

WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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Our new globe chairs have arrived! The Library received one-time funding via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), some of which we used to add two 'globe chairs' to our Young Adult area.

Globe chairs are enclosed to allow for a comfortable, private reading and study experience. They're the perfect place to relax with a good book.

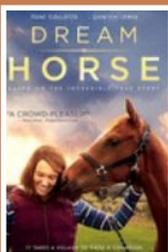
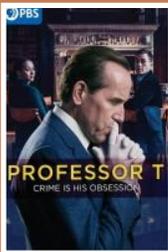
DID YOU KNOW?

Nonprofit organizations are welcome to book meeting space at the Essex Library for meetings.

Our [Program Room Use Policy](#) and our [Program Room Use Request Form](#) are both found at www.youressexlibrary.org/services-and-policies/

NEW DVDS

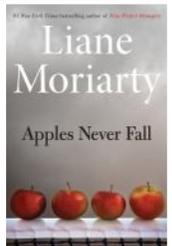
We have another great selection of new DVDs, including the newest comedies, mysteries, and dramas. Visit the library today to check out the latest additions to our collection.



NEW AT THE LIBRARY

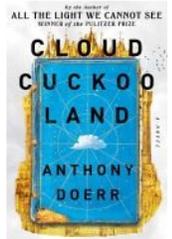
APPLES NEVER FALL BY LIANE MORIARTY

From the bestselling author Liane Moriarty comes a novel that looks at marriage, siblings, and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest. The Delaney family love one another dearly -- it's just that sometimes they also want to murder each other. If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father?



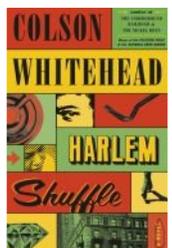
CLOUD CUCKOO LAND BY ANTHONY DOERR

Set in Constantinople in the 15th century, in a small town in present-day Idaho, and on an interstellar ship decades from now, Anthony Doerr's gorgeous third novel is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope--and a book.



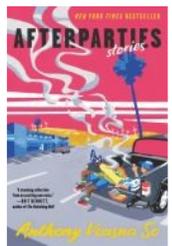
HARLEM SHUFFLE BY COLSON WHITEHEAD

"Ray Carney was only slightly bent when it came to being crooked..." *Harlem Shuffle* is a gloriously entertaining novel of heists, shakedown, and rip-offs set in Harlem in the 1960s. The ingenious story is a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem.



AFTERPARTIES BY ANTHONY VEASNA SO

A vibrant story collection about Cambodian-American life -- immersive and comic, yet unsparing -- that offers profound insight into the intimacy of queer and immigrant communities. Seamlessly transitioning between the absurd and the tenderhearted, balancing acerbic humor with sharp emotional depth, *Afterparties* offers an expansive portrait of the lives of Cambodian-Americans.



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NEW BOOKS

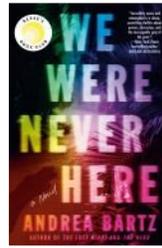
LAST SUMMER AT THE GOLDEN HOTEL BY ELYSSA FRIENDMAN

In its heyday, The Golden Hotel was the crown jewel of the Catskills vacation scene. The Goldman and Weingold families have presided over this glamorous resort together, but the Catskills are not what they used to be. As the facilities and management begin to fall apart, a tempting offer to sell forces the families to make a heart-wrenching decision. Can they save their beloved Golden or is it too late?



WE WERE NEVER HERE BY ANDREA BARTZ

Emily is having the time of her life--she's in the mountains of Chile with her best friend, Kristen, on their annual reunion trip. But on the last night of the trip, Emily enters their hotel suite to find blood on the floor. Kristen says the cute backpacker she brought back to their room attacked her, and she had no choice but to kill him in self-defense. Even more shocking: The scene is horrifyingly similar to last year's trip, when another backpacker wound up dead.



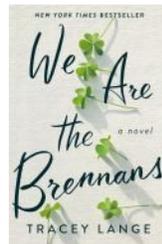
STRANGE BEASTS OF CHINA BY YAN GE

In the fictional Chinese city of Yong'an, an amateur cryptozoologist is commissioned to uncover the stories of its fabled beasts. Aided by her elusive former professor and his enigmatic assistant, our narrator sets off to document each beast, and is drawn into a mystery that threatens her very sense of self. Part detective story, part metaphysical enquiry, *Strange Beasts of China* engages existential questions of identity, humanity, love and morality with whimsy and stylistic verve.



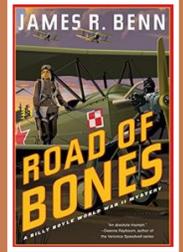
WE ARE THE BRENNANS BY TRACEY LANGE

After causing a drunk driving accident, twenty-nine-year-old Sunday Brennan swallows her pride and goes home to her family in New York. When a dangerous man from her past brings her family's pub business to the brink of financial ruin, the only way to protect them is to upend all their secrets. In the aftermath, the Brennan family is forced to confront painful mistakes--and ultimately find a way forward, together.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Author Talk with James Benn: "Road of Bones" With Special Guest, Voice Actor Peter Berkrot

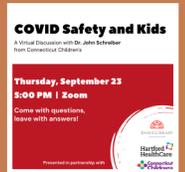


Thursday, September 9th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Registration required.

The Essex Library is honored to host an author talk with James R. Benn on Thursday, September 9th at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Benn will discuss the latest book in his Billy Boyle WWII mystery series, *Road of Bones*. Special guest, voice actor Peter Berkrot will read a selection from the book.

COVID Safety and Kids



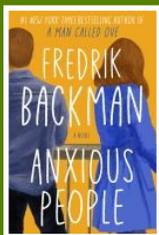
Thursday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Registration is required. For Parents and Caregivers.

As we head into the new school year, many caregivers have questions and concerns about how to keep their children healthy and safe. We've partnered with Hartford Health and Connecticut Children's to help bring you answers. Join us on Zoom for a virtual and interactive Q&A discussion with Dr. John Schreiber, Interim Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

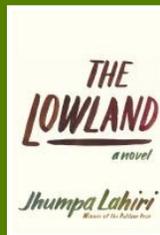
ELA BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday
September 2nd
4:00 p.m.



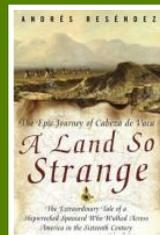
Anxious People

Third Wednesday Essex Meadows
September 15th
10:30 a.m.



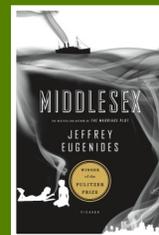
The Lowland

American History
September 23rd
5:00 p.m.



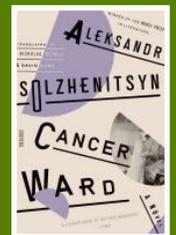
A Land So Strange

Historical Fiction
October 12th
10:30 a.m.



Middlesex

Classic Books Group
October 21st
5:00 p.m.



Cancer Ward



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