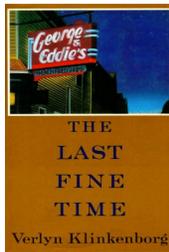
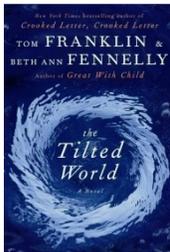


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ANN would enjoy including **Christopher Buckley** because of his marvelous sense of humor, intelligence and exquisite manners. Since every meal is more fun with some southern humor and legend-telling, she would be sure to invite **Beth Ann Fennelly** and **Tom Franklin**. **Verlyn Klinkenborg** would also be a welcome addition because of his wonderful ability to observe and put his thoughts into enchanting sentences; he's widely travelled, and he also has lovely manners.



ANN suggests the following novels: *Thank You for Smoking* by Christopher Buckley, *The Tilted World* by Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly, and *The Last Fine Time* by Verlyn Klinkenborg.

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

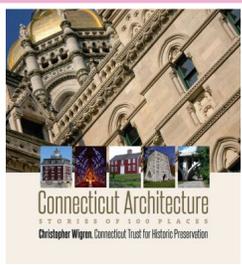
UPCOMING AUTHOR TALKS:

ELLEN
MADERE

February 9 at 1:30 PM

“Clutter Clean Up”

She was a contributing author to *The Real Simple Method to Organizing Every Room and How to Keep it that Way*.



CHRISTOPHER
WIGREN

February 15 at 7 PM

Venue: The Cube at
Centerbrook Architects

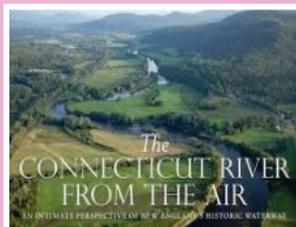
As part of the
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will discuss his book:

Connecticut Architecture: Stories of 100 Places.

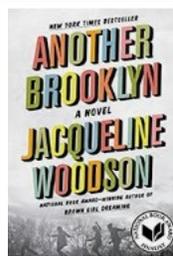
JERRY
ROBERTS

February 28 at 7 PM

He will speak about his book: *The Connecticut River from the Air: An Intimate Perspective of New England's Historic Waterway*.



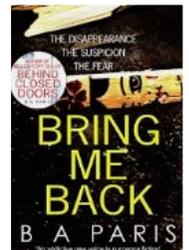
MONTHLY STAFF FAVORITES



REAGAN: *ANOTHER BROOKLYN: A NOVEL* BY JACQUELINE WOODSON. For August and her girls, Brooklyn was a place where they believed that they were part of a future that belonged to them. Beneath the hopeful veneer, there was another Brooklyn, a dangerous place where grown men reached for innocent girls in dark hallways, where mothers disappeared, and madness was a sunset away.

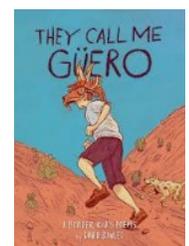
DIANE: *BRING ME BACK* BY B.A. PARIS.

Finn and Layla were young and in love. While they were on vacation, they stopped at a service station where he left her behind in a locked car. When he came back, Layla was missing. Ten years later, Finn had moved on, and he was engaged to her sister, Ellen. Although their shared grief had drawn them close, he was unable to fully trust her. What if Layla is still alive?



ANNA: *SPINNING SILVER* BY NAOMI NOVIK. Miryem is the daughter of a moneylender, but her father is not a very good one. Free to lend and reluctant to collect, he has left his family on the edge of poverty—until Miryem intercedes. Hardening her heart, she sets out to retrieve what is owed and soon gains a reputation for being able to turn silver into gold. Novik imaginatively retells the Rumpelstiltskin fairytale.

JANA: *THEY CALL ME GÜERO: A BORDER KID'S POEMS* BY DAVID BOWLES. In this slim verse novel, Bowles splendidly translates border life via loosely connected vignettes in an eclectic mix of poetic forms. The voice of Güero brims with humor and wit. Bowles cleverly touches on immigration, prejudice, and even the narrator's nickname, “güero,” a term used to refer to light-skinned men and boys.



