

Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.
-St. Augustine

We are finally in our last stage of reconstruction and hope to open soon, perhaps even later this month. As in the past, these final steps are dependent upon outside sources and therefore, we do not have an exact reopening date yet, but will share when known.

Though Hooksett Library cards were set last winter to automatically expire in July, we have extended the temporary services of Auburn, Raymond and Chester libraries for your use this month.

As always, we still have the increased electronic and downloadable materials for your convenience as well as curbside delivery of any materials you might desire through the Interlibrary loan system. Please feel free to request these and any other needs or questions you might have to librarian@smythpl.org.

Please know that we so appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Everyone has been wonderfully kind and supportive to the library and our community!

Events...

WEDNESDAYS ALL SUMMER!

Smyth Public Library Summer Concert Series

The series is held at the Candia Pond Park gazebo, behind the library at 55 High Street, and will be canceled if it rains. The concerts run from 6:30-8pm. Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn to social distance. Ice cream will be for sale and one free item for summer reading participants. Watch our Music page at www.smythpl.org.



July 13th- Freese Brothers Big Band You will hear the Count, the King, the Duke, the Chairman and the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing-Basie, Goodman, Ellington, Sinatra and Dorsey. DON'T MISS this amazing group! You won't be sorry you came!

July 20th- Windham Swing Band Its ballroom dance repertoire ranges from swing, waltz, and



foxtrot to cha-cha, mambo, samba, rumba, and hustle.

July 27th- Nicole Murphy Candia native and solo cover artist who sings new and old country music, originals, and classic rock. Even though she works alone on stage, her sound feels like she is a full band.



August 3rd- Clandestine, a Funk and Soul group based out of the Seacoast of NH whose music draws heavily on inspiration from jazz and improvisation.



August 10th- Bedford Big Band The band's repertoire includes many of your favorite jazz and Big Band standards, Latin rhythms, waltzes, R&B, as well as some exciting contemporary arrangements that you're sure to enjoy.



Candia Farmer's Market

Every third Saturday, June-October, 9am-Noon~New vendors welcome!

Smyth Public Library will be selling ice cream this Saturday so come enjoy!

Candia Garden Club Garden Tour

Saturday, July 16 from 9am-1pm

Tickets available at the June Farmer's Market

(See Candia Garden Club Facebook page for more details.)

*Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people
are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is
going home; that wildness is a necessity-
John Muir, Our National Parks*

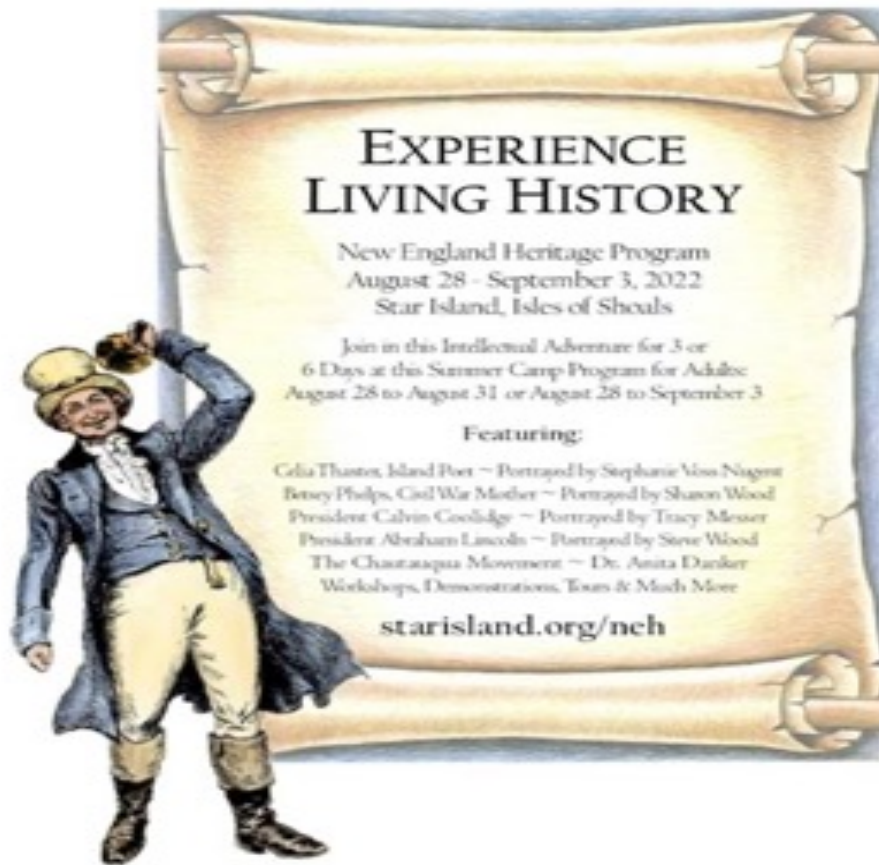
MUSEUM Passes available NOW!

Email librarian@smythpl.org to order one.

