

Book Buzz

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Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.

BOOKS OF LOVE, Part I

What is written in the book of love? Bliss? Surrender? Muddling? Madness? In the month of St. Valentine, thoughts turn to love. And where better to find love than at your neighborhood library where there is surely something for everyone? Today's Book Buzz list shows a small sampling of recently published novels of love. Readers will find these new publications reflect the pith of life in all its gloriousness richness or wretchedness.

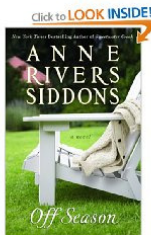
FICTION TITLES



A Guide to the Birds of East Africa: A Novel

By Nicholas Drayson

In this beguiling novel, a charming love triangle in Nairobi, Kenya forms the center of a sweet and gripping story. Mr. Malik and his playboy nemesis Harry Khan both fall in love with the widow Rose Mbikwa. Malik's social club organizes a bet: whoever can spot the most bird species in a week will win the privilege of asking Mrs. Mbikwa to the Nairobi Hunt Club Ball. Captivating character sketches and glimpses into Kenyan life and politics.



Off Season

By Anne Rivers Siddons

No one does coastal (Maine) melodrama like veteran Siddons. After decades of happy marriage to Cam, Lilly returns to her childhood home after her husband's death and reflects on her childhood. It is the changing relationship between Lilly and the elusive, enigmatic Elizabeth, her mother that makes this story fresh.



That Summer in Sicily: A Love Story

By Marlena De Blasi

In her fourth Italian memoir, American writer de Blasi utilizes her personal narrative as merely bookends for a larger story, a fragrant tale of life and love unfurled to the author by Tosca, the mistress of the villa where de Blasi stays.



True Colors: A Novel

By Kristin Hannah

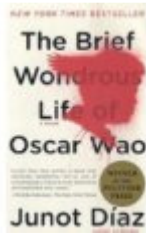
Best-selling author Hannah portrays the delicate and enduring bonds of sisterhood in this heart-wrenching story with a happy ending. Vivid characters and over-the-top drama about sisters, rivalry, forgiveness, redemption.



What I Did for Love: A Novel

By Susan Elizabeth Phillips

A contemporary love story to warm the heart and tickle the funny bones. In a paparazzi free-for-all, down-on-her-luck actress Georgie York, once the co-star of America's most popular sit-com, finds herself in a fake marriage, with a fake husband and maybe a fake sex-life. What is she to do?



The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

By Junot Diaz

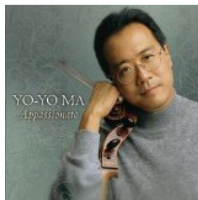
Diaz presents an astonishing vision of the contemporary American experience and the endless human capacity to persevere—and to risk it all—in the name of love. A sweet but disastrously overweight Dominican ghetto nerd battles the ancient curse that has haunted his uproarious family for generations—until the fateful summer he decides to be the last victim of the family curse.



Beginner's Greek

By James Collins

Deeply romantic Peter Russell falls madly in love with Holly on a five-hour flight. When they part, Holly gives him her phone number written on the title page of the book she was reading. Peter can't believe his luck; but later in his hotel room, when Peter reaches into his jacket pocket he finds the page is inexplicably, impossibly, tragically ...gone. A thousand complications ensue in this delicious novel of missed opportunities, second chances and lost love.



Appassionato

By Yo-Yo Ma

Classical CD

No one since Leonard Bernstein has personified the joy – or the passion – of music as has Yo-Yo Ma. The passion is obvious in the romantic themes of this CD. The selections tell a musical autobiography.