



## Beach Books

This is a list of books that you might enjoy reading during the summer. The new fiction books are located on the book shelves in the center area of the IMC. Stop in and take out books for your summer reading pleasure.



Have a wonderful summer.

### These books are in the IMC

#### David Baldacci



\**The Hour Game* - Private investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are hired to prove a man's innocence in a burglary and become embroiled in a frantic search for a serial killer.

\**Split Second* - Michelle Maxwell and Sean King, two former Secret Service agents whose careers were destroyed when presidential candidates under their protection were harmed, discover together that their cases, eight years apart, are connected, and that danger remains.

#### Elizabeth Berg

\**We are All Welcome Here* - A polio victim and her 13-year-old daughter work miracles from their Tupelo, Miss., home during the summer of 1964 in Berg's latest domestic drama.

#### Steve Berry

\**Templar Legacy* - Cotton Malone, one-time top operative for the U.S. Justice Department, is enjoying his quiet new life as an antiquarian book dealer in Copenhagen when an unexpected call to action reawakens his hair-trigger instincts-and plunges him back into the cloak-and-dagger world he thought he'd left behind. It begins with a violent robbery attempt on Cotton's former supervisor, Stephanie Nelle, who's far from home on a mission that has nothing to do with national security. Armed with vital clues to a series of centuries-old puzzles scattered across Europe, she means to crack a mystery that has tantalized scholars and fortune-hunters through the ages by finding the legendary cache of wealth and forbidden knowledge thought to have been lost forever when the order of the Knights Templar was exterminated in the fourteenth century.

#### Tom Clancy

\**Net Force* - In the year 2010, Congress creates Net Force, an FBI agency designed to regulate and maintain the computers that are the new superpowers, and someone sabotages the computer mainframes and kills Net Force's director, Alex Michaels is forced to take on the director's position and find the killers before they take over the world.

This is just one of 19 novels of Clancy available in the IMC

#### Michael Connelly

\**The Closers* - Detective Harry Bosch discovers new DNA evidence that may help him solve the case of a teenaged girl who was murdered almost two decades ago.



\**The Lincoln Lawyer* - Criminal defense attorney Mickey Haller has spent his career protecting the city's low lifes, but when a Beverly Hills playboy hires Mickey to defend him in an assault trial, Mickey believes it will be the easiest and most

lucrative case of his career, until the case takes a dangerous turn that threatens everything Mickey loves.

\**Lost Light* - Retired LAPD detective Harry Bosch, working as a private investigator, becomes mired in a case linked with the cops, FBI, and an international terrorist when he decides to pursue the unsolved murder of a young Hollywood production assistant which was put on the back burner when the theft of an armored car days later took center stage.

**You might also like *The Narrows* by the same author**

**Michael Cunningham** – the author of *The Hours*

\**Specimen Days* - New York City serves as the setting for a three-part novel featuring a recurring trio of characters, struggling with issues of love and loss, fear, violence, and poetry during the Industrial Revolution, the early twenty-first century, and 150 years into the future.

**Tom de Haven**

\**It's Superman!* - presents the man of steel as a sullen Depression-era teen, a bad WWII-era reporter and as ambivalent about his super powers throughout, all with a kind of knowing that reflects a deep immersion in pulp. De Haven drives his coming-of-age tale toward Superman's first showdown with Lex Luthor and his robot "Lexbots" in the middle of New York City—prompted, of course, by the need to save Lois Lane.

**Melissa de la Cruz**



\**The Au Pairs* - Three teenage girls from different backgrounds work for a summer in the Hamptons as au pairs for a wealthy family, and in spite of many ups and downs, all three end up changing for the better.

**Read the sequel** – \**The Au Pairs Skinny-Dipping*

**Diana Diamond**

*The Good Sister* - Nobody would ever guess that behind one sister's charming facade lies the bitter resentment born of years of living in her sibling's shadow. Nobody would suspect that soon jealousy will turn to vengeance-and vengeance to murderous rage. Nobody would dream that the woman who possesses everything wants only what her sister has and is bent on evening the score once and for all. But which one is the good sister?

