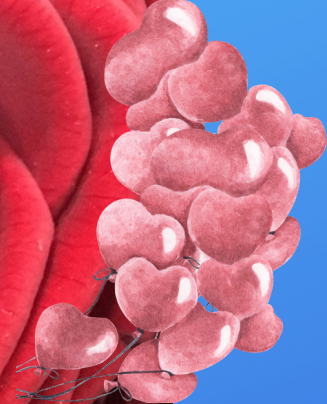




February 2023



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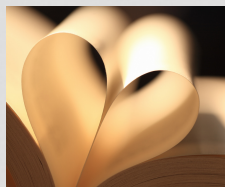
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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, February 20th (Presidents Day)



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Click [here](#) for a list of related materials in our catalogue!



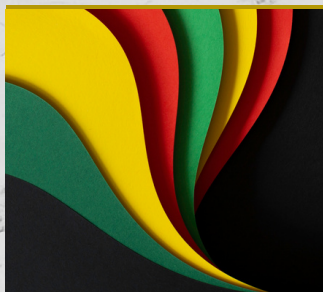
2023 READING CHALLENGE

The Massachusetts Center for the Book has launched a reading challenge for the year. For each month in

2023, a new theme or genre is presented. This month, participants are encouraged to read "a book set in your home town/city or state."

Click [here](#) to be directed to the information page, where you can sign up, view the program calendar, consult the FAQ, and submit a form for the books you have completed.

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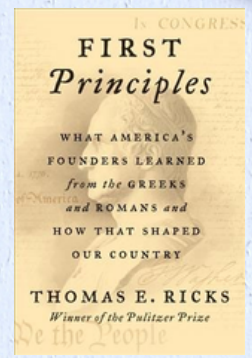
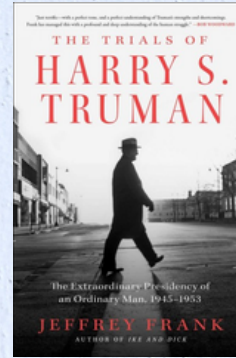
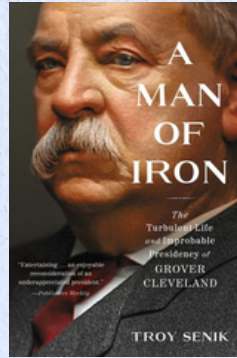
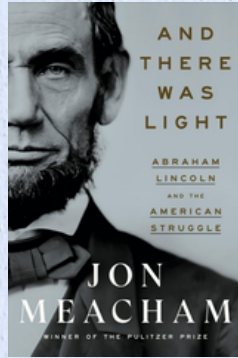
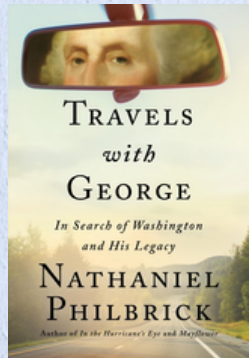


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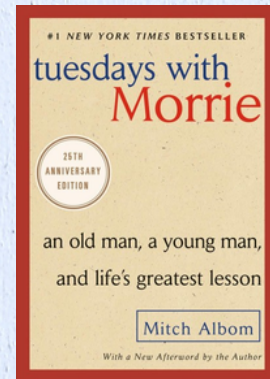
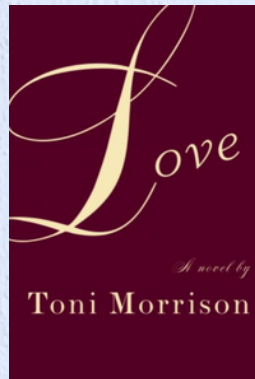
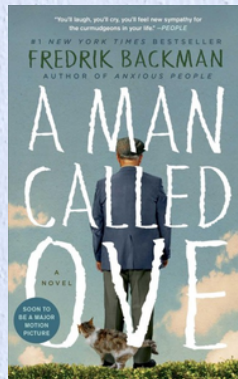
Be sure to check out the Main Library's glass case (near the tax forms) for our display to honor Black History Month!

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

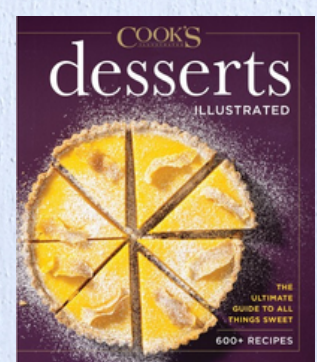
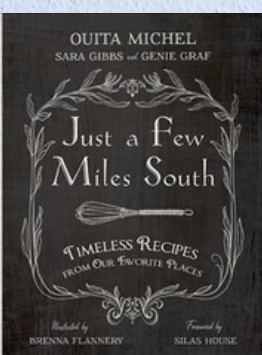
PRESIDENTS DAY



