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Say *Welcome* to Max



In his own words: archaic, eclectic, nostalgic, and fastidiously organized, Max Close has arrived at the Ipswich Public Library to wear two hats for the community - one as a circulation technician and one as the new local history librarian and community archivist. If he's not at the circulation desk he's somewhere in the stacks in the basement. Having mainly grown up down in Concord, MA, he was instilled with a love for local history as the means by which abstract historical concepts become tangible and can widely engage a diverse audience.

Thusly inspired he attended Brandeis University (B.A. History) and then later American University (M.A. Public History), a degree from each making him an insufferable nerd full of useless historical trivia and possessing a robust skillset in collections management and public engagement that he brings to the IPL. He looks forward to meeting all of you!



Due to popular demand, Ipswich Public Library card holders now have 6 credits a month on Kanopy, so you can watch even more independent films, documentaries, PBS shows, and more! Don't have an account yet? Get started at ipswichlibrary.kanopy.com





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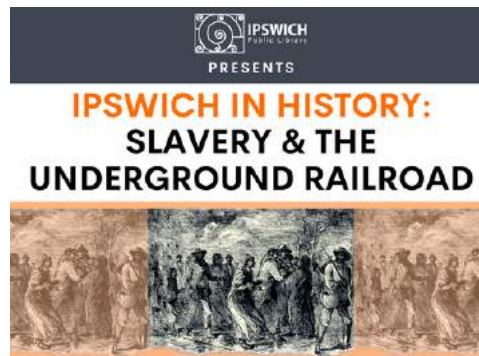
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You can access this great resource while in the Library, using either our reference computers or your own device on our wi-fi. Need assistance getting started? Call, email, or visit us for help!

Gordon Harris' "Ipswich in History" Program Drew Inquisitive Crowd for an Engaging Look Into the Past



45 in-person and 38 virtual attendees joined Gordon Harris on March 21st in the Collins Meeting Room to see his illuminating presentation "Ipswich in History: Slavery & The Underground Railroad". Participants learned about key figures in Ipswich history during slavery and the Civil War, from slaveholders to the enslaved and those who fiercely advocated for abolition here in town. Harris also connected the history of the Underground Railroad in the Ipswich area to the greater context of what was occurring in Massachusetts and across the country during the Civil War in this fantastic program.

Did you miss the program? Make sure you check out the Library's Events calendar, subscribe to this newsletter electronically, and follow our social media accounts so you can find out when Gordon Harris will be back at the Library as well as when we have other local history programs!

Eco-friendly Induction Cooktops Are Now Available in IPL's Library of Things Thanks to Community Partnerships



The Center for Ecotechnology (CET) and the Ipswich Electric Light Department have partnered with the Ipswich Public Library to pilot their Induction Lending Program, which is funded by TD Bank's Community Climate Fund. CET is committed to spreading the word about the environmental, health, and economic benefits of making the switch to induction cooktops.

Unlike gas, propane, and electric cooktops, which use an open flame or heating element, induction cooking uses electromagnetic energy to heat pots and pans directly. Induction stoves can reduce cooking carbon emissions by half and eliminate harmful indoor air pollution. Induction is also considered safer, because only the pan is heated. In addition, the improved efficiency can reduce cooking time by up to 50%. Plus, with their smooth surfaces, induction cooktops are a breeze to clean!

You can easily check out the Induction Cooktop kit from the Library of Things by coming into the Library or by putting a reserve on it through our catalog if it's checked out to another patron. The kit includes cookware and accessories along with the induction cooktop. Bon appétit!



The Cookbook Club met in person in March and shared their delicious creations from *The Official Downton Abbey Cookbook* by Annie Gray. Pictured above are stuffed tomatoes, chicken vol-au-vent, and seed cake. Yum! Check the Library's Events calendar every month to see when the Cookbook Club meets next. Spots fill up fast!

2022 Louise & Hugh Johnson Lecture Series



Archer Mayor

Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

Cash bar & book sales | 6:30 p.m.

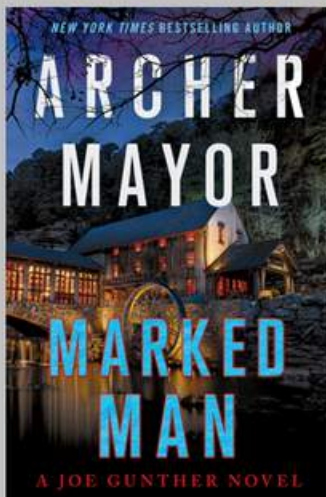
Author's presentation | 7:30 p.m.

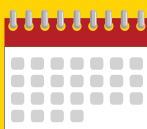
Mansion at Hellenic Center | 117 County Rd., Ipswich

Meet the author of the highly acclaimed Vermont-based mystery series featuring detective Joe Gunther.