**E. L. Doctorow**

\**The March* - A historical novel that centers around William Tecumseh Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas and those he encounters along the way which include a freed slave girl named Pearl; a Union regimental surgeon, Colonel Sartorius; Emily Thompson, the daughter of a Southern judge; and two misfit soldiers.



**Sarah Dunant**

\**In the Company of the Courtesan* – This historical novel thrusts us into the maelstrom of Renaissance Italy as it follows the triumphs and tribulations of the clever dwarf Bucino Teodoldo and his mistress, the beautiful courtesan Fiammetta Bianchini. As Rome is sacked in 1527, this unlikely pair escape the city and land in Venice, where their shrewdness and allure helps them navigate the city's shadowy world of intrigue.

**Janet Evanovich**

\**Metro Girl* - Bill Barnaby has disappeared and his sister Alex heads for Miami to hunt him down and finds herself battling hit men, international intrigue, and a good-looking NASCAR driver, Sam Hooker, who is also looking for Bill.

You could also read \**Eleven on Top*

**Nicholas Evans** - Another book by the author of *The Horse Whisperer*

\**The Divide* - Presents a suspenseful drama about the devastating events that leads a young woman into a life of murder, ecoterrorism, and her own death.

**Jasper Fforde** - English teachers will love this book

\**The Eyre Affair* - Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection in a time-altered Great Britain in which messing with the classics is a punishable offense, sets out to apprehend a criminal who is murdering characters from works of literature and has chosen Jane Eyre as his next victim.

**Gregory Gallaway**

\**As Simple as Snow* - After his eccentric girlfriend mysteriously disappears, a young man must unravel the puzzle she left behind in her cryptic, riddle-filled letters and in the obituaries she created for every living person in town.



**Allegra Goodman**

\**Intuition* - This intimate portrait of life in a research institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, revolves around a scientific mystery: the groundbreaking, too-good-to-be-true discovery of a virus that fights cancer. Cliff, the rakish, headstrong post-doc responsible for the discovery, is on the verge of dismissal when his tumor-ridden mice exhibit stunning rates of remission; meanwhile, Cliff's co-worker and former girlfriend, spurred by personal and professional jealousy, begins to harbor suspicions about his lab work.

**Alice Hoffman**

\**The Ice Queen* - Has a simple but meaningful theme, be careful what you wish for. A simple wish can turn your life upside down in a matter of seconds. An anonymous narrator tells the story. She made one idle wish as a young little girl that her mother would disappear. Her mother's death is what made her a cold and careless person. She no longer believed in love and was afraid of being too emotionally attached to anyone. Then suddenly something happened.

**Nick Hornsby**

\**A Long Way Down* - A former talk-show host, a musician, a teenage girl, and a mother, each intending to commit suicide, find themselves together on the roof of a London building and begin to contemplate their individual choices and circumstances.

**If you like this, you might also like *About a Boy* and *How to be Good* by the same author.**



**Iris Johansen**

\**On the Run* - An electrifying new thriller that pits a mother and daughter against a relentless killer who takes no prisoners, accepts no surrender, and leaves his intended victims with no choice but one: to run for their lives.

**Stephen King**

\**The Cell* - The cell phone users in Stephen King's tale of horror are plagued by problems much bigger than poor reception, costly roaming charges, or dropped calls: Some

unspeakably malevolent force has turned them into raging, bloodthirsty zombies! *Cell* is hard to put down once you've picked it up.

### **Raymond Khoury**

\**The Last Templar* - Set in post-9/11 New York City, the action begins with a daring raid on the Metropolitan Museum of Art by four horsemen during the gala opening of an exhibition of Vatican treasures. When one of the witnesses to the crime, archaeologist Tess Chaykin, recognizes that the bandits masqueraded as Knights Templar, Chaykin and FBI agent Sean Reilly become involved in an intrigue whose roots date back to the 1291 fall of Jerusalem

### **Dean Koontz**

\**Frankenstein: Prodigal Son* - Tough New Orleans detective Carson O'Connor and her partner, Michael Maddison, investigate a string of murders, unaware that the culprit they seek was created by Victor Frankenstein, who has survived two hundred years and is populating the city with a new race of "perfect" beings, and that his original creation, Deucalion, is hunting his maker.

