

# WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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JULY 2020



The Essex Library is planning for **Book to Browse** appointments of 20 minutes starting later this month.

Appointments for browsing and borrowing will be limited to two members from the same healthy household at a time. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. All patrons must wear a mask while on library grounds and in the library building.

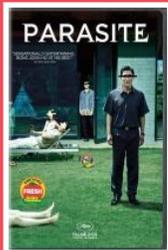
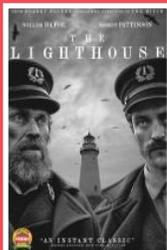
## DID YOU KNOW?

Summer reading is here! Check out our Summer Reading page for more information about ReadSquared, our Bookmark contest, and summer reading assignments from local schools.

<https://www.youressexlibrary.org/children/summer-reading-2020/>

## JULY DVD PICKS

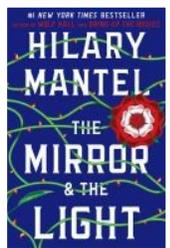
Looking for something to watch this month? Check out these new movies from our library collection.



## NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

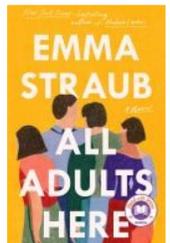
### THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT BY HILARY MANTEL

Hilary Mantel brings to a triumphant close the trilogy she began with *Wolf Hall*. She traces the final years of Thomas Cromwell, the boy from nowhere who climbs to the heights of power. Mantel offers a defining portrait of predator and prey, a ferocious contest between present and past, between royal will and a common man's vision.



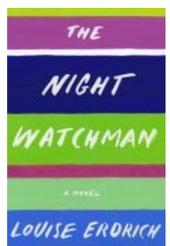
### ALL ADULTS HERE BY EMMA STRAUB

A warm, funny and perceptive novel about the lifecycle of one family. In *All Adults Here*, Emma Straub's unique alchemy of wisdom, humor and insight come together in a deeply satisfying story about adult siblings, aging parents, high school boyfriends, middle school mean girls, the lifelong effects of birth order, and all the other things that follow us into adulthood, whether we like them to or not.



### THE NIGHT WATCHMAN BY LOUISE ERDRICH

In *The Night Watchman*, multi-award winning author Louise Erdrich weaves together a story of past and future generations, of preservation and progress. She grapples with the worst and best impulses of human nature, illuminating the loves and lives, desires and ambitions of her characters with compassion, wit and intelligence.



### BIG SUMMER BY JENNIFER WEINER

Daphne Berg is shocked when Drue Cavanaugh walks back into her life with a favor to ask. They haven't spoken in six years, so when Drue asks if she will be maid-of-honor at her society wedding, Daphne is speechless. Letting glamorous Drue back into her life is risky, but when Drue begs, she can't resist. A novel about the complexities of female relationships and the resilience of the human heart.



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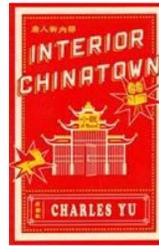
Call (860) 767-1560, visit [www.youressexlibrary.org](http://www.youressexlibrary.org), or drop by the Essex Library at 33 West Avenue in Essex, CT.

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## NEW AT THE LIBRARY

### INTERIOR CHINATOWN BY CHARLES YU

Willis Wu doesn't perceive himself as a protagonist in his own life: He's Generic Asian man. Every day he enters the Golden Palace restaurant where Black and White, a procedural cop show, is in production. He's a bit player, but he dreams of being more. Playful but heartfelt, a send-up of Hollywood tropes and Asian stereotypes, Interior Chinatown is Charles Yu's most moving, daring, and masterly novel yet.



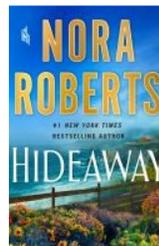
### THESE GHOSTS ARE FAMILY BY MAISY CARD

*These Ghosts are Family* centers on Abel and Vera Paisley, a working-class Jamaican couple striving to build a better life for their children. Set in the U.S. and Jamaica, Card's debut incorporates elements of gothic fiction and Jamaican folklore to explore the immigrant experience. In luminous prose, this novel inspects the weight of secrets, the limits of forgiveness, and the complexity of family ties.



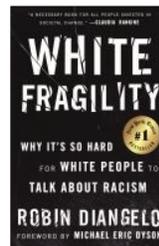
### HIDEAWAY BY NORA ROBERTS

Caitlyn Sullivan was a star at nine — an innocent child who disappeared during a game of hide and seek. But Cate was a fighter and escaped her abductors. Dillon Cooper and his family found the bloodied girl, provided refuge, and reunited her with her loved ones. Cate's ordeal, though, was not over. Two seeds had been planted that night — one of a great love, and one of a terrible vengeance.



### WHITE FRAGILITY BY ROBIN DIANGELO

White fragility refers to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially and is characterized by anger, fear, guilt, argumentation, and silence. DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.



## SUMMER READING

**Valley Regional High School:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it's reader's choice for VRHS summer reading this year.

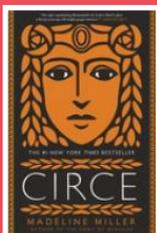
**John Winthrop Middle School:** JWMS says, "This year we are all in a very unique situation and instead of our usual fiction-nonfiction assignment here at JW we decided to use summer reading to foster connection." Check out this [list of recommended books from the JWMS school library](#).

**Essex Elementary School:** Essex Elementary School asks that students write down a list of books read in the provided student journal to help administrators calculate summer reading participation when the school year begins.

Let us know what authors or subjects you love and we'll be happy to get books to you via Park & Pickup or through our 24/7 Overdrive and Project Gutenberg collections. Need some inspiration? Contact us at [staff.essexlib@gmail.com](mailto:staff.essexlib@gmail.com) and a librarian will be in touch to assist you. Have a great summer and happy reading!

## ELA BOOK GROUPS

**First Thursday**  
July 2nd  
4:00 PM



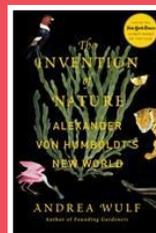
**Circe**

**Classic Books Group**  
August 13th  
5:00 PM



**Beloved**

**Third Wednesday Essex Meadows**  
August 19th  
10:30 AM

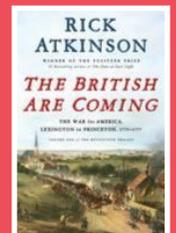


**The Invention of Nature**

**Historical Fiction**  
September 8th  
10:30 AM

**TBD**

**American History**  
Sept. 17th  
5:00 PM



**The British Are Coming**