

# WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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Essex Library is collecting feedback as part of our strategic planning process. It's important to us that everyone in town has a chance to engage with our planning process so we're offering a variety of ways to participate!

Fill out our community survey online (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMCY8RK>) or stop by the Library for a paper copy.

We're also hosting a **Strategic Planning Focus Group** on **Thursday, May 13th at 7 p.m. on Zoom**. Whether you use the library or haven't visited in awhile, please join us for a focused conversation led by local resident and strategic planning consultant Patty Dowling.

## DID YOU KNOW?

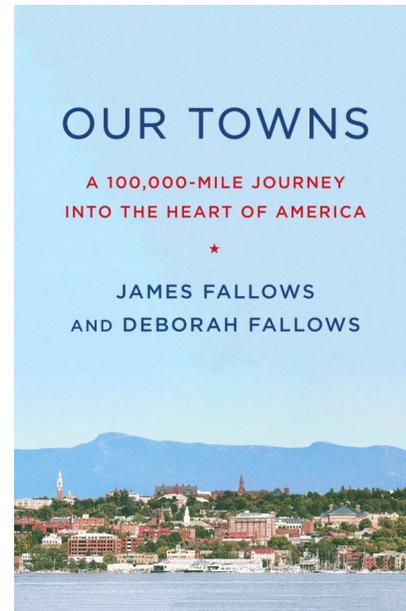
Looking to cut down on your household energy use? Borrow a **Kill-a-Watt** meter from our Library of Things! To measure the energy usage of an idle appliance, plug it into the meter and plug the meter into a wall outlet. The screen will indicate how much power the appliance uses. Save money by unplugging these energy vampires! Stop by to pick one up today.

## SMALL TOWNS ON DVD

In the mood to watch an old favorite? Looking for a movie with a small town setting? We've got a great collection of DVDs to revisit. Drop by the library to check some out!



## ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION



Culminating the Essex Library's ALA grant-funded discussion series, the library is hosting a One Book, One Community discussion of *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America* on **Tuesday, May 18th at 5 p.m.**

The session is a Q & A with James Fallows and Deborah Fallows, authors of *Our Towns*.

To register, visit [www.youressexlibrary.org/adult-services/ala-ltc-spring-book-discussions/](http://www.youressexlibrary.org/adult-services/ala-ltc-spring-book-discussions/)



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## NEW BOOKS

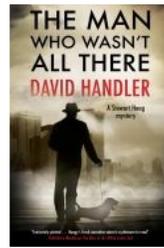
### GOOD COMPANY BY CYNTHIA D'APRIX SWEENEY

Flora Mancini has been happily married for years, but everything is upended when she finds an envelope containing her husband's wedding ring - the one he said was lost. Flora and Julian struggled for years, scraping together just enough work to raise their daughter and keep Julian's small theater company afloat. A move to Los Angeles brought their first real career successes and a reunion with her best friend Margot, now a television star. But has their new life been built on lies?



### THE MAN WHO WASN'T ALL THERE BY DAVID HANDLER

The latest installment of David Handler's Edgar Award-winning Stewart Hoag mystery series sees the ghostwriter-sleuth and his faithful basset hound Lulu make a dangerous enemy. Austin Talmadge warns Hoagy not to get on his bad side, but what harm can a country oddball like Austin do? Hoagy wants to relax and clear his head, but soon he's caught up in a strange, complex mystery - and he'll need all his wits about him if he's to come out of this one alive . . .



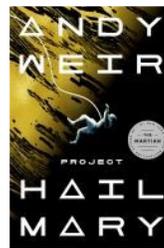
### THAT SUMMER BY JENNIFER WEINER

When discontented Daisy Shoemaker receives emails meant for Diana Starling, the two women meet and become friends. But their connection was not accidental. Who is Diana, and what does she want with Daisy? From the manicured Main Line of Philadelphia to the wild landscape of the Outer Cape, written with Jennifer Weiner's wit and sharp observations, *That Summer* is about surviving our pasts, confronting our futures, and the sustaining bonds of friendship.



### PROJECT HAIL MARY BY ANDY WEIR

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission--and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. An irresistible interstellar adventure as only Andy Weir could deliver, *Project Hail Mary* is a tale of discovery, speculation, and survival to rival *The Martian*--while taking us to places it never dreamed of going.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### AUTHOR TALK: FRANCES PALMER WITH "LIFE IN THE STUDIO"



Wednesday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

A renowned potter, an entrepreneur, a gardener, a photographer, a cook, a beekeeper, Palmer has over the course of three decades caught

the attention of the countless people who collect her ceramics, designers, writers, and fellow artists. Now, in her first book, she finally tells her story, in her own words and images, distilling from her experiences lessons that will inspire a new generation of makers and entrepreneurs.

### STAR WARS DAY TRIVIA



**SUPERHERO DAY**  
Wednesday, April 28  
10:00 AM

Tuesday, May 4th at 5:00 p.m. on Facebook Live

Work together as a family or team to celebrate Star Wars Day with a trivia night! Register your team for the chance to earn prizes or play

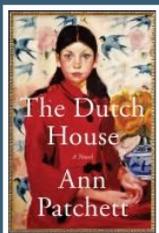
along from home just for fun. Trivia questions will be broadcast on our Facebook page.

To register for these and other events, visit our website at [www.youressexlibrary.org](http://www.youressexlibrary.org).

## ELA BOOK GROUPS

### First Thursday

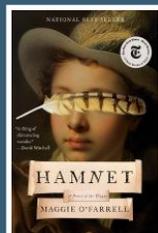
May 6th  
4:00 p.m.



The Dutch House

### Historical Fiction

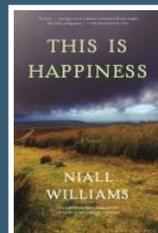
May 11th  
10:30 a.m.



Hamnet

### Third Wednesday Essex Meadows

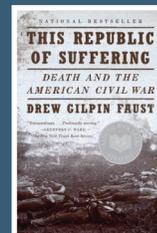
May 19th  
10:30 a.m.



This is Happiness

### American History

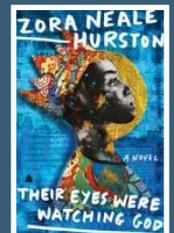
May 20th  
5:00 p.m.



This Republic of Suffering

### Classic Books Group

June 17th  
5:00 p.m.



Their Eyes Were Watching God



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