Mr. Mayor also works as a death investigator for Vermont's medical examiner. In 2016 he received the Robert B. Parker Award.

Free. Registration is required. To register: library's online calendar | call 978-356-6648 | scan code below.





Upcoming Events



Exercises for the Quiet Eye

Wednesday, April 7, 14, and 21 | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Zoom (Register for the Link)



Exercises for the Quiet Eye, presented by Annie V.F. Storr, is an interactive virtual workshop for artists, teachers, students, docents, and anyone interested in taking the time to learn new techniques for viewing art. Each workshop is all about doing—exploring, seeing, reflecting, responding. It will consist of a series of guided exercises that help participants explore what we can learn from art and artifacts rather than about them. The informal exercises encourage patient reflection, appreciation, and an attempt to avoid a rush to understand, a rush to fix an interpretation of what we see. Registration required.

Titanic & Battleship - A Teen Board Game Contest

Friday, April 15 | 5:00pm-6:00pm

Teen Room



"You Sunk My... Ocean Liner?" Did you know that Titanic Remembrance Day is April 15th? While we remember those who lost their lives and the majesty of the ship herself, we will attempt to keep our own ships afloat in a "Battleship" showdown. We are going to all play many copies at once, each player getting their name on a raffle ticket for every enemy ship they sink. One prize for the most effectively lethal player and one prize for the winner of the raffle. Registration is required. This event is for teens only (6th through 12th graders).

A Tiny Teen Craft (Earth Day)

Tuesday, April 19 | 4:00pm-4:45pm

Teen Room



Let's create some homey decorations for our study spaces and bookcases with "forever" (read: fake) succulent plants in pots that you'll paint. We'll keep nature growing outside but enjoy the look of it inside all year long, and you never have to add water! Both pots and "forever" (fake) plants provided. No skill needed. Registration and enthusiasm required. This event is for teens only (6th through 12th graders).



Teen Candy BINGO: "Cookie & Cake"

Wednesday, April 20 | 4:00pm-5:00pm

Collins Meeting Room

Grab a board and your candy markers and get ready to BINGO! If you've never played BINGO, now is the time to learn, with treats and prizes in the mix. The winner each session will have their name entered into a very stylish hat for the chance to win a prize. Registration required.



The Traveling Librarian Goes to Northern Thailand

Wednesday, April 27 | 7:00pm-9:00pm

Zoom (Register for the Link)

Join Jeff Klapes, 'The Traveling Librarian,' for an armchair traveler's journey to the mountainous north of Thailand. Starting in the country's second city, Chiang Mai, with its scores of elaborate Buddhist temples, we'll make a circuit through the mountains along the border with Myanmar, with dramatic scenery, wildlife, and traditional villages. Jeff is the recently retired Head of Reference Services at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in Wakefield, Massachusetts, and an avid traveler and photographer. Registration required.



Community Artifact Show and Tell

Thursday, April 28 | 4:00pm-4:45pm

Rogers Room

The Community Artifact Show and Tell strikes back! Join us for the SECOND Show and Tell! Bring yourself, your friends, your family, and if you want, an artifact of historical interest to share with the group. We will be showing off some interesting items from the IPL archival collections, but we also want to hear from YOU! Bring over your own historically interesting or significant item and tell us what it means to you, Ipswich, or the world!





Recurring Events



Children's Programming

Check out the Events calendar at IpswichLibrary.org or subscribe to the IPL Children's newsletter to see when Children's programs are happening throughout the month!

VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

APRIL 18 - 22, 2022

Birds of Prey

WEDNESDAY 3:00-4:00 P.M.



Drop in craft

THURSDAY 10 A.M. -12P.M.

Drop in Play

FRIDAY 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Movement for the Little ones

FRIDAY 1:00- 1:45 P.M.



Movement Mapping

FRIDAY 3:00- 4:00 P.M.

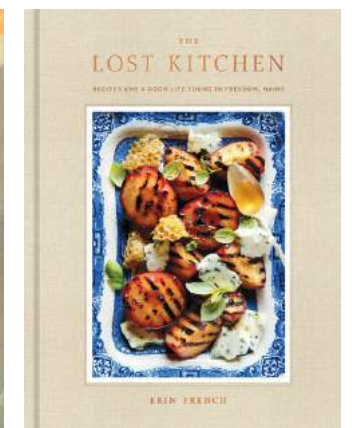
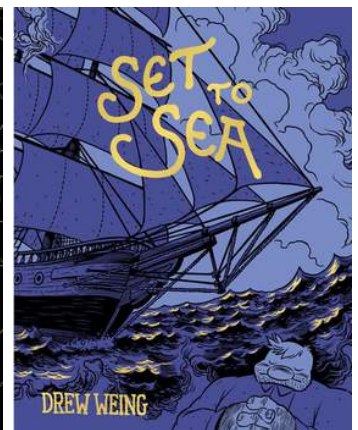
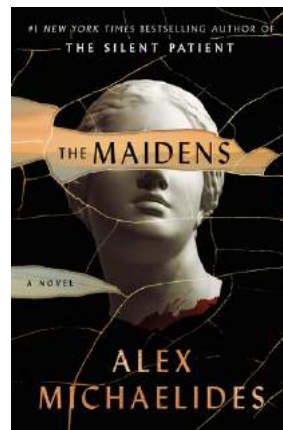


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IPL Book Clubs

IPL offers staff-hosted book clubs every month for readers who want to discuss their thoughts on selected titles with others in our Library community.