***Strawbery Banke; Portsmouth
Seacoast Science Center; Rye
Libby Museum; Wolfeboro
Squam Lakes Science Center; Holderness
Fuller Gardens; North Hampton
Museum of Fine Arts; Boston
Currier Museum; Manchester
NEW: Bedrock Gardens; Lee***

***Hey Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Nannies!
AuPairs! (you get it)***

***Storytime at the Gazebo
Held with Kara Thursdays at 10:30 am
(weather permitting - - check website)***



You are most cordially invited to attend the New England Heritage program on Star Island at the Isles of Shoals for the 2022 summer event, "Experience Living History."

Join in this intellectual adventure for 3 or 6 days, from August 28 to August 31 or from August 28 to September 3, 2022. Meet characters from New England's past; hear their stories and engage them in convivial conversation. Experience various eras through the eyes of those that lived them. Be drawn into the world of historical persona, both famous and little known.

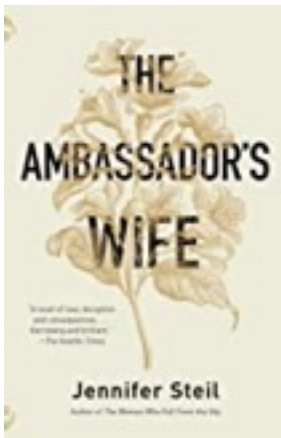
In the tradition of the Chautauqua movement, enjoy speakers and specialists who thrive on entertaining education through reviving the past. Join in the entertaining and intellectual pursuit of bygone New England with talks, demonstrations, workshops and activities. Spend summer days on beautiful, historic Star Island at the Isles of Shoals at the enlightening summer camp for adults known as the New England Heritage program. For more information, please visit www.starisland.org/neh

Books Available Now!!

The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, And all the sweet serenity of books-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

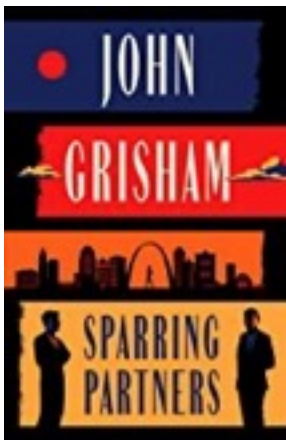
Smyth Library offers these for curbside pickup, available now!
Just email librarian@smythpl.org to order:

FICTION:



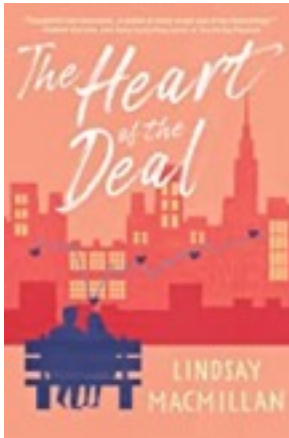
[The Ambassador's Wife by Jennifer Steil](#)

When bohemian artist Miranda meets British ambassador Finn in the ancient stone streets of an Islamic city, the course of her life alters in extraordinary ways.



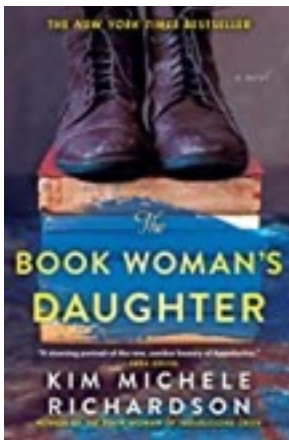
[Sparring Partners by John Grisham](#)

"Homecoming" takes us back to Ford County, the fictional setting of many of John Grisham's unforgettable stories. Jake Brigance is back, but he's not in the courtroom.



The Heart of the Deal by Lindsay MacMillan

Perfect for fans of Emily Giffin and Jojo Moyes, Lindsay MacMillan's debut novel deftly captures the feeling of being adrift in your late twenties, with poignant commentary on female friendships, mental health, and what happiness really looks like.



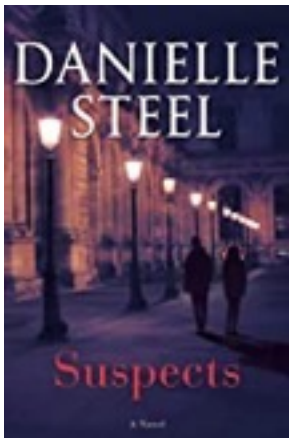
The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good.



Everything Here is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee

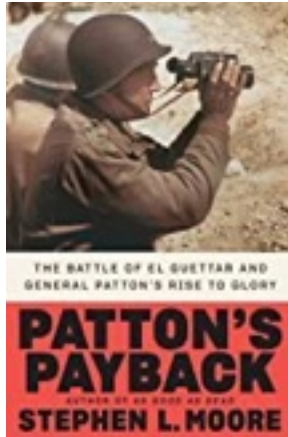
Two Chinese-American sisters—Miranda, the older, responsible one, always her younger sister's protector; Lucia, the headstrong, unpredictable one, whose impulses are huge and, often, life changing. When Lucia starts hearing voices, it is Miranda who must find a way to reach her sister. Lucia impetuously plows ahead, but the bitter constant is that she is, in fact, mentally ill. Lucia lives life on a grand scale, until, inevitably, she crashes to earth.



