

# WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

PRESENTED BY THE ESSEX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2020



Libraries hold stories, but the community also retains the story of their library. The *Essex Library Association: A Brief History* is a new exhibition that explores our story through documents and pictures. The exhibition will be on show in the Program Room from the beginning of February through the end of March.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the portrait of Essex resident, Captain Joseph Tucker, along with three paintings of his ships, were bequeathed to the library in 1897 and have been a part of the library since? Today, Captain Tucker resides in our 1889 room, and his ships sail above our travel section.

## FEBRUARY DVD PICKS

Looking for something to watch this month? Check out these gems from our library collection. Stop by the library to pick one up!



## FEBRUARY READERS ADVISE

### THE SHORELINE SOUP KITCHEN AND PANTRIES

Every month, the Essex Library will invite a local organization to suggest titles central to their mission to share with readers. This month's guest is **The Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries**, an interfaith service that provides food and fellowship to those in need and educates our community on hunger and poverty. Check out their recommendations!

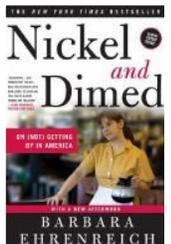
### THANK YOU, OMU! BY OGE MORA

Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself? Debut author-illustrator Mora brings to life a heartwarming story of sharing and community in colorful cut-paper designs.



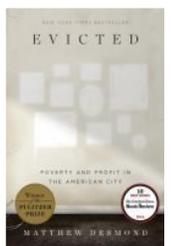
### NICKELED AND DIMED BY BARBARA EHRENREICH

Our sharpest and most original social critic goes "undercover" as an unskilled worker to reveal the dark side of American prosperity. *Nickel and Dimed* reveals low-rent America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity — a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival.



### EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY BY MATHEW DESMOND

In vivid prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality — and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship.



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## NEW AT THE LIBRARY

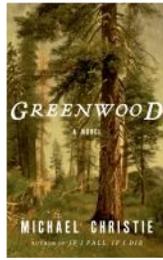
### THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE BY ERIK LARSON

In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Larson shows how Churchill taught the British people “the art of being fearless.” It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it’s also an intimate domestic drama. Larson provides a new lens on London’s darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family.



### GREENWOOD BY MICHAEL CHRISTIE

*Greenwood* is a magnificent generational saga that charts a family's rise and fall, its secrets and inherited crimes, and the conflicted relationship with the source of its fortune – trees – from one of Canada's most acclaimed novelists.



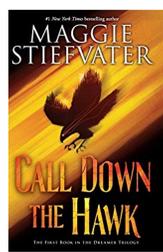
### THE AMERICAN FIANCEE BY ERIC DUPONT

Over the course of the twentieth century, three generations of the Lamontagnes will weather love, passion, jealousy, revenge, and death. Their complicated family dynamic – as dramatic as Puccini's legendary opera, *Tosca* – will propel their rise, and fall, and take them around the world until they finally confront the secrets of their complicated pasts.



### CALL DOWN THE HAWK BY MAGGIE STIEFVATER

A mesmerizing story of dreams and desires, death and destiny. The dreamers walk among us . . . and so do the dreamed. Those who dream cannot stop dreaming - they can only try to control it. Those who are dreamed cannot have their own lives - they will sleep forever if their dreamers die. And then there are those who are drawn to the dreamers.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### THE FGM FROM A TO Z: THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM

Tuesday, February 11th at 7 p.m.  
Presented by David J. Rau, Director of Outreach

The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme offers year-round exhibitions of American art and interprets the historic Florence Griswold House, a boardinghouse for artists, circa 1910. Come learn about the history of the Museum as well as all the exhibitions and events in store for 2020.

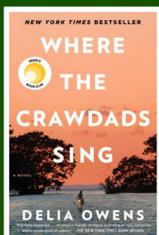
### BIRDS, BUGS, AND FROGS: THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE BEHIND REPORTED GLOBAL DECLINES

Thursday, February 20th at 7 p.m.  
Presented by CT Audubon Society's Conservation Biologist Jim Arrigoni

Despite alarming news of staggering declines in global populations of birds, frogs, and invertebrates, the Connecticut River estuary is experiencing remarkable recoveries of charismatic species such as bald eagles, ospreys, and Atlantic sturgeon. Arrigoni will explain how scientists compile large-scale datasets and explore how to reconcile global reports with our local perspective.

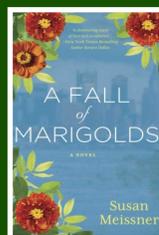
## ELA BOOK GROUPS

**First Thursday**  
February 6th  
4:00 PM



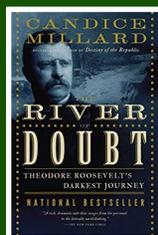
**Where the Crawdads Sing**

**Historical Fiction**  
February 11th  
10:30 AM



**A Fall of Marigolds**

**Third Wednesday Essex Meadows**  
February 19th  
11:00 AM



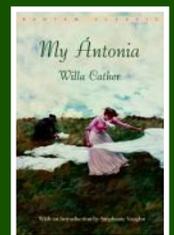
**River of Doubt**

**American History**  
March 19th  
5:30 PM



**The China Mirage**

**Classic Books Group**  
March 26th  
5:00 PM



**My Antonia**



### HAVE A QUESTION, COMMENT, OR SUGGESTION? CONTACT US!

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