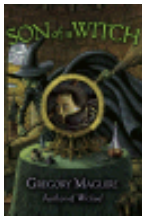
\**Velocity* - Bartender Billy Wiles thinks the note on his windshield threatening the murder of a schoolteacher if he ignores it or the murder of an elderly woman if he goes to the police is a hoax; but when a young teacher is killed and he receives other warnings, his life becomes a nightmare.

### **Adele Lang**

\**Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber* – The Katya Livingston Chronicles -When tax inspectors question Katya's claims, she is forced to keep a financial diary. A private account of expenses rapidly becomes through Katya's chronic delusions of grandeur, a matter of public record: first as a gossip column, then as a salacious book, and finally as a hollywood B movie.

### **Penelope Lively**

\**The Photograph* - Opens with a snapshot: Kath, before her death, at an unknown gathering, holding hands with a man who is not her husband. The photograph is in an envelope marked "DON'T OPEN-DESTROY." But Kath's husband does not heed the warning, embarking on a journey of discovery that reveals a tight web of secrets—within marriages, between sisters, and at the heart of an affair.



### **Gregory Maguire – if you liked *Wicked***

\**Son of a Witch* - Liir, believed to be the son of Elphaba the wicked witch of the West, has been spared from the destruction of Emerald City and nursed back to health at the Cloister of Saint Glinda; and when he is grown sets out to find his supposed half-sister and fulfill that last wishes of a dying princess.

### **Phillip Margolin**

\**Lost Lake* - Young attorney Ami Vergano must decide who to believe when her tenant and new friend Dan Morelli goes berserk at her son's Little League game, and she is contacted by tabloid reporter Vanessa Kohler, a former mental patient, who claims Morelli is one of a team of assassins who answer only to General Morris Wingate, a presidential candidate who also happens to be Vanessa's father.

### **Cormac McCarthy**

\**No Country for Old Men* - When Llewelyn Moss stumbles upon a group of murdered men, a stash of heroin, and more than \$2 million in cash, he makes a rash decision and takes the money, which soon puts himself and his young wife in danger as they are hunted by a ruthless drug lord.

**Ian McEwan**

*\*Atonement* - If you knew for a fact that you'd ruined someone's life -- two lives, really -- how would you make amends? That's the question of *Atonement* – a beautiful and wrenching novel. *Atonement* is about a crime and its consequences over the course of six decades: In the mid-thirties, a precocious young girl with an overactive imagination helps to wrongly accuse an innocent man.

*\*Saturday* - follows a London neurosurgeon through a day that begins with an ominous portent, settles into routine, and then explodes in a single act of unexpected violence.

**Kate Mosse**

*\*Labyrinth* – In the Pyrenees Mountains near Carcassonne, Alice Tanner stumbles into a cave and makes a startling discovery – two crumbling skeletons, strange writings on the walls and the pattern of a labyrinth; between the skeletons, a stone ring and a small leather bag. Too late Alice realizes that she has set in motion a terrifying sequence of events and that her destiny is inextricably tied up with the fate of those called heretics eight hundred years before.

**Han Nolan**

*\*When We Were Saints* - Inspired by his grandfather's last words and guided by a girl who believes they are saints, fourteen-year-old Archie sets out on a spiritual quest that takes him from southern Appalachia to the Cloisters Museum in New York City.

Also by this author – *\*Dancing on the Edge*

**Joyce Carol Oates** – if you loved *We Were the Mulvaney's*

*\*The Falls* - A man climbs over the railings and plunges into Niagara Falls. He has left behind his wife, Ariah Erskine, in the honeymoon suite the morning after their wedding and she begins a seven-day vigil waiting for his body to be found. At her side, Dirk Burnaby is unexpectedly transfixed by the strange woman, falling in love with her though they barely exchange a word. What follows is their passionate love affair, marriage, and children - a seemingly perfect existence. "But the tragedy by which their life together began shadows them, damaging their idyll with distrust, greed, and even murder.