Suspects by Danielle Steel

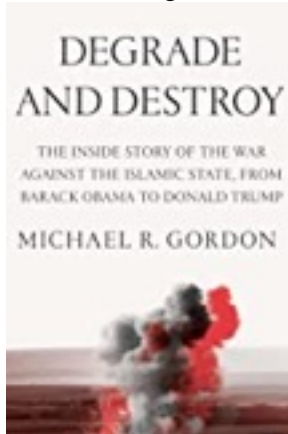
A dedicated CIA agent becomes an unexpected ally to a woman haunted by the kidnapping of her family, in this thrilling novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel.

NONFICTION:



Patton's Payback by Stephen L. Moore

A stirring World War II combat story of how the legendary George Patton reinvigorated a defeated and demoralized army corps, and how his men claimed victory over Germany's most-feared general, Erwin Rommel



Degrade and Destroy by Michael G. Gordon

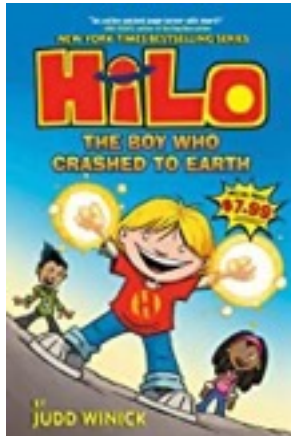
An essential account of the struggle against ISIS—and of how Presidents Obama, Trump, and Biden have waged war..

YOUTH:



The Secret Lake and Return to the Secret Lake by Karen Inglis

Almost a year has passed since Stella and Tom discovered a time tunnel and travelled to early 1900s London, where they befriended Emma, Lucy and Jack.



HiLo: The Boy who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

BOOM! CLANG! CRASH! D.J. and Gina are totally ordinary kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo just fell out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea!)



Dawn and the Impossible Three by Ann M. Martin

Dawn Schafer is the newest member of The Baby-sitters Club. While she's still adjusting to life in Stoneybrook after moving from sunny California, she's eager to accept her first big job. But taking care of the three Barrett kids would be too much for any baby-sitter.



Skippyjon Jones books by Judy Schachner

Skippyjon Jones is no ordinary kitten. Oh, no. . . .He's actually El Skippito, a great sword-fighter ready to battle banditos the world over! With a little imagination and a whole lot of fun, this frisky cat dons a mask and cape and takes on a bad bumble-beeto to save the day. And along the way, he'll be sure to steal young reader's hearts, yes indeed-o!

While we are closed... *Good News!!*

Though Hooksett Library memberships expired on June 30, the Dudley Tucker Library in Raymond, Griffin Free Library in Auburn and Chester Public Library have all generously extended their offer with the Smyth Public Library to provide temporary borrowing cards to Candia, NH residents until we reopen hopefully later this month.

These out of town temporary cards will be provided to adults with proof of Candia residency (such as a valid driver's license) right away in Auburn, Chester and Raymond. The cards will allow up to three physical items (such as books or DVDs) to be circulated at a time. Access to digital collections will be limited to in library usage only and no online account access will be available. Access to digital resources will continue to be provided by Smyth Public Library.

These cards will expire on the day that the Smyth Public Library reopens. Please respect these neighboring town library conditions and be sure to return all items in a timely manner so that all patrons can enjoy this service in Auburn, Raymond and Chester.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact Heidi Deacon, Library Director, librarian@smythpl.org.

And don't forget...

You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.

It's Still growing season!

*Smyth Public Library has **free seed packets** for vegetables and fruits available. See the list on our website to order for curbside pickup.*



Who bends a knee where violets grow, a hundred secret things shall know. Rachel Field

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All the information you need is here: [Smyth Summer Reading](#)

One of the luckiest things that can happen to you in life is to have a happy childhood. Agatha Christie



Email to pick up a free summer fun bag for your child, sponsored by the Friends of Smyth Public Library. Each reusable fish bag includes fun ocean themed goodies, such as a coloring book, reading book, ocean face masks, shark gliders,

sticker sheets, bookmarks, wooden ocean animals, sponge growing fish, seeds to plant, and various craft supplies to complete some ocean themed summer craft projects.