OF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP



IN PRAISE OF FAT TUESDAY



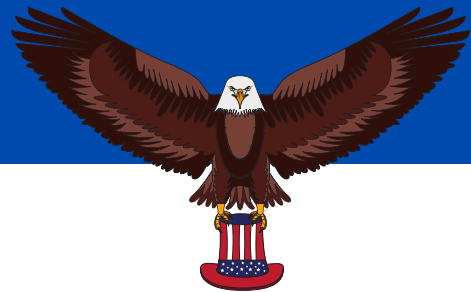


YOUTH PROGRAMS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Fables and Fun 3:30pm	31	1 Babytime 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10am	2 All Ages Storytime 10:30 am	3 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	4 Lego Club from 11am-12:30pm
6 Toddler Tales 10:30 am Fables and Fun 3:30pm	7 Discovery Corner open for patrons to use	8 Babytime 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10am	9 Teen Advisory Board 6pm Coloring with Caregivers 11am	10 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	11 Lego Club from 11am-12:30pm
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20 /	21 Talking Hands Theatre: Whale Tales at 10am	22 Babytime 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10am	23 Pajama Storytime 6:00pm	24 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	25 Lego Club from 11am-12:30pm
27 Toddler Tales 10:30 am Fables and Fun 3:30pm	28 Graphic Novel Club 6:30pm	1	2	3 	4





YOUTH PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY AT SPL

weekly:

Mondays

Toddler Tales 10:30am

Miss Melissa is ready to share a new picture book story with you! Come join us for a sweet story time! **For all ages. Sign up required.**

Fables and Fun at 3:30pm

Join Miss Melissa for a fun folktale and a themed craft! **For ages 5+. Sign up required.**

Wednesdays

Babytime at 9:30 am

Join Miss Katie on Wednesdays for a fun babytime program! We'll have bounces, rhymes, and loads of fun! **For babies 0-12mos. Sign up required.**

Toddler Tumble at 10 am

Swing by the junior library for a drop in-program! We have special toys specifically picked for toddlers that will be available during this program!

Thursdays

Coloring with Caregivers at 11am, select days check the calendar

Come join us in coloring themed crafts! We'll have plenty of supplies! Leave your art for us to display or take it with you! **For all ages.**

Fridays

Baby Bumble 9:30-11:00 am

This drop-in style program is to encourage our young friends to socialize, play, and communicate with one another. We'll have toys and coloring ready for you!! **For babies 11ish months and up.**

Saturdays

Lego Club from 11:00am-12:30pm

Come build your Lego dreams during this drop in program! Swing by and hang out with us! **For all ages.**

special:

Thursday, February 2 at 10:30 am **All Ages Storytime**

Join Miss Rachel to sing favorite songs and rhymes, meet new friends and have some fun. **For all ages. Sign up required.**

Thursday, February 9 at 6pm **Teen Advisory Board**

Interested in the TAB? Email Katie for more info! kbardascino@noblenet.org
For teens and tweens. Sign up required.

Thursday, February at 6pm **Pajama Storytime**

Join Miss Rachel for a special pajama storytime in the Junior Room! Bring your beloved stuffed animal and wear your favorite pajamas! We'll sing some songs and listen to a few stories! We hope to see you there!
For all ages.

Tuesday, February 21 at 10am **Talking Hands Theatre: Whale Tales**

"It's the aquarium that comes to you! As part of this musical puppet show you'll meet lots of creatures that live in the sea, including a walrus, a seahorse, a giant beluga whale, and many more."
For all ages. Sign up required.

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm **Middle Grade Graphic Novel Club**

Join Miss Katie on the last Tuesday of the month to chat about an awesome graphic novel! This month we are reading 'Sue and Tai-chan'. We'll talk about the book and draw our own graphic novel panels!
For grades 4 and up. Sign up required.



ADULT PROGRAM

**THE STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
STONEHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS:**

A LEGACY FROM THE HEART IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Learn about the proud heritage of African-American Music:

John Clark, Music Historian

Stoneham's Talented Yancey Family: Dee Morris, Local Historian

Today's Expression: Janelle Gilchrist, Dance Performer

Thursday, Feb. 23rd @ 7:00 P.M.

Library Marcy Room



Craft & Chat

Bring your own craft to work on in the company of fellow crafters.

2/17/2023

2 PM TO 3:30 PM

STONEHAM LIBRARY

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

The Library offers two book discussion groups for adults!

The **Monday Night Book Group** meets on the last Monday of the month. We primarily read fiction, with the occasional nonfiction choice.



Our other book discussion group is **Mysteries Around the World**, which meets on the first Thursday of each month.

The meeting time for both groups is 7:00 P.M.