Go to IpswichLibrary.org/Events to see when our book clubs are happening this month and what they're reading.



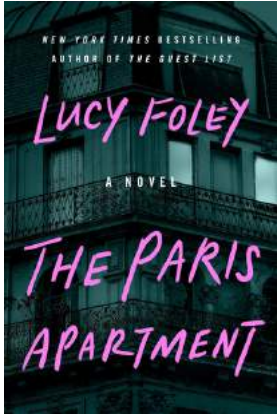


New Releases

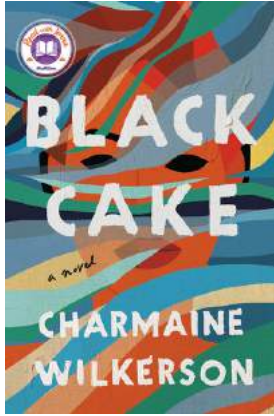


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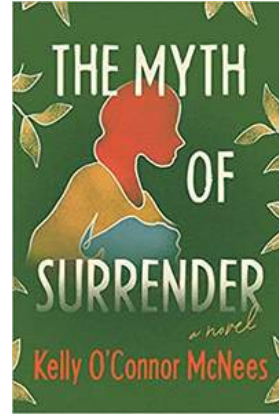
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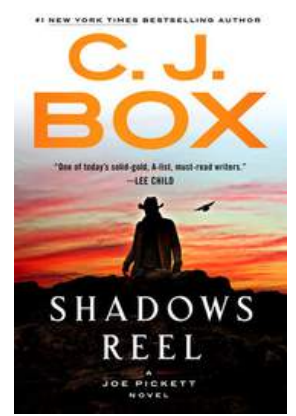
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson



when i sing, mountains dance by Irene Solà

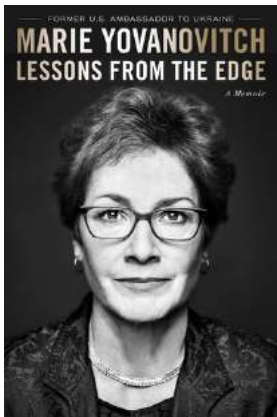


The Myth of Surrender by Kelly O'Connor McNeese

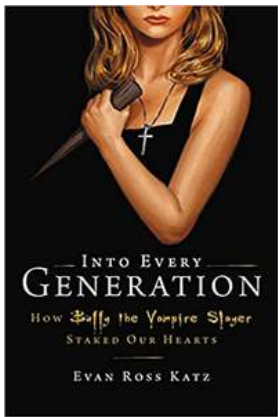


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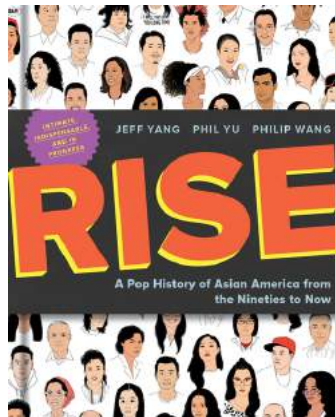
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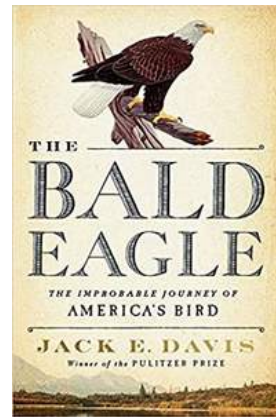
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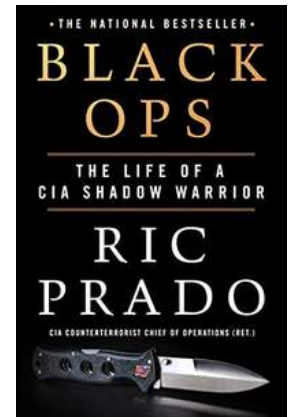
Into Every Generation: How Buffy the Vampire Slayer Staked Our Hearts by Evan Ross Katz



Rise: A Pop History of Asian America from the Nineties to Now by Jeff Yang, Phil Yu, and Philip Wang



The Bald Eagle: The Improbable Journey of America's Bird by Jack E. Davis



Black Ops: The Life of a CIA Shadow Warrior by Ric Prado

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