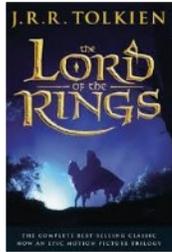
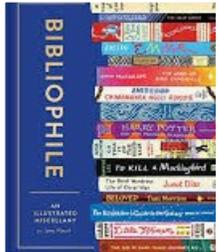


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SUE would invite the author, **Jane Mount**, who might sketch a stack of Sue's favorite books and perhaps suggest what she should read next. She'd also include two of her favorite characters: **Gandalf** and **Flavia DeLuce**. Because she imagines Gandalf to be wise, she's sure he would share many stories and impart advice. The dinner party would not be complete without a little spunk and quick wit, which Flavia DeLuce would share.

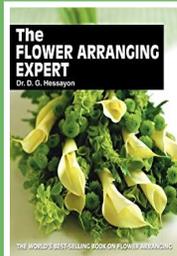
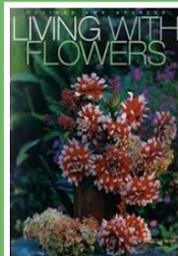
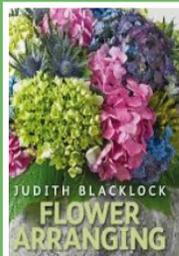


SUE suggests reading *Bibliophile: An Illustrated Miscellany* by Jane Mount, *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien, and *A Red Herring Without Mustard* by Alan Bradley.

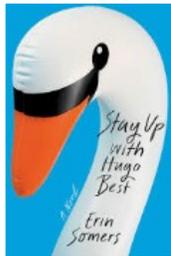
WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL LITERARY DINING COMPANIONS? AND WHY?

TRY THE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGING!

Whether you are hosting a Cinco de Mayo party or a Memorial Day picnic, you're sure to want a lovely floral arrangement. If you need some inspiration or guidance, we've selected some handy books for you.

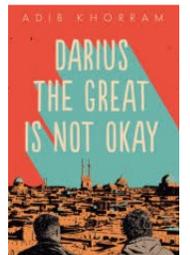


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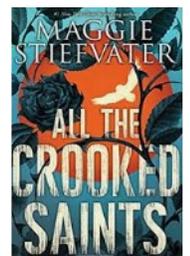
ANN: *STAY UP WITH HUGO BEST* BY ERIN SOMERS. June Bloom is a broke, cynical twenty-nine-year-old writers' assistant on the late-night comedy show, *Stay Up with Hugo Best*. Hugo is in his sixties, a beloved icon of TV, and a notorious womanizer. After he unexpectedly retires, June has a run-in with him at a dive bar where he invites her to his house on Long Island for a long weekend. What will he reveal to her?

JESSICA: *DARIUS THE GREAT IS NOT OKAY* BY ADIB KHORRAM. Darius has never really fit in at home, and he's sure things are going to be the same in Iran. Unfortunately, his clinical depression doesn't exactly help matters, and trying to explain his medication to his grandparents only makes things harder. Then Darius meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes. Finally, he feels like himself.



DIANE: *THE SONG OF ACHILLES* BY MADELINE MILLER. Set during the Trojan War, Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the kingdom of Phthia to be raised in the shadow of King Peleus and his golden son, Achilles. When Helen of Sparta is kidnapped, they go to war to save her and have their friendship cruelly tested by the Fates.

ANNA: *ALL THE CROOKED SAINTS* BY MAGGIE STIEFVATER. Three cousins, who are members of an unusual family that possesses the ability to perform miracles, are repeatedly sought out for their gifts. Meanwhile, they struggle to establish free lives for themselves and navigate the fallout from miracles that happen in ways other than anticipated.