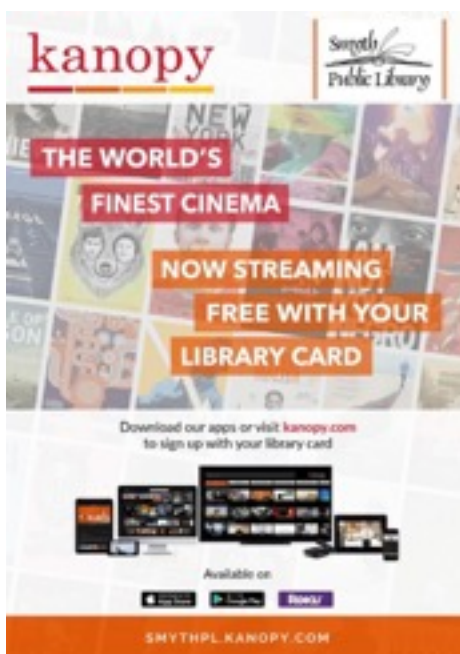
Overdrive/ Libby



Overdrive is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC.

Libby is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

Kanopy



What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

Kanopy Toolkits:

At the start of 2020 Kanopy launched new toolkits to help patrons and viewers access theme-specific videos and movies. Each month a new toolkit shall be published; the toolkits offer program guides and suggestions on what films to view.

Click [here](#) to view the toolkits.

Accessing Kanopy:

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting smythpl.kanopy.com.

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

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STEAM Look Book

The 2021 hoopla [STEAM Look Book](#) is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

Browse our STEAM Library Resources, [Look Book](#), and collections for every age

The Great Courses

We're thrilled to announce [The Great Courses](#) now on video on hoopla. Patrons can enjoy over 200 individual courses in a variety of topics taught by award-winning experts and professors including *Health, Fitness & Nutrition*, *Literature & Language*, *Science & Technology*, and more.

hoopla Book Club:

hoopla's digital collection is available instantly with no holds and no waiting, including the [Book Club Spotlight Selection](#), giving readers access to eBooks and audiobooks even if the library's physical building is closed.

New Book Club Spotlight Selection: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*

The Winter 2021 hoopla Book Club Spotlight is [Before the Coffee Gets Cold](#) by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. This is his debut as an author, and has become an international bestseller.

hoopla's online resources, including an [exclusive Q&A with the author](#), are also available on the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) site to access and share digitally. Readers can keep the discussion going virtually or in person, no matter where they are, with the hoopla Book Club.

Accessing hoopla:

To register for and enjoy hoopla digital for free with your library card, please download the hoopla digital app from your Apple or Google Play store on your mobile device. If you are using a computer, you may visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>.

For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

Please note, that when logging-in to Hoopla, type in your *email*, and then the *Password/PIN* required is simply your phone number.

FAQ of hoopla:

With Hoopla, you can check out 3 items per month with your library card! NO

WAITING!

You will have immediate access to:

MOVIES, FULL MUSIC ALBUMS, eBooks, eAUDIOBOOKS, TV EPISODES, and COMICS and GRAPHIC NOVELS!

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With many families staying in more than ever, hoopla can help make decisions for family movie night easy with our wide selection of family titles. We have curated a [special collection of some of our favorites](#) available now with no holds or waiting – including *Ella Enchanted*, *Daddy Day Care*, *The 3 Tails*, and more!

Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded [Movies of the Month](#) on hoopla!

Reading guides

The hoopla Resource Center now has [reading guides](#) for IDW Publishing graphic novels available on hoopla, including *March Book One* and *March Book Two*.

John Lewis's game-changing graphic memoir *March* has brought attention to a powerful issue and its three books have won numerous awards and have been a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

[Check out the Reading Guides](#)

Curate your own film festival with the power of your library card and hoopla!

The programs new Art House collection full of documentaries and films is the perfect place to start; click [here](#) for more information.



Never force yourself to read a book that you do not enjoy. There are so many good books in the world that it is foolish to waste time on one that does not give you pleasure.”

— Atwood H. Townsend, Good Reading

Tip from the front desk

In the end, fiction is the craft of telling truth through lies.-Lauren Groff

Order from the library any of these books and more at
librarian@smythpl.org

“Beach Reads To Immerse Yourself In Someone Else's Story”

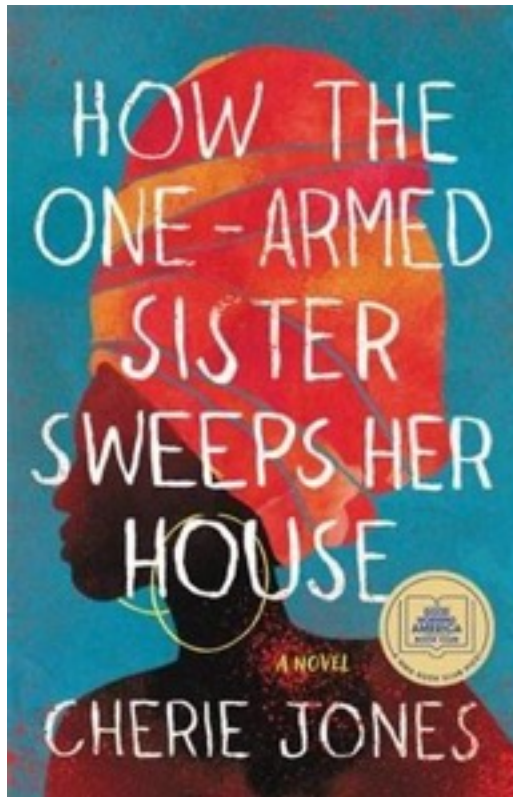
Beach reads have become a genre unto themselves, but you certainly don't need to be anywhere near a beach to enjoy one this summer. We've taken the assignment literally this year as these books all take place at the beach with characters either on vacation getaways or living in island and beach communities. Many are romances, but we've included domestic fiction, literary fiction, and some mysteries for good measure. Whether you read these with sand between your toes or on a rumbling roadway, we hope you enjoy being immersed in someone else's story for a time.



