

WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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Patrons expect to find books and movies at the library, but libraries can offer so much more! Essex Library Association is developing a **Library of Things**, a collection of household items and supplies for patrons to borrow.

Please let us know the types of items that you are interested in borrowing.

You can find our survey here: <https://forms.gle/CQk5eAGsBFuiY2ay8>

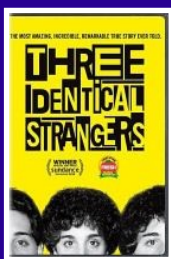
DID YOU KNOW?

With your help, the Essex Library collected 379 pounds of food during our October food drive. Your generous donations went to the Shoreline Food Pantry to help folks in need this season.

We will run another food collection drive in February 2021. Thank you for helping us support our community!

DVD PICKS

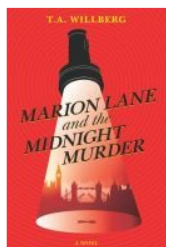
Looking for something to watch this month? Check out this selection of movies from our library collection, all of which explore what it means to be a family.



NEW AT THE LIBRARY

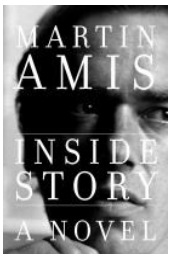
MARION LANE AND THE MIDNIGHT MURDER BY T.A. WILLBERG

Marion Lane, an Inquirer-in-training with Miss Brickett's Investigations & Inquiries, finds herself drawn into the investigation of a company filing assistant's murder. When a friend is framed for the crime, Marion must sort through the hidden alliances at Miss Brickett's and buried secrets. Masterful, clever and deliciously suspenseful.



INSIDE STORY BY MARTIN AMIS

Martin Amis's most intimate and epic work yet--an autobiographical novel of sex and love, family and friendship. *Inside Story* unfurls within the profound friendship with his closest friend, the incomparable Christopher Hitchens. Amis's quest is a witty exploration of hard questions: how to live, how to grieve, and how to die. The result is a love letter to life that achieves a new level of confidentiality with his readers.



TO BE A MAN BY NICOLE KRAUSS

In one of her strongest works of fiction yet, Nicole Krauss plunges into the struggle to understand what it is to be a man, what it is to be a woman, and the arising tensions that have existed from the beginning of time. Profound, poignant, and brilliant, Krauss's stories are at once startling and deeply moving, but always revealing of all-too-human weakness and strength.



READY PLAYER TWO BY ERNEST CLINE

Days after winning OASIS founder James Halliday's contest, Wade Watts discovers a technological advancement that will make the OASIS even more wondrous and addictive. With it comes a new riddle and a new quest from Halliday. A powerful, dangerous new rival also awaits, one who'll kill millions to get what he wants. Nostalgic and original, *Ready Player Two* takes us on another fun, action-packed adventure.



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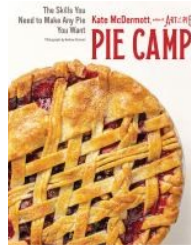
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COOKING BOOKS

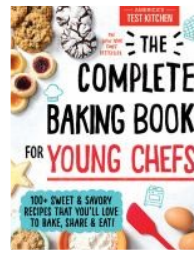
PIE CAMP BY KATE MCDERMOTT

In this new book, McDermott has focused on technique. Once you have the foundations down, learn to mix and match crusts, fillings, and toppings. The dozen "master" recipes will become part of every pie maker's repertoire and will open the door for bakers everywhere to conjure pies with self-assurance. There are gluten-free crust options for every pie, plus recipes for homemade ice cream and pie-lets for one or two.



THE COMPLETE BAKING BOOK FOR YOUNG CHEFS BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

America's Test Kitchen brings their scientific know-how, rigorous testing, and hands-on learning to kids! From breakfast to breads to cookies, learn to bake it all. Recipes were thoroughly tested by more than 5,000 kids to get them just right for cooks of all skill levels—including recipes for pizzas, cupcakes, and more.



THIS WILL MAKE IT TASTE GOOD BY VIVIAN HOWARD

From caramelized onions to fruit preserves, make home cooking quick and easy with ten simple "kitchen heroes" in these 125 recipes. Each chapter is built on a flavor hero--a simple but powerful recipe like her briny green sauce, spiced nuts, fruit preserves, deeply caramelized onions, and spicy pickled tomatoes.



FROM THE OVEN TO THE TABLE BY DIANA HENRY

Let the oven do the work with this easy-going collection of dishes from Diana Henry. Simply prep the ingredients then pop them in the oven to roast while you get on with your life. From quick after-work suppers and light veggie meals to more substantial feasts to feed friends, these recipes are packed with full-on flavor.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series Presents Takashi Yanai, Faia With "Outside In: New California Modernism"

Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m. on Zoom

The Essex Library continues its design lecture series with L.A.-based architect Takashi Yanai, Partner at Ehrlich, Yanai, Rhee Chaney Architects. "Outside-In" is a term that encompasses EYRC Architects' residential design philosophy. It begins with the idea that a home should have a strong connection to its setting, through physical connections to the outdoors, often blurring the lines between interior and exterior space. It is also about how they bring exterior influences and inspiration into the work. The talk will describe these two aspects to their design approach.



Maker Monday

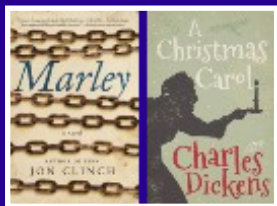
Monday, December 14th and 28th at 4:00 PM

Facebook and YouTube | All Ages

From engineering to crafting, each month we'll work together on Facebook Live to complete a maker activity or two. Projects can often be completed using items in your home, but a limited number of Maker Kits are available for pickup. Email ccarpino@essexlib.org to reserve one today.

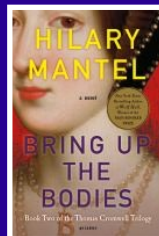
ELA BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday
December 3rd
4:00 PM



Marley & A Christmas Carol

Historical Fiction
December 8th
10:30 AM



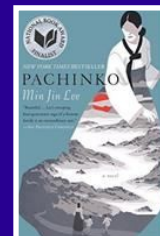
Bring up the Bodies

Classic Books Group
December 17th
5:00 PM



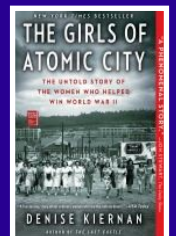
Night and Day

Third Wednesday Essex Meadows
January 20th
10:30 AM



Pachinko

American History
January 21st
5:00 PM



The Girls of Atomic City



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