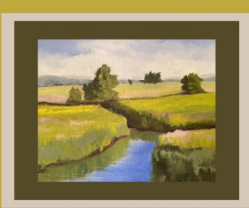


# WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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APRIL 2022



Pam Peters, *Low Tide*

## River Valley Artists Scenes of Essex

At Essex Library through April

Punch and Cookies Party with Artists  
Saturday, April 9, 2:00-3:30

The Essex Library is excited to welcome an exhibition by the River Valley Artists entitled, "Scenes of Essex." Beginning the first of the month, this show will run through the end of April.

The artwork focus on views from all around the community of Essex, with an emphasis on the Essex Land Trust preserve, Cross Lots.

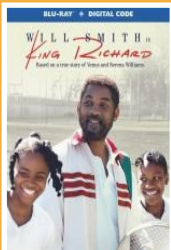
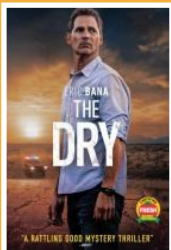
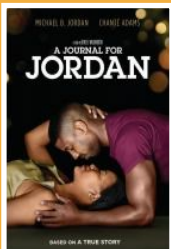
## DID YOU KNOW?

This month, the Essex Library is running a food drive to benefit the Region 4 Food Backpack Program and the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries.

We are in particular need of single-serve and individual items including fruit cups, granola bars, and entrees that do not require refrigeration.

## NEW ON DVD

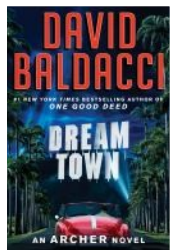
We have another great selection of new DVDs, including the newest mysteries and dramas. Visit the library today to check out the latest additions to our collection.



## NEW AT THE LIBRARY

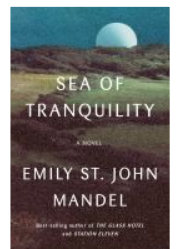
### DREAM TOWN BY DAVID BALDACCI

It's the eve of 1953, and Aloysius Archer is in Los Angeles to ring in the New Year with an old friend. Their evening is interrupted by screenwriter Eleanor Lamb, who fears that her life is in danger. She wants to hire Archer to look into the matter. He suspects that she knows more than she's saying, but before he can officially take on her case, a body turns up inside of Eleanor's home and Eleanor disappears.



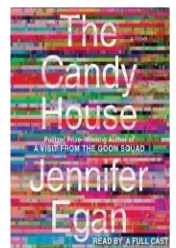
### SEA OF TRANQUILITY BY EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL

When Gaspéry-Jacques Roberts is hired to investigate an anomaly in the North American wilderness, he uncovers a series of lives upended: the exiled son of an earl driven to madness, a writer trapped far from home as a pandemic ravages Earth, and a childhood friend from the Night City who has the chance to do something extraordinary that will disrupt the timeline of the universe.



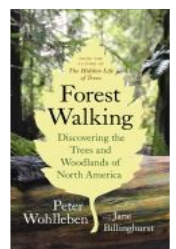
### CANDY HOUSE BY JENNIFER EGAN

*Candy House* opens with the staggeringly brilliant Bix Bouton. Bix is 40, restless, and desperate for a new idea. Everything changes when he meets a professor who is experimenting with memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology, "Own Your Unconscious" allows you access to every memory you've ever had, and to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others.



### FOREST WALKING BY PETER WOHLLEBEN

When you walk in the woods, do you use all five senses to explore your surroundings? *Forest Walking* teaches you how to get the most out of your next adventure by becoming a forest detective, awakening to the ancient past and thrilling present of the ecosystem around you. German forester Peter Wohlleben teams up with his longtime editor, Jane Billinghamurst, to teach you how to listen to what the forest is saying.



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## NEW BOOKS

### ACCIDENTAL GODS BY ANNA DELLA SUBIN

*Accidental Gods* is a provocative history of men who were worshipped as gods, illuminating the connection between power and religion and the role of divinity in a secular age. At once deeply learned and delightfully antic, *Accidental Gods* offers an unusual keyhole through which to observe the creation of our modern world. It is that rare thing: a lyrical, entertaining work of ideas, one that marks the debut of a remarkable literary career.



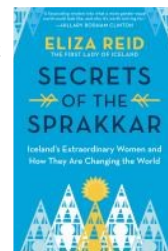
### GIRL IN ICE BY ERICA FERENCIK

Val Chesterfield is a linguist trained in dead Nordic languages. She languishes in the shadow of her brother Andy, an accomplished climate scientist, until he dies in an apparent suicide. When Wyatt, Andy's fellow researcher in the Arctic, discovers a young girl frozen in the ice who thaws out alive, speaking a language no one understands, Val is his first call. Under the auspices of helping Wyatt interpret the girl's speech, Val tries to solve the mystery of her brother's death.



### SECRETS OF THE SPRAKKAR BY ELIZA REID

Iceland is the best place on earth to be a woman--but why? What is it about Iceland that makes many women's experience there so positive? Eliza Reid, the First Lady of Iceland, examines her adopted homeland's attitude toward women--the deep-seated cultural sense of fairness, the influence of current and historical role models, and, crucially, the areas where Iceland still has room for improvement.



### SECRET IDENTITY BY ALEX SEGURA

From Anthony Award-winning writer Alex Segura comes *Secret Identity*, a rollicking literary mystery set in the world of comic books. It's 1975 and the comic book industry is struggling. Carmen Valdez is an assistant at Triumph Comics. One of the Triumph writers enlists her help to create Triumph's first female hero, but her colleague turns up dead and their scripts are submitted to the publisher without her name.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### PUTIN'S WAR ON UKRAINE



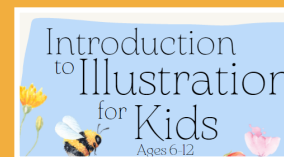
Tuesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Registration required.

Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine on 24

February is the most momentous political event since the 9/11 attacks. It takes Europe back to where it was from 1914-1989: a continent built around preparations for war and the brutal occupation of conquered countries by foreign powers. This talk will explore the reasons why this tragedy has happened.

### INTRODUCTION TO ILLUSTRATION FOR KIDS



Saturdays, April 16th & 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Library

For ages 6-12.

Local children's book

illustrator, Mary Jo, will help you create your very own children's book!

**Session 1:** Learn what goes into making a great illustration and use your knowledge to illustrate a piece of a story!

**Session 2:** Learn the steps to illustrate a real-life children's book, and see your own finished book, (created using the artwork you created in Session 1). Everyone will leave with their own copy of their story!

## ELA BOOK GROUPS

### First Thursday

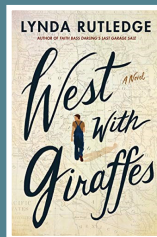
April 7th  
4:00 p.m.



The Barbizon

### Historical Fiction

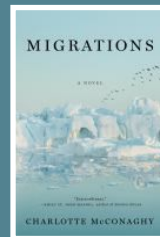
April 12th  
10:30 a.m.



West with Giraffes

### Third Wednesday Essex Meadows

April 20th  
10:30 a.m.



Migrations

### Classic Books Group

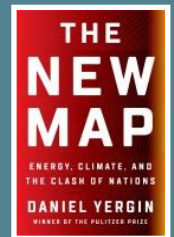
May 12th  
5:00 p.m.



TBD

### American History

May 19th  
5:00 p.m.



The New Map



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