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Newsletter

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Greetings!

Love is in the air at the Ipswich Public Library this February...a love for books that is! Oh, and audio books, DVDs, eBooks, databases, book clubs, library events, and maybe even tax forms. We truly love our community and it makes our hearts happy when you let us know how much you love us back, whether it's with a smile when you check out the new book you've been waiting for months to be released or by showing up to one of our programs or book clubs. We hope that your month is filled with love (and no blizzards).

Sincerely,

Ipswich Public Library Staff

Spotlight



Blind Date With a Book

Ready to fall in love? Why not go on a blind date with a book? Our librarians have prepared an enchanting display filled with all kinds of books for you to browse by the Main Desk in the Library.

All you have to do is find a wrapped book with a "dating profile" that speaks to your heart and check it out. If only finding your one true love were this easy!



OverDrive Mobile App Discontinuation

The OverDrive app is being discontinued for all mobile devices starting this month and will no longer be downloadable in the Google Play Store, iOS App Store, and other mobile marketplaces. Users who already have the app downloaded onto their devices will be able to continue using it, but they won't receive critical security and feature updates.

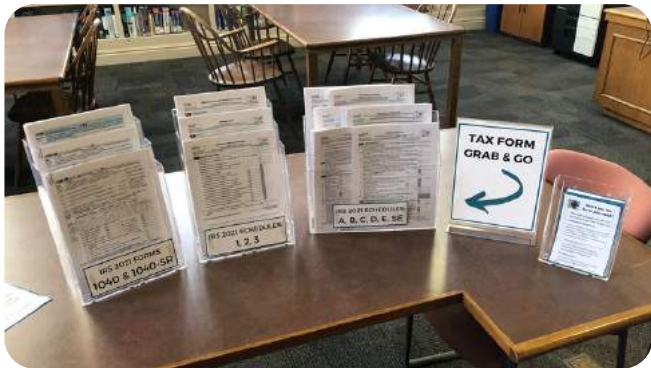


So how can I access eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines on my phone, Kindle, or tablet now?

Libby, created by OverDrive, is now the primary mobile app for public libraries across the country and provides users access to the same account features and collections from library consortiums across Massachusetts.

Libby can be easily downloaded from the Google Play Store, iOS App Store, and other mobile marketplaces that you originally downloaded the Overdrive app from for free.

Want help getting started with Libby? Call or visit the Library during opening hours. The Library will also be offering drop-in help on Saturday, 2/19 from 9am-1pm.

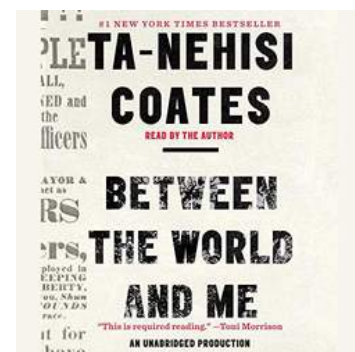
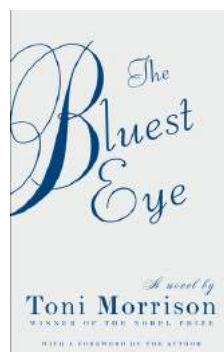
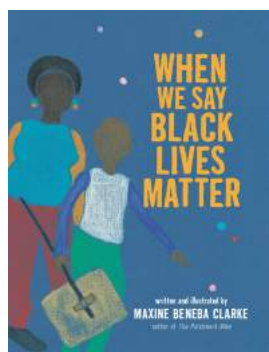
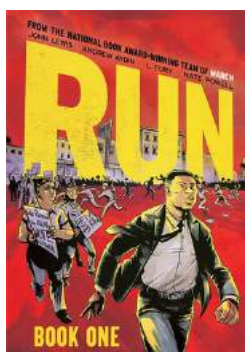
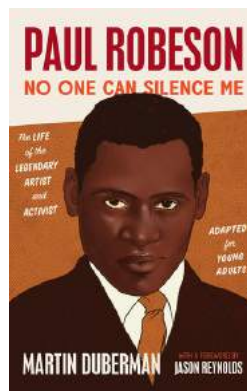
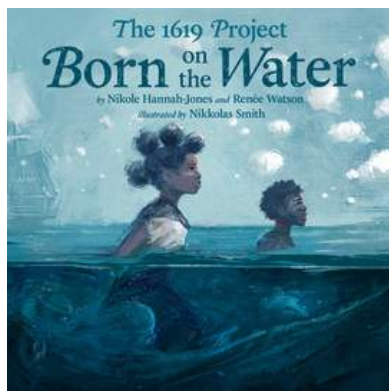


We've got federal tax forms!

It's that time of the year again...and we have all the federal tax forms you need for free! Come into the Library to pick up forms or use the Tax Form Requests feature on our website under the Services tab. Official instruction booklets have not arrived yet, but a librarian can direct you to an online instruction manual for reference.

While Library staff cannot provide assistance completing and filing your taxes, we can connect you to resources that can help you. The Senior Center is also offering limited volunteer assistance with taxes this year to senior Ipswich residents and can be reached via phone at 978-356-6650.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Celebrate Black History Month this February by reading, listening to, and watching collections created by America's diverse Black voices.