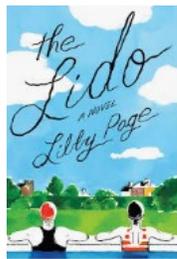
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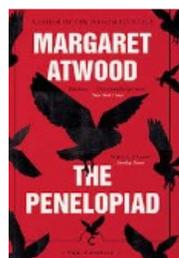
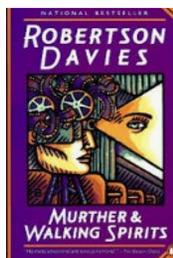
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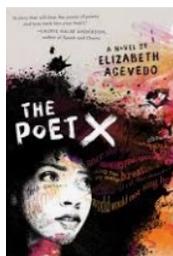
EMILY: *THE LIDO: A NOVEL* BY LILLY PAGE. Rosemary (86) has lived in Brixton all of her life, but everything she knows is changing, and her beloved husband is gone. Kate (26) is a journalist at a local paper, and she knows this story about the lido closure could be her big chance. These unlikely friends are determined to demonstrate that the pool is more than a place to swim—it is the heart of the community.

RICHARD: *MURDER & WALKING SPIRITS* BY ROBERTSON DAVIES. Connor Gilmartin's inauspicious, but much beloved mortal life comes to an untimely end when he discovers his wife in bed with one of his more ludicrous associates, Randall Allard Going. Enraged at being so unceremoniously cut down, he avenges himself against his now panic-stricken murderer.



REAGAN: *THE PENELOPIAD* BY MARGARET ATWOOD. The story of Odysseus' return to his home kingdom of Ithaca following an absence of twenty years is best known from Homer's *Odyssey*. Odysseus spent half of these years fighting the Trojan War and the other half wandering around the Aegean Sea trying to get home. But what of his wife, Penelope? This is the story of Penelope and the twelve hanged Maids.

JANA: *THE POET X* BY ELIZABETH ACEVEDO. Curvaceous sixteen-year-old Xiomara Batista feels unheard in her Harlem neighborhood until she discovers slam poetry. With a new way to process her religious mother's view of women, as well as her place in a world dominated by rape-culture, she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook.

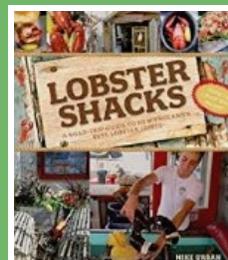


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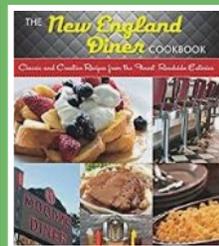
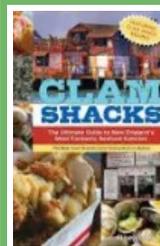
UPCOMING AUTHOR TALK

MIKE URBAN

May 21 at 7:00 p.m.



Mike Urban is coming back to the Essex Library to talk about Seafood Shacks. He's the author of guide books, as well as cook books that provide recipes from clam and lobster shacks, diners and more. Just in time for Memorial Day!



(Rescheduled from March 7)

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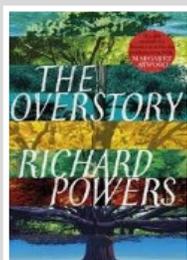


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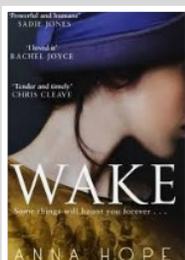
If you enjoy lively chats with other book enthusiasts, please join us!



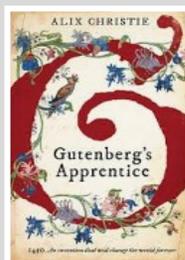
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The Overstory



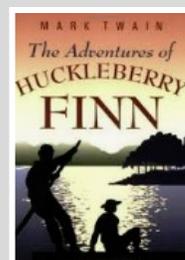
Historical Fiction
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Wake



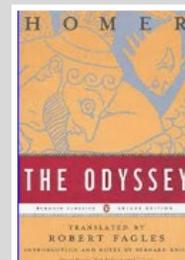
Third Wednesday
May 15
10:30 AM
Gutenberg's Apprentice



American History
May 16
5:00 PM
Huckleberry Finn



Classics Book Group
June 6
5:30 PM
The Odyssey



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