



Back to the (Cook) Books

September brings the end of summer and the promise of cooler weather. It's the perfect time to put away the grill, and spend some time in the kitchen. Whether you love to cook, learn new skills, read about the lives of the chefs, or just look at the pictures – there are many bold, new choices for you at the library. So, hit the books and begin your journey to a tastier year!

Let's Make Ramen! A Comic Book Cookbook by Hugh Amano and Sarah Becan

A comic book cookbook with accessible ramen recipes for the home cook, including simple weeknight bowls, weekend project stocks, homemade noodles, and an array of delicious accompaniments, with insights and tips from notable ramen luminaries.

Christopher Kimball's Milk Street: Tuesday Nights by Christopher Kimball

Weeknights call for techniques that deliver dinners in less time. Every recipe in the book delivers big, bold flavors, but the cooking is quick and easy-- simple enough for the middle of the week. The team at Milk Street show you how to make simple, healthy, delicious meals using pantry staples and just a few other ingredients.

From Scratch by Tembi Locke

A poignant and transporting cross-cultural love story set against the lush backdrop of the Sicilian countryside, where one woman discovers the healing powers of food and family in her darkest hour. Her story is about loss, but it's really about love found. *From Scratch* is for anyone who has dared to reach for big love, fought for what mattered most, and needed a powerful reminder that life is...delicious.

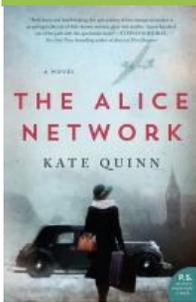
See also:

- ***Cook's Illustrated Revolutionary Recipes: Groundbreaking Techniques, Compelling Voices, One-of-a-Kind Recipes*** by America's Test Kitchen
- ***Food52 Genius Desserts: 100 Recipes That Will Change the Way You Bake*** by Kristen Milgore
- ***Give a Girl a Knife*** by Amy Thielen
- ***Notes From a Young Black Chef*** by Kwame Onwuachi
- ***Save Me the Plums*** by Ruth Reichl

JAYNE

Enjoy good food in great company! Every month we try out recipes from a variety of sources based on a common theme or cookbook. On the evening of the meeting, everyone brings a sample of what they've made.

The **Culinary Skill Swap** meets the on the second Monday of every month, September – May, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yyvb56w3>, or email jlear@warwicklibrary.org



BOOK OF THE MONTH:

The Alice Network [Historical Fiction; Women Spies; Betrayal]
by Kate Quinn

The Great Wars – World Wars I and II – complete with spies, socialites, and incredible bravery serve as the backdrop to this novel. The unconventional lives of two women, one a World War I spy and the other an American socialite, converge decades later, in a tale of intrigue, morality, and redemption.

It's just two years after the end of World War II, and American Charlie St. Clair finds herself embroiled in scandal as an unmarried college student. She is sent abroad per the orders of her wealthy, conservative family, in order to end her pregnancy. Instead she sets off to find her cousin Rose, who vanished when the Nazis occupied France. Charlie thinks of Rose as a sister, and has never given up hope of finding her alive, when everyone has presumed her dead.

The search for truth, however, goes all the way back to World War I when Eve Gardiner is recruited to become a spy. She is sent to enemy-controlled France, and trains under the guidance of Lili, the "Queen of Spies." Lili, who is based on a real person, deftly and courageously runs a top-secret network of female spies, behind enemy lines, called the Alice Network. The intricate details of how they obtained and concealed information is fascinating.

But all is not smooth, as a betrayal destroys the network, and Eve finds herself drinking heavily and living as a recluse in a dilapidated London house... that is until an American socialite is thrust into her life and an unlikely partnership is forged. This is the beginning of the search for truth for both women, no matter what may happen on their journey. Kate Quinn deftly weaves this story with such passion and humanity that even the tragedies are offset by the pleasure of the read.

Colleen

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

Jen

- * ***On the Basis of Sex*** (DVD) [Feature Film; Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Sex Discrimination]
- * ***The Outsider*** by Stephen King [Horror Fiction; Murder Investigation; Paranormal]
- * ***The Rules of Magic*** by Alice Hoffman [Fiction; Witches; Family Secrets]

Kristin

- * ***Home Sweet Homicide*** by Craig Rice [Comedic Crime Story; Amateur Investigators]
- * ***The Van Apfel Girls Are Gone*** by Felicity McLean [Thriller; Australia; Missing Persons]

Mary Anne

- * ***A Better Man*** by Louise Penny [Mystery; Inspector Gamache series; Quebec]
- * ***The Last Romantics*** by Tara Conklin [Domestic Fiction; Brothers and Sisters; Connecticut]
- * ***Saints for All Occasions*** by J. Courtney Sullivan [Domestic Fiction; Sisters; Irish Americans]

Niles

- * ***A Concise History of the Russian Revolution*** by Richard Pipes [Soviet Union; Nicholas II]
- * ***The Cost of Courage*** by Charles Kaiser [World War; Underground Movements; France]