❄️ January Highlights ❄️

Marilyn Cruickshank Taught IPL Patrons How to Get Organized and Put Their Best Foot Forward in 2022



IPL patrons joined Marilyn Cruickshank of Creative Simplicity Organizing & Productivity for a fantastic Zoom program to learn more about how to better organize our homes (and our lives) as we step into this new year.

Did you enjoy this program or have an interest in other topics that you think adults in our community would enjoy? Email Stephen Lajoie at slajoie@ipswichlibrary.org and let him know what you think!



Upcoming Events



Introduction to Self-Publishing w/ Diane V. Mulligan

Thursday, February 17 | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Zoom (Register for the Link)

Are you thinking of self-publishing your novel, memoir, or story collection, but don't know where to start? Author Diane V. Mulligan's workshop will provide an overview of the process from manuscript preparation to marketing. Topics will include ebook distribution, print-on-demand options, hiring editors and/or artists vs. doing it all yourself, and creating a marketing platform.



Teen Candy Creations - A Story from the Heart

Friday, February 18 | 5:00pm-6:00pm

Collins Meeting Room

Happy February Break! Let's start your vacation off right with a tasty contest and a chance to win prizes. Come in, get creative, and go home with a yummy creation and maybe a prize. Prizes will be awarded around the theme: "A Story from the Heart".



Libby.

Libby Drop-in Help

Saturday, February 19 | 9:00am-1:00pm

Reference Room

Library staff are always available to help you navigate our library apps and electronic resources, but with the upcoming discontinuation of the OverDrive app we wanted to make sure that you had the tools to make the adjustment. One-on-one assistance will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



Teen Candy BINGO: "Have a Heart"

Wednesday, February 23 | 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. Registration required.



Recurring Events



Children's Programming

Check out the Events calendar at IpswichLibrary.org or subscribe to the IPL Children's newsletter to see when Mother Goose on the Loose, Radical Readers, Music for the Little Ones with Eric Clemenzi, book clubs, and much more are happening throughout the month!



 BOOKER BOOKIES BOOK CLUB



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 the Events calendar to see when our book clubs are happening this month and what they're reading.



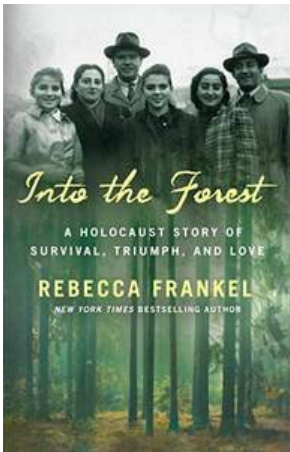
Staff Picks



The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel (Historical Fiction)

Recommended by Laura

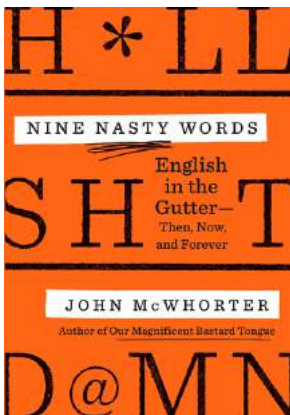
After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Her solitary existence is interrupted, however, when she happens upon a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror. Stunned to learn what's happening in the outside world, she vows to teach the group all she can about surviving in the forest—and in turn, they teach her some surprising lessons about opening her heart after years of isolation. Inspired by incredible true stories of survival against staggering odds, *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* is a heart-wrenching and suspenseful novel.



Into the Forest: A Holocaust Story of Survival, Triumph, and Love by Rebecca Frankel (Non-fiction)

Recommended by Kayla

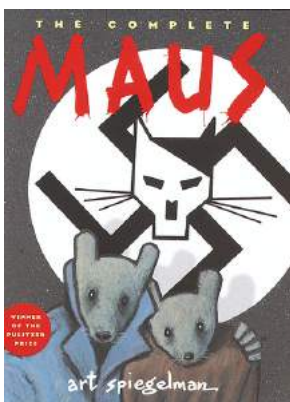
In the summer of 1942, the Rabinowitz family narrowly escaped the Nazi ghetto in their Polish town by fleeing to the forbidding Bialowieza Forest. During the first ghetto massacre, Miriam Rabinowitz rescued a young boy named Philip by pretending he was her son. Nearly a decade later, a chance encounter at a wedding in Brooklyn would lead Philip to find the woman who saved him.



Nine Nasty Words: English in the Gutter: Then, Now, and Forever by John McWhorter (Non-fiction)

Recommended by Betsy

Language evolves with time, and so does what we consider profane or unspeakable. *Nine Nasty Words* is a rollicking examination of profanity, explored from every angle: historical, sociological, political, linguistic. In a particularly coarse moment, when the public discourse is shaped in part by once-shocking words, nothing could be timelier.



Maus (Volumes I & II) by Art Spiegelman (Graphic Novel)

Recommended by Stephen

This two-part graphic novel (originally published serially) retells the story of Vladek and Anja Spiegelman, living and surviving in Hitler's Europe. By addressing the horror of the Holocaust through cartoons, the author captures the everyday reality of fear and is able to explore the guilt, relief, and extraordinary sensation of survival - and how the children of survivors are in their own way affected by the trials of their parents. A contemporary classic of immeasurable significance.