Island Time

by Georgia Clark

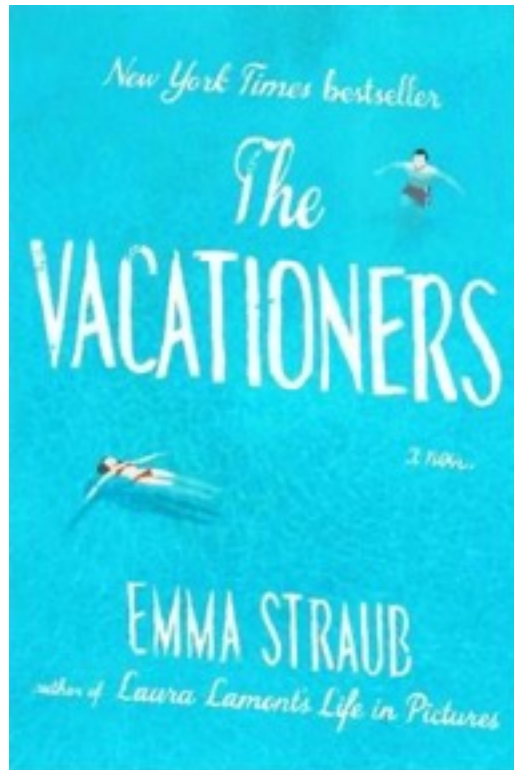
A messy, loud Australian family and an aloof, snobby American family who have nothing in common except the marriage of their daughters are stuck for 6 weeks on a tropical island off Queensland when a nearby volcano erupts.



How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House

by Cherie Jones

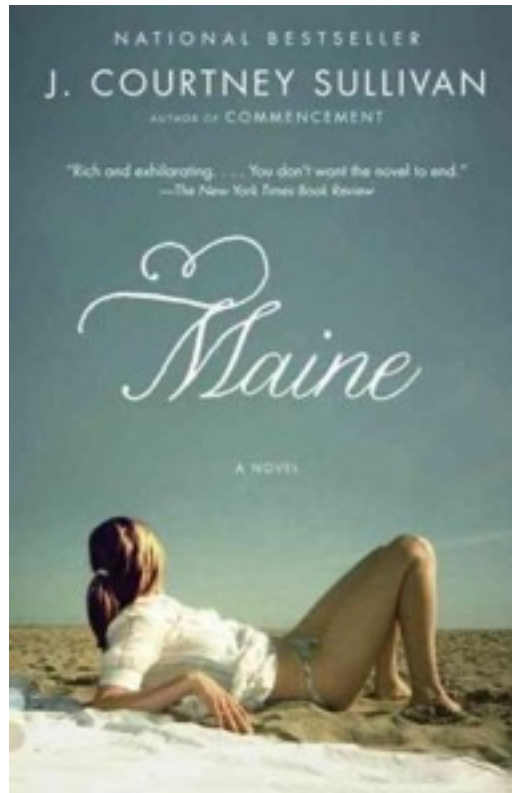
Lala must deal with a chain of events that have terrible consequences when her petty criminal husband is interrupted in his attempt to rob one of the mansions in their "paradise" home of Baxter Beach, Barbados.



The Vacationers

by Emma Straub

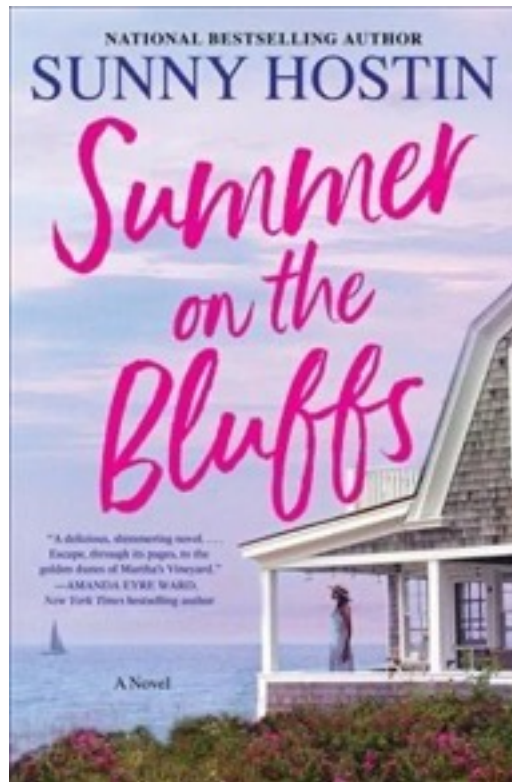
Celebrating their 35th anniversary and their daughter's high-school graduation during a two-week vacation in Mallorca, Franny and Jim Post confront old secrets, hurts and rivalries that reveal sides of themselves they would conceal.