*\*Missing Mom* - Feature writer Nikki Eaton, contemptuous of her widowed mother's domestic, middle-class lifestyle, embarks on a year of grief and transformation when her mom is murdered shortly after a Mother's Day party during which Nikki went out of her way to be offensive.

**James Patterson**

*\*Beach Road* - Tom Dunleavy, a former professional basketball player and local East Hampton legend, is getting by as an under worked and unmotivated attorney. His sports glory days and his one true love are long in the past, but he gets second chances at personal and professional redemption when three locals are gunned down.



**Jodi Picoult** – If you liked *My Sister's Keeper* and *Vanishing Act*

*\*The Tenth Circle* - For fifteen years, Daniel Stone has been an even-tempered, mild-mannered man: a stay-at-home dad to Trixie and a husband who has put his own career as a comic book artist behind that of his wife, Laura. But years ago, he was completely different: growing up as the only white boy in an Eskimo village, he was teased mercilessly for the color of his skin. He

learned to fight back: stealing, drinking, robbing, and cheating his way out of the Alaskan bush. To become part of a family, he reinvented himself, burying his past completely . . . until now. Could the young boy who once made Trixie's face fill with light when he came to the door have been the one to end her childhood forever? She says that he is, and that is all it takes to make Daniel, a man with a history he has hidden even from his family, venture to hell and back in order to protect his daughter.

**Anne Rice** – From vampires to God – what a switch

*\*Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* - A seven-year old Jesus recounts his journey from Egypt to his birthplace in Nazareth, as the various aspects of his spiritual life are slowly revealed to him.

**Edward Rutherfurd**

*\*Rebels of Ireland: The Dublin Saga* - Tells Ireland's history through the stories of families from all strata of society--Protestant and Catholic, rich and poor, conniving and heroic -- from the revolt of 1534 to the 1922 creation of the Irish Free State.

**Anita Shreve**

*\*Sea Glass* - Twenty-year-old Honora Beecher, married to Sexton in 1929 after a three-month courtship, comes to realize that her husband is not trustworthy and finds herself increasingly drawn to McDermott, a principled loom fixer at a nearby mill where Sexton has been forced to take employment after losing his job due to the stock market crash



*\*A Wedding in December* – A group of former schoolmates from Maine's Kidd Academy gather in the Berkshires for the a wedding of fellow classmates Bill and Bridget.

**Anne River Siddons**

*\*Islands* - Anny Butler, director of an agency devoted to child welfare, has resigned herself to being single, but she is swept off her feet by older doctor Lewis Aiken who introduces her into his clique of lifelong friends, and she soon becomes caught up in the joys, secrets, and sorrows of high-society Charleston.

**Leah Stewart**

*\*The Myth of You and Me* - Ten years after ending her friendship with Sonia, Cameron sets out to find her former friend and fulfill the final wish of her lover, delivering a mysterious package to Sonia that may help the women rebuild their friendship.

**Elizabeth Strout**

*\*Abide with Me* – It is a magnificent love story about a father and his troubled daughter, about a husband and a sorrowing wife, about a preacher and his puzzled congregation

**John Twelve Hawkes**

*\*The Traveler* - Three secret societies, the Travelers, the Harlequins, and the Tabula, head for a showdown when the mercenary Tabula who want to control the world, target Gabriel and Michael Corrigan who may have inherited their Traveler father's gifts as a prophet of wisdom, forcing Maya, a reluctant Harlequin, to take up her duties as sworn protector to the brothers.

**Anne Tyler**

\**Saint Maybe* - In 1965 the Bedloe family lives on a quiet street in Baltimore. Seventeen-year-old Ian has dreams for the future, until the night when he meddles in his older brother's life--and from that careless moment on, nothing can ever be the same.

You might also like the \**Amateur Marriage*

### **Timothy Zahn**

\**Outbound Flight: Star Wars* - Jedi Master Jorus C'baoth's Outbound Flight Project--the journey of fiftythousand men, women, and children, including Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padawan Anakin Skywalker, on a mission to colonize worlds beyond the known galaxy--is drawn into war when it crosses paths with the Chiss mastermind Thrawn.

