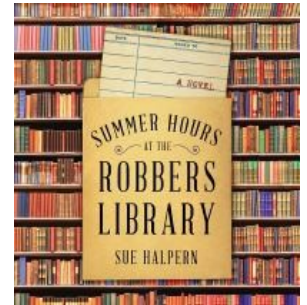
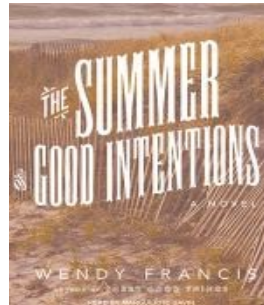
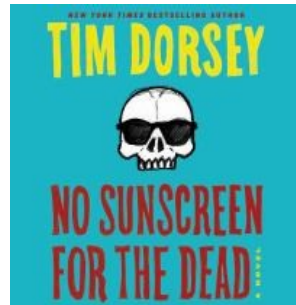
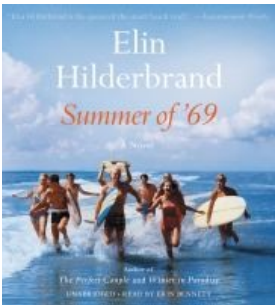


The Sounds of Summer

Enjoy summer-themed reads during your travels this season...
check out audiobooks at the Library or download them from eZone or [Hoopla Digital!](#)



Boardwalk Summer by Meredith Jaeger
[Historical Fiction; Family Secrets; Santa Cruz]

Fatality in F by Alexia Gordon
[Cozy Detective Stories; African-American Musicians; Garden Shows; Ireland]

The Island House by Nancy Thayer
[Romance; Nantucket; Love Triangle]

No Sunscreen for the Dead by Tim Dorsey
[Humorous Fiction; Irreverent; Detectives; Florida]

The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson
[Historical Fiction; World War I; Teachers; Country Life — England]

The Summer Cottage by Viola Shipman
[Divorced Women; Bed-and-Breakfasts; Saugatuck, MI]

Summer Hours at the Robbers Library by Sue Halpern
[Psychological Fiction; Libraries; Community Service; Small Town Life]

The Summer of Good Intentions by Wendy Francis
[Domestic Fiction; Cape Cod; Sisters; Family Secrets]

Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand
[Domestic Fiction; Family Vacations; Nantucket; Civil Rights Movement]

The Summer of Sunshine & Margot by Susan Mallery
[Romance; Twin Sisters; Etiquette Lessons]

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:*****Swimming for Sunlight*
by Allie Larkin**

[Fiction; Florida; Anxiety; Mermaid Show]

Author and audiobook narrator Julia Whelan described this book as a “soulful, funny, wise, life-affirming heart-hug.” It did not disappoint! *Swimming for Sunlight* is a sweet story about growth, conquering fears, and true friendship.

In the story, we meet aspiring costume designer Katie, who is going through a rough patch. Recently divorced, she decides to take her rescue dog, Bark, and flee to Florida. As Katie begins the process of putting her life back together, she suffers bouts of anxiety and panic attacks stemming from childhood tragedy. Helping her through is her spark-plug of a grandma, Nan, and her group of friends. The colorful clan used to be in a Mermaid show when they were younger, and a reunion show is in the works. Katie finds a much-needed distraction in helping sew costumes for the new show... and reconnects with her old college boyfriend, Luca, in the process.

Author Allie Larkin did a wonderful job of showcasing multigenerational friendships and the value of letting people into your life and learning from their experiences. The characters are vibrant and real, and I hope to see more of them in the future. For a charming summer read, look no further.

Jen

All Staff Picks are available through the Ocean State Libraries system.

Colleen

- * ***And Then We Danced: A Voyage Into the Groove*** by Henry Alford [Biography; Humor; Dance]
- * ***Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo”*** by Zora Neale Hurston [Slave Trade; United States History; 19th Century]
- * ***Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*** by Dani Shapiro [Biography; Women Novelists; Fathers and Daughters]

JAYNE

- * ***American Genius: A Comedy*** by Lynne Tillman [Psychological Fiction; Childhood Memories]
- * ***Rat Girl: A Memoir*** by Kristin Hersh [Biography; Rock Musicians]

Kristin

- * ***Emperors of the Deep*** by William McKeever [Sharks; Animal Behavior; Conservation]
- * ***The Poison Thread*** by Laura Purcell [Gothic; Mystery; Atmospheric]
- * ***The Saturday Night Ghost Club*** by Craig Davidson [Local Legends; Coming-of-Age; Family Secrets]

Mary Anne

- * ***Amherst*** by William Nicholson [Historical Fiction; Emily Dickinson; Adultery]
- * ***Normal People*** by Sally Rooney [Fiction; Coming-of-Age; First Loves; Ireland]

Niles

- * ***The Edge of the World: A Cultural History of the North Sea and the Transformation of Europe*** by Michael Pyle [European History; North Sea]
- * ***Eisenhower in War and Peace*** by Jean Edward Smith [Biography; Presidents; Generals]