Maine

by J. Courtney Sullivan

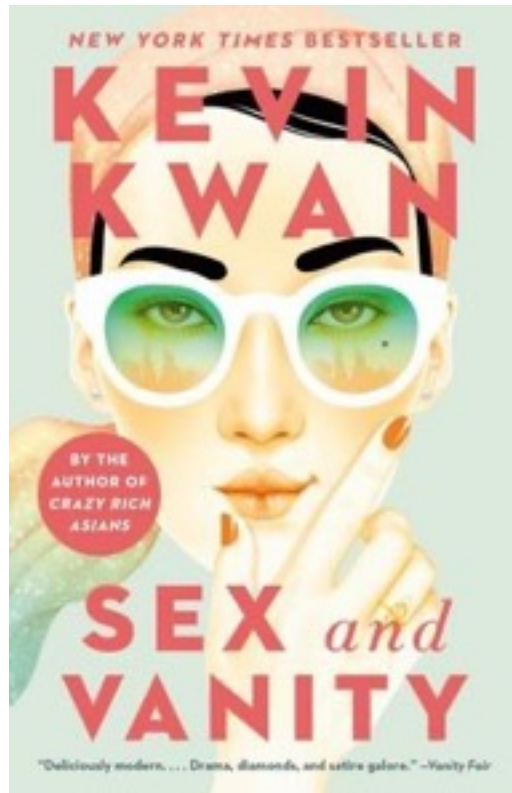
Descending on a family beach house won in a bet years earlier, three generations of women gradually impart difficult respective secrets including a pregnancy, a terrible crush and a deeply held resentment for past misdeeds.



Summer on the Bluffs

by Sunny Hostin

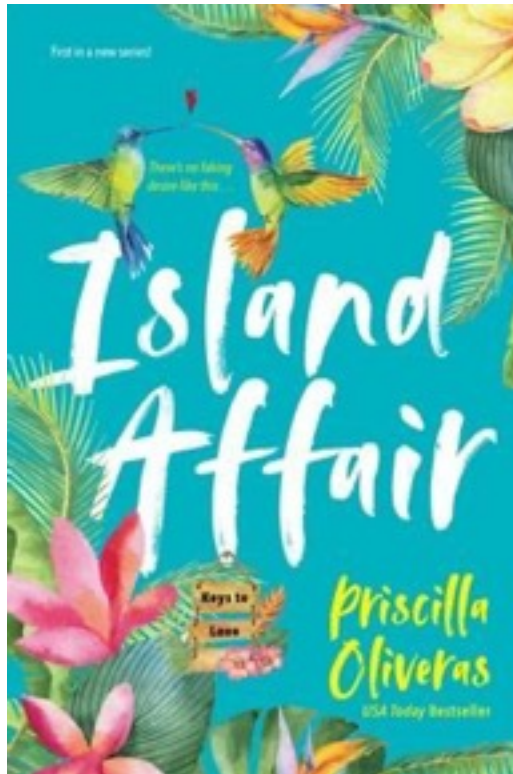
In the exclusive black beach community of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, the three unofficial "goddaughters" of Amelia Vaux Tanner, successful women from different backgrounds, gather for one last summer together before Amelia moves to the south of France and gives her home to one of them.



Sex and Vanity

by Kevin Kwan

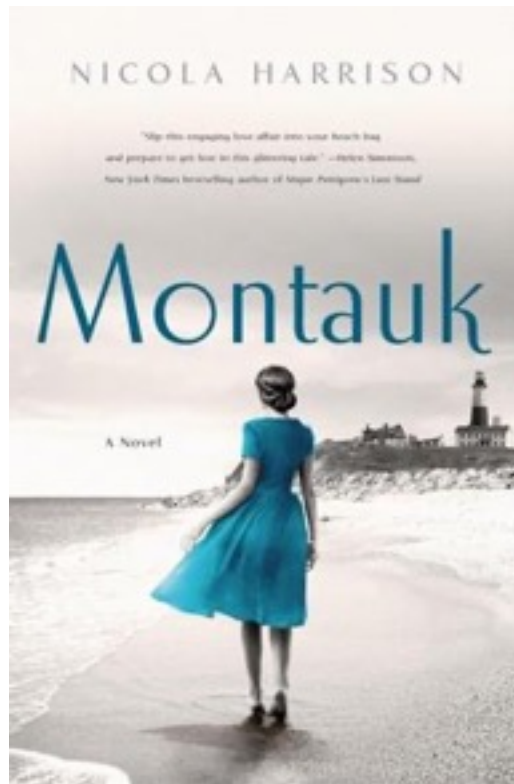
When George, the man with whom she had a brief fling several years earlier, unexpectedly appears in East Hampton, newly engaged Lucie Churchill is drawn to him again and spins a web of deceit in an attempt to block him from her life—and her heart.



