This year marks the 100th anniversary of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Having outfitted his ship, the *Endurance*, in England, he sailed for Argentina in the summer of 1914. On December 5th he set off for South Georgia Island and then moved on to the Weddell Sea, where the *Endurance* encountered ice floes. It was there that the vessel became locked in ice, and Shackleton gave the order to abandon ship. Thus began a fight for survival for him and his crew of 27 men.

Shackleton was known as a charming man who could easily coax funding for his projects from wealthy friends. The circumstances of the failed expedition, however, revealed his extraordinary strength of character. Alfred Lansing’s 1959 book, *Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage*, is the story of leadership in the face of unbelievable hardship, including an 800-plus-mile voyage in a lifeboat by Shackleton and two crew members.

We know you will enjoy this book, which the *New York Times Book Review* called, “One of the great adventure stories of our time.”

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**PARTICIPATING DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- East End Bookies
- Ipswich Council on Aging Book Discussion Group
- Ipswich Middle School Students
- Ipswich Museum Brown Bag Discussion Group
- Ipswich Public Library Book Club
- Ipswich Public Library Eighth Grade Book Club
- Sisters of Notre Dame
- Women of the Book

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March & April 2014

... 10th year of our town-wide reading and discussion program.

*Come join us!*

All Related Events Are Free
### THE ENDURANCE

**SCANTLINGS**
- Length overall: 144 feet
- Beam: 25 feet
- Speed: 10.2 knots
- Hull: Wood
- Rig: Barkentine
- Year built: 1912
- Homeport: Plymouth, England
- Flag: United Kingdom

### ABOUT THE BOOK

One of the most gripping, suspenseful, intense stories anyone will ever read.

*—Chicago Tribune*

Grit in the face of seemingly insurmountable adversity.

*—Wall Street Journal*

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**2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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<td>March 18</td>
<td>A lecture by Margaret Holtman on <em>Shackleton as Leader.</em> Ms. Holtman is one of the contributors to <em>Leading at the Edge: Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton’s Antarctic Expedition.</em></td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
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<td>March 24</td>
<td>A showing of the documentary film <em>The Endurance: Shackleton’s Legendary Antarctic Expedition.</em> This film features the photographic record of the expedition as captured by legendary photographer Frank Hurley. The film is narrated by Liam Neeson. (97 minutes)</td>
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<td>March 27</td>
<td><em>Penguin Explorer Program</em> presented by the staff of the New England Aquarium. Please call the Children’s Room at 978-412-8713 to register your child for the age-appropriate program.</td>
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<td>March 27</td>
<td><em>To the Ice,</em> a slide presentation by local photographer Mim Frost, with images from her two trips to the Antarctic, including Elephant Island, where Shackleton’s crew waited to be rescued.</td>
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<td>March 28</td>
<td>A public discussion of Lansing’s book <em>Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage</em> led by Martha Mauser.</td>
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<td>8:00 AM</td>
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**ALFRED LANSING**

(1921-1975) was a native of Chicago. After serving more than five years in the Navy, he enrolled at Northwestern University, where he studied journalism. Until 1949 he edited a weekly newspaper in Illinois, later joined the United Press, and eventually became a freelance writer. *Endurance,* his first book, was published in 1959.