### **Markus Zusak**

\**The Book Thief* - It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist fighter and quite a lot of thievery.



## **Non Fiction**

### **Howie Carr**

*The Brothers Bulger: How They Terrorized and Corrupted Boston for a Quarter Century* - A portrait of Boston's infamous Bulger brothers, Whitey and Billy--one a the city's most feared mobster, the other as a power in the Massachusetts State Senate. (B Bulgar)

### **Simon Cox**

\**Cracking the Da Vinci Code - An A to Z Guide to the Facts Behind the Fiction* is the first book to cut through the confusion and disclose the amazing facts that underpin the plot. In a simple A-Z format it reveals the historical basis of the secrets contained in the book, including background information on all the key figures, reproductions of the symbols encoded in the paintings, and insider knowledge such as the riddles hidden in the characters' names. (813.5409 Cox)

### **Jared Diamond**

\**Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fate of Human Societies* - argues that geography and environment are responsible for the modern world. (303.4 Dia)

### **Joan Didion**

\**The Year of Magical Thinking* - The author recalls the weeks and months following the death of her husband of forty years and the severe illness of their only daughter, and discusses the changes that occurred in her life as a result. (B Didion)

### **Dr. Wayne W. Dyer**

\**Inspiration Your Ultimate Calling* - Argues that everyone on Earth has the power and capacity to choose their own destiny and life a spiritual, fulfilling life. (204.4 Dye)



### **James Frey**

*My Friend Leonard* - The title character of this book is the most unconventional father figure in recent memory. Leonard is the high-living, secretive recovering coke addict and mob hired gun who played a central role in James Frey's *A Million Little Pieces*. Starting where that book ended,



*My Friend Leonard* tracks Frey and his supportive surrogate father in post-rehab and post-prison life. By turns hilarious and bittersweet, this memoir never slips into maudlin rambling. (362.29 Frey)

### **Thomas Friedman**

\**The World is Flat* - Contains an overview of the global political and economic change since the turn of the twenty-first century, discussing the rapid developments in technologies that has allowed India and China to become part of a growing supply chain of manufacturing impacting global markets. (303.48 Frie)

### **Malcolm Gladwell**

\**Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* – How do we make our decisions – both good and bad – and why are some people much better at this than others. Utilizing case studies as diverse as speed dating, pop music, and the shooting of Amadou Diallo, Gladwell reveals that what we think of as decisions made in the blink of an eye are much more complicated than assumed. (153.4 Gla)

### **John Grogan**

\**Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* - John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow fur ball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.



### **David Halberstam**

\**Firehouse* - this is the story of the dozen men from FDNY Engine 40 Ladder 35 who were lost at the World Trade Center on 9/11/01, and the morning that united them forever. (363.137 Hal)

### **Erik Larson**

\**Devil in the White City* - Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the hugely successful White City, and looking at how Holmes used the opportunities afforded by the fair to lure victims to their deaths. (364.15 Lar)

### **Steven Levitt**

\**Freakonomics* - The authors focus on the economics of real-world issues that most people view as insignificant such as how much did the Roe v. Wade decision impact violent crime, and examines hidden incentives behind all sorts of human behavior. (330 Lev)

### **Frank McCourt**

\**Teacher Man* - recounts his thirty-year teaching career, and describes some of his unconventional teaching methods that have left an impact of his students. (B McCourt)

### **James Swanson**

*Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* - In this fast-paced, hour-by-hour account of the 12 days following Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865, Swanson (coauthor, with Daniel R. Weinberg, of *Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution*) allows the reader to ride along with the Union cavalry and federal agents through the streets of the nation's capital and the wilds of Maryland and Virginia in pursuit of John Wilkes Booth, his coconspirators, and the host of rebel enablers who constituted a viable Confederate underground Railroad (364.152 Swa)



## Graphic Novels

### Alan Moore and David Lloyd

*\*V for Vendetta* – A frightening and powerful story of the loss of freedom and identity in a totalitarian world.