Island Affair

by Priscilla Oliveras

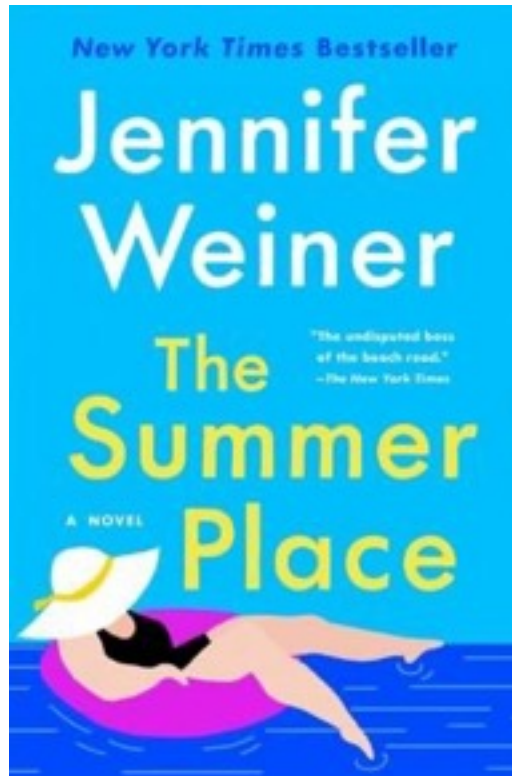
A social-media influencer in recovery from an eating disorder enlists the aid of a firefighter and dive captain to play the part of her boyfriend after her actual one is a no-show for a family vacation in Key West.



Montauk

by Nicola Harrison

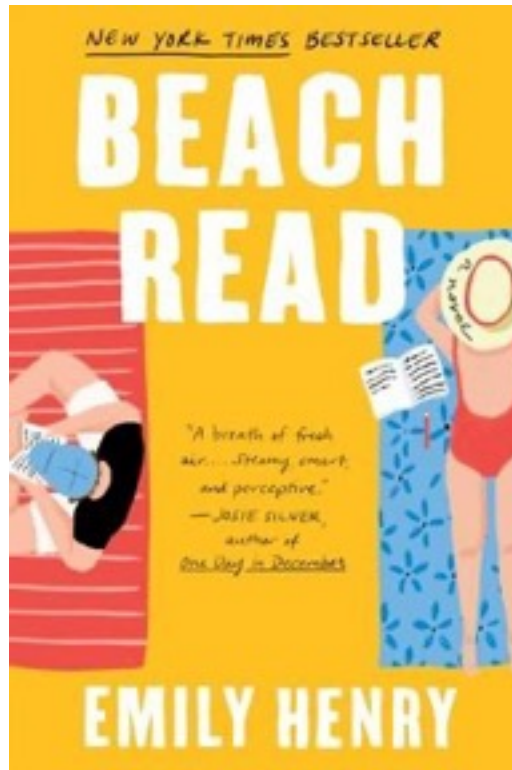
Distancing herself from her unfaithful spouse and her fellow society wives at seaside Montauk Manor, Bea Bordeaux is drawn by the village's natural beauty and community spirit before falling for a man who is nothing like her husband.



The Summer Place

by Jennifer Weiner

At her stepdaughter's wedding day to her pandemic boyfriend—the last gathering at the family's beach house in Cape Cod—Sarah is faced with lovers being revealed as their true selves, misunderstandings, and secrets, ensuring that nothing will ever be the same.



Beach Read

by Emily Henry

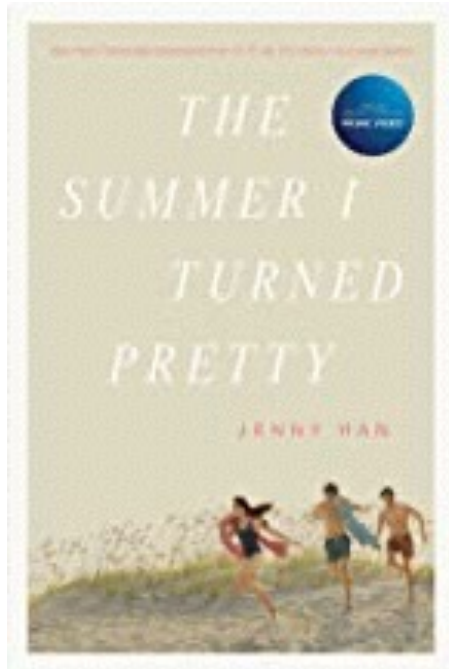
An acclaimed but blocked literary master and a best-selling novelist who has stopped believing in true love agree to a summer-long writing project that challenges them write well in each others' styles.