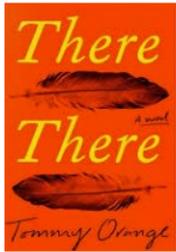
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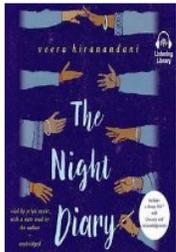
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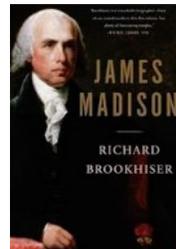
EMILY: *THERE THERE* BY TOMMY ORANGE. Twelve Native Americans came to the Big Oakland Powwow for different reasons. Orvil has taught himself Indian dance through YouTube videos, and he has come to the Powwow to dance in public. Tony Loneman is a young boy whose future seems destined to be bleak, and he has come to the Powwow with dark intentions that will destroy the lives of everyone in his path.

SUE: *BREAKFAST FOR DINNER* BY LYNSAY LANDIS AND TAYLOR HACKBARTH. You'll find more than 100 classic breakfast recipes made with a twist. Enjoy hearty "brinner" dishes like Pizza Over Easy, Breakfast Ravioli, and Cornmeal Pancakes with Beer-Braised Short Ribs, plus sweet treats such as Maple Bacon Cupcakes—to name just a few.



JESSICA: *THE NIGHT DIARY* BY VEERA HIRANANDANI. 1947 India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims. Told through poignant letters to her mother, half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha is confused about where she belongs and what her country is anymore.

RICHARD: *JAMES MADISON* BY RICHARD BROOKHISER. Historian Richard Brookhiser presents a vivid portrait of the "Father of the Constitution." He chronicles the life and career of the fourth American president, James Madison, who was an accomplished, yet humble statesman who shaped American politics and exemplified leadership in 1812.



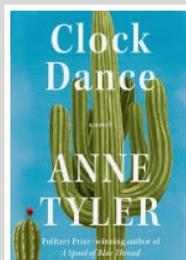
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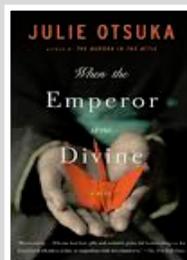
If you enjoy lively discussion with other book enthusiasts, please join us!



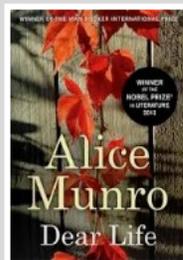
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Clock Dance



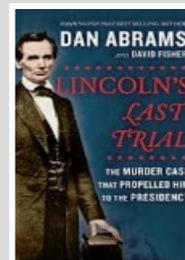
Historical Fiction
February 12
10:30 AM
When the Emperor ...



Third Wednesday
February 20
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Dear Life



American History
March 21
5:00 PM
Lincoln's Last Trial

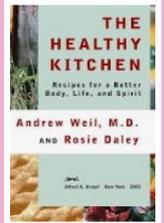
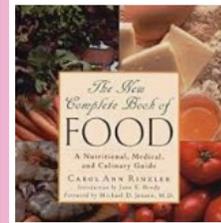
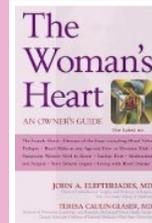
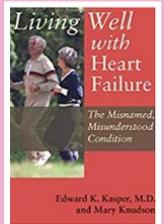
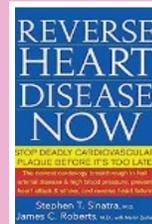


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For American Heart Month, the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) is launching #OurHearts, a national initiative to motivate everyone to adopt heart healthy behaviors. According to the NHLBI, heart disease is largely preventable. The Essex Library offers several healthy eating cookbooks, as well as other resources dedicated to heart health.



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