## New Fiction – Available from your local library

**Ken Bruen** – *Bust* - Max Fisher, aging CEO of NetWorld, is not a happy man. But if he can somehow figure out a way to get rid of his nagging wife, he'll be able to carry on with his wildly self-indulgent, Viagra-fueled existence of drunken business meetings, excursions to seedy strip joints, and, most important, his ongoing affair with his executive assistant -- an Irish-American bombshell named Angela. Fisher hires a hit man, a former IRA thug nicknamed Popeye, to kill the "redundant" wife; but what the balding chief executive doesn't realize is that Popeye is secretly Angela's boyfriend -- and the murder they're planning is another one altogether.

**Lee Child** – *The Hard Way* - Jack Reacher was alone, the way he liked it, soaking up the hot, electric New York City night, watching a man cross the street to a parked Mercedes and drive it away. The car contained one million dollars in ransom money. And Edward Lane, the man who paid it, will pay even more to get his family back. Lane runs a highly illegal soldiers-for-hire operation. He will use any amount of money and any tool to find his beautiful wife and child. And then he'll turn Jack Reacher loose with a vengeance- because Reacher is the best man hunter in the world.

**Keith Donohue** – *The Stolen Child* - The story of Henry Day, a seven-year-old kidnapped by a strange group living in the dark forest near his home. He is stolen by changelings who give Henry a new name and the gift of agelessness-- he will be seven years old. In keeping with tradition, the group has left another child in Henry's place. This changeling boy, who has morphed himself into Henry's duplicate, must adjust to a completely new way of life and hide his true identity from the Day family. But he can't hide his extraordinary talent for the piano and his near-perfect performances prompt his father to suspect that the son he has raised is an imposter. As he grows older the new Henry Day becomes haunted by vague but persistent memories of life in another time and place. Both Henry and Aniday search obsessively for who they were before they changed places in the world

**John Hart** – *The King of Lies* - Jackson Workman Pickens, whom most people call "Work," is a struggling North Carolina criminal defense attorney. Work has wrestled with inner demons for most of his life, especially after the death of his mother and the disappearance of his wealthy father, Ezra Pickens, a highly successful lawyer who took him into his practice. Trapped in a loveless marriage and haunted by poor emotional choices and his sister's psychological trauma, Work finds himself under suspicion when his father's corpse surfaces more than a year after Ezra was last seen alive. Work's quest for the truth behind his father's demise opens old wounds and forces him to face the consequences of his own decisions.

**Sterling Lawrence** – *The Lightning Keeper* - As the novel opens in 1908, Toma is headed from the Balkans to America. On the way, he meets Harriet Bigelow, a beguiling young heiress. They share a brief romantic encounter, which is rekindled when their paths cross again in New York, six years later. Toma's commitment to Harriet leads him to take extreme measures to save her family's faltering company, but an accident forces him to choose between his passion for her and his love for his war-torn native land. Harriet, too, is forced into unwelcome decisions.

**Frank Portman** – *King Dork* - Tom Henderson (a.k.a. King Dork) is a typical American high school loser until he discovers the book, *The Catcher in the Rye*, that will change the world as he knows it. He finds himself in the middle of several interlocking conspiracies and at least half a dozen mysteries involving dead people, naked people, fake people, ESP, blood, a secret code, guitars, monks, witchcraft, the Bible, girls, the Crusades, a devil head, and rock and roll. And it all looks like it's just the tip of a very odd iceberg of clues that may very well unravel the puzzle of his father's death and-oddly-reveal the secret to attracting semi hot girls.

**Chris Sittenfeld** – *The Man of My Dreams* - When it comes to love, Hannah Gavener is a late-bloomer. She's in college before she goes on her first date, and she accepts the advances of the first young man to approach her not because she's attracted to him but because she's too surprised to say no.

**Michele Wildgen** – *You're Not You* – Bec, a Wisconsin college student has reached one of those dead ends that turn out to be a crossroads. Dissatisfied with her academic major, involved in an unrewarding love affair with a married teaching assistant, she becomes a caretaker for a Kate Norris a victim of Lou Gehrig's disease and forms a tender, surprising friendship.