The Paper Palace

by Miranda Cowley Heller

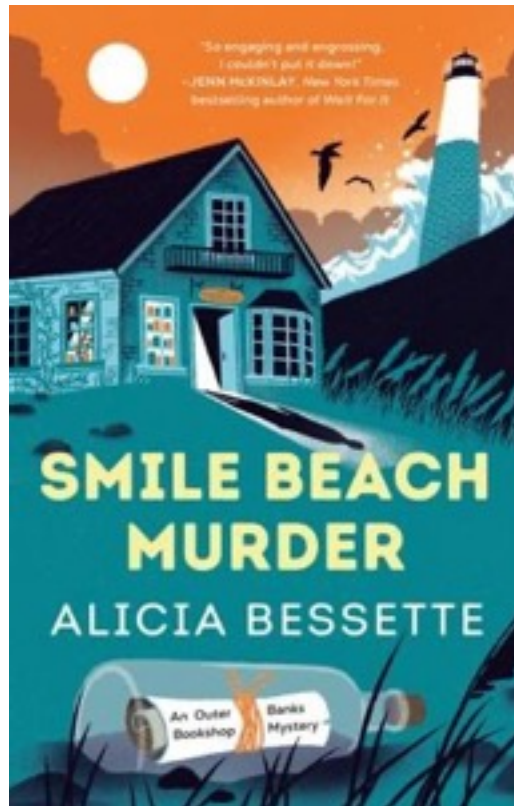
While staying at “The Paper Palace”—the family summer place she has visited every summer of her life, 50-year-old Elle must decide between the life she has built with her husband and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love.



The Summer I Turned Pretty

by Jenny Han

Belly measures her life in summers. Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.



Smile Beach Murder

by Alicia Besette

Callie Padget, a former reporter-turned-bookshop clerk in the Outer Banks, is drawn into a mystery involving a deadly fall at a lighthouse that could be linked to her past.



The Beach Trap

by Ali Brady

Left a joint inheritance—the family beach house in Destin, Florida, two estranged half-sisters, immediately at odds, reluctantly join forces to renovate the dilapidated house—an endeavor that brings about new romance for each of them and teaches them how to be sisters.



Summer Island

by Shelley Noble

Retreating to Summer Island after heartbreak, Phoebe and her mother Ruth find themselves embraced by family and friends, new and old, until an accident threatens to destroy the tenuous tie between them, forcing Phoebe to make some serious choices

Death by Beach Read

by Eva Gates

Librarian Lucy's new historic house comes with a lot of baggage and family secrets. Can she put them to rest or will a killer bring Lucy's family to their downfall, in the 9th Lighthouse Library mystery.

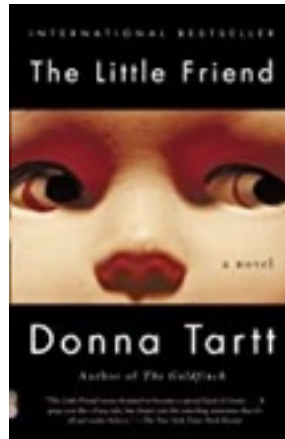
Excerpt by: Carrie McBride, June 29, 2022 (NYPL)

Book club:

Readers meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month

Next month join us July 19th ~ 7:30 pm
Smyth Memorial Building

This Month's Selection:



The Little Friend

By **Donna Tartt**

The setting is Alexandria, Mississippi, where one Mother's Day a little boy named Robin Cleve Dufresnes was found hanging from a tree in his parents' yard. Twelve years later Robin's murder is still unsolved and his family remains devastated. So it is that Robin's sister Harriet—unnervingly bright, insufferably determined, and unduly influenced by the fiction of Kipling and Robert Louis Stevenson--sets out to unmask his killer. Aided only by her worshipful friend Hely, Harriet crosses her town's rigid lines of race and caste and burrows deep into her family's history of loss. Filled with hairpin turns of plot and "a bustling, ridiculous humanity worthy of Dickens" (The New York Times Book Review), The Little Friend is a work of myriad enchantments by a writer of prodigious talent.



*I ordered a book entitled HOW TO SCAM
PEOPLE. It's been six weeks and it still has not
arrived.*



Did you know...

The thickest published book has a width of 12.67 inches.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the thickest published book (Agatha Christie's Miss Marple stories) has a width of 12.67 inches and was released on May 20, 2009, by HarperCollins in London, United Kingdom. As a result, the Miss Marple Stories took 4,032 pages and weighs 17.73 pounds. The collection contains 20 short stories and 12 mystery novels.

Trivia Time!

Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here.

This Month's Trivia Question:

What was the first novel to be published in English?

Last Month's Trivia Question:

What is the seventh and final novel in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series?

Harry Potter and the Deadly Hallows

Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at librarian@smythpl.org or "reply" to this and we'll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

Rick Mitchell and the library staff

The Smythie is now over a gazillion subscribers strong!!

But... We may not be for everyone. If you do not want to be on this e-mail list, just reply and tell us to remove your name.