Please contact Maureen Saltzman:

781-438-1324 or saltzman@noblenet.org

SUNSET BOULEVARD



DISCUSSION (ZOOM)
WED. FEBRUARY 22ND
6:30PM

WAYS TO WATCH

DVD 

(AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY
STARTING 2/1/23)

STREAM ONLINE

CHECK YOUR LISTINGS

AT THE LIBRARY



TUES. FEBRUARY 14TH @ 12PM

THURS. FEBRUARY 16TH @ 6PM

**SIGN UP FOR FILM CLUB
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Staff Reviews

Literary Hub (website/newsletter)

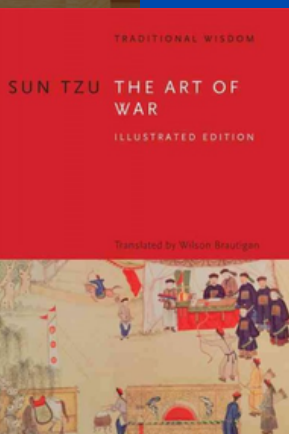
Recommendation by Melissa Jackson

I subscribe to a fair amount of literary newsletters, and blogs. I like to not only read books, but read about books and the world of books. One of my favorite newsletters is LIT HUB, a truly wonderful (and free) newsletter that covers all things literary. I subscribe to their daily newsletter which gives me a daily dose of interesting tidbits on authors, what goes on in the world of publishing, book awards, plus book reviews. There are options to just get book reviews for different genres, or advice to up your game as a writer. (Perhaps I should be reading some of those articles!) The contributors are varied and from all corners of the literary world so the newsletter has a great feel of being a collaboration looked over by some great editors. I recommend this for anyone who is a literature lover looking to enhance their scope of reading materials and find a world of fun and interesting page-turners. It is a lovely place to be!

Here is a link to the website: <https://lithub.com/>

Completed: 2023 Reading Challenge (January)

Donna Butler joined the MCB's Reading Challenge (see page 3). She has just finished reading *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu for January's theme, which had to be a book less than 100 pages long. The present volume is a seminal work on the philosophy of military strategy. The author discusses the formation of leaders through a study of political systems, as well as observing the strengths and weaknesses of one's foes in order to overcome them.



Staff Reviews (cont'd)

12 Angry Men (1957)

Review by Matthew Sowyrda

Angry they are, and each for their own reasons: a sweltering day in the city, twelve jurors hear a case in which an 18-year old boy is accused of murdering his father, their deliberation takes place in a Jury Room cooled only by open windows. The evidence against the defendant - the eyewitness accounts, past misdemeanors, a switchblade presented as the murder weapon - is, *prima facie*, convincing. The defendant, if found guilty, will be receive capital punishment. But 11 jurors vote guilty, one votes not guilty, thereby forcing the group to talk it out until it votes unanimously in either direction. So begins the intense, dialogue-fueled film directed by Sidney Lumet, and which stars renowned performers such as Henry Fonda as Juror #8, and Lee J. Cobb as a juror who vehemently denounces the boy as guilty.

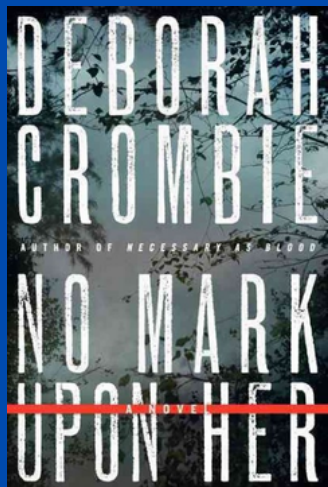
Henry Fonda's character is the holdout. He is unconvinced by the evidence, and not so quick to conclude that the boy is guilty. Neither can he necessarily be certain that the boy is innocent. Juror #8 is simply unwilling to sentence a young man to death

"without talking about it." In this way, Juror #8 takes the Socratic approach by admitting uncertainty, whereas the other jurors all attempt to convince him of the boy's guilt with their seemingly certain knowledge of the details. In response, Juror #8 challenges their selective skepticism and over-reliance on eyewitness testimony. The longer the discussion goes on, however, the more each juror begins to question his own understanding of the facts.

The cinematography is simple, yet effective. Apart from the very beginning and the ending, the plot occurs entirely in the Jury Room. This taut atmosphere accentuates the ramped-up emotions that the jurors experience in close quarters while they engage in a lengthy argument over a divisive issue, all amid the heat of the day. Finally, the choice of camera angles - long shots from one side of table to the other, characters huddled together as they stare at the viewer or at other characters - demonstrates the theme of social pressure and its intimidating power.



Staff Reviews (cont'd)



A Most Satisfying Mystery

Review by Melissa Jackson

There are so very many wonderful genres of Mysteries to read! I encourage anybody who has never opened one of these delightfully entertaining forms of literature to give it a try. Mysteries harbor historic facts, romance, action, travel, and even baking! Our Library hosts a Mystery Book group once a month as well as a "non-mystery" book group. For more information, contact Maureen Saltzman at saltzman@noblenet.org or 781-507-2483.

The Mystery Book group read a wonderful selection of Mysteries. This past month I was introduced to the author Debbie Crombie and the book, *No Mark Upon Her*. Miss Crombie has already established the characters of Detectives Kincaid and Det. Gemma in previous books. It is their relationship, family, and how they work together throughout this mystery that helps make it such a great read. Kincaid and Gemma are realistic and endearing to me as people who have been in previous marriages and are putting a blended family together. I was brought deeper and deeper to Kincaid and Gemma's personal lives as well as into this case that they were working on. As the details around the mystery began to surface, I was lured into reading way into the night by my need to know what would happen to the cast of characters.

I have since read two of Debbie Crombie's books and am looking forward to reading more of her mysteries. I love her way of slowly unfolding the case and the delightful main characters of Kincaid and Gemma.