the jokester who once placed a bet with a colleague over the existence of a particular black hole; and the young husband and father struggling to gain a foothold in the world of physics and cosmology.



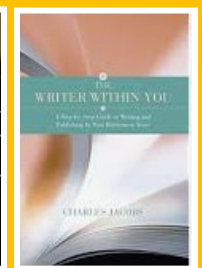
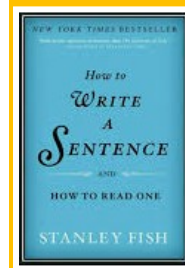
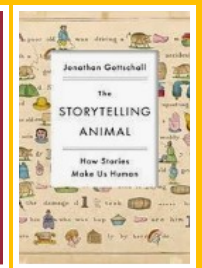
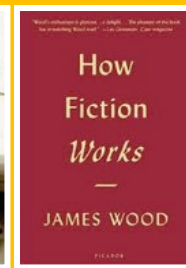
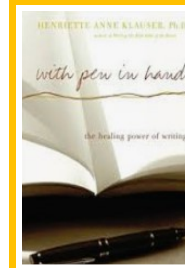
JANA: *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME* BY TA-NEHISI COATES. Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all, but it falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men. These bodies have been exploited through slavery and segregation. Today, they are threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion.

SUE: *DOT JOURNALING—A PRACTICAL GUIDE* BY RACHEL WILKERSON MILLER. What the heck is a dot journal? It's a planner, to-do list, and diary for every aspect of your life: work, home, relationships, hobbies; basically everything. Miller explains how to make it work for you. You decide how simple or elaborate your journal will be, as well as what goes in there: lists, symbols, trackers, and more.



NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Have you ever wondered if you could write a novel? November is **National Novel Writing Month** (NaNoWriMo) and an opportunity for you to write a full novel in one month. To get you started, we have selected some books owned by the Essex Library. Happy writing!



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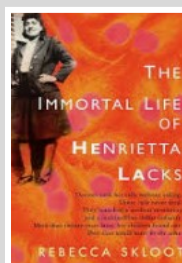


ELA BOOK GROUPS

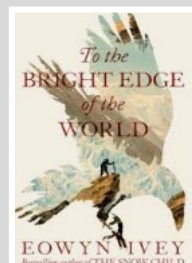
Book Groups:
If you enjoy lively discussion with other book enthusiasts, please join us!



First Thursday
November 1
4:00 PM
Henrietta Lacks



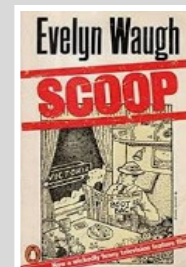
Historical Fiction
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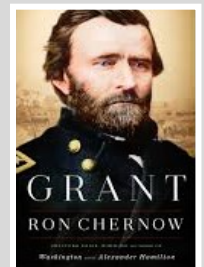
Third Wednesday
November 14
10:30 AM
My Brilliant Friend



Classics Book Group
November 15
5:30 PM
Scoop



American History
November 29
5:00 PM
Grant



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