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WCCC Library Newsletter

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Note from the Editor:

I don't know about you, but I'm so ready for spring! Looking forward to watching the flowers bloom and lots more color all around.

With Easter and spring break just around the corner, everyone can look forward to a bit of fun and relaxation, or reflection if you prefer.



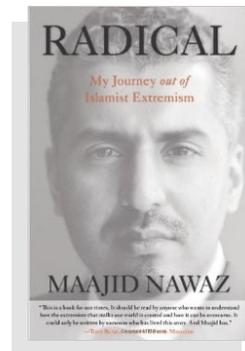
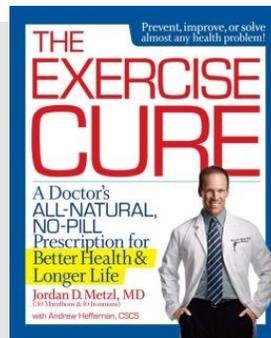
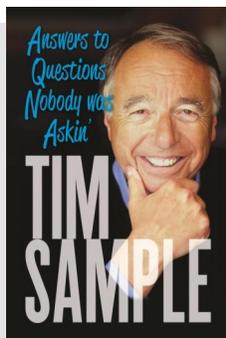
After that it's the final stretch for this semester. Don't forget the library is here for you. If you need any assistance in finding resources, help with citations, or if you need a comfortable, quiet place to revise or complete your work, the library's the place!

DATABASE OF THE MONTH:



This month the focus is on **CQ Researcher**, which features in-depth, non-biased coverage on issues in the news—political and social issues, reports on health, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. Most articles have a Pro/Con section for a balanced account. Great for compare/contrast papers and presenting opposing viewpoints.

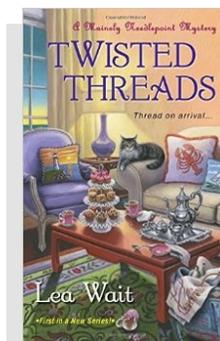
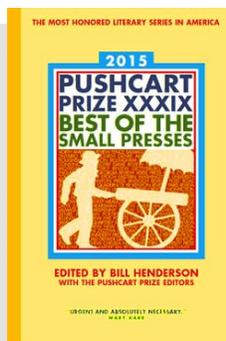
New Releases



Answers to Questions Nobody Was Askin' In this collection of short essays Maine humor icon Tim Sample shares some of the quirkier aspects of growing up and living in Maine.

The Exercise Cure: a Doctor's All-Natural, No Pill Prescription for Better Health and Longer Life by Jordan Metz, MD and Andrew Heffernan. "Finally a tell-all book about the most powerful drug known to mankind: exercise!" - Robert Sallis, MD

Radical: My Journey out of Islamist Extremism by Maajid Nawaz. *Radical* is a fascinating and important look into one man's journey out of extremism. An important book for our times.



Pushcart Prize xxxix: Best of the Small Presses "Pushcart offers a clear and refreshingly panoramic view of the current state of creative writing. Essential reading, as always." (Publishers Weekly)

Twisted Threads (A Mainly Needlepoint Mystery) by Lea Wait. Angie Curtis has her hands full trying to unravel the clues to a suspicious death, as well as solving the mystery surrounding her own mother's disappearance when Angie was a child.

She Weeps Each Time You're Born by Quan Barry. "Barry's luminous fiction debut brings us the tumultuous history of modern Vietnam as experienced by a young girl born under mysterious circumstances a few years before the country's reunification, a child gifted with the other-worldly ability to hear the voices of the dead." (Publisher)

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STORY OF THE MONTH

Easter—From Ancient Symbolism to Modern Interpretation



The familiar Easter eggs and bunnies that have begun appearing in grocery stores actually have an ancient past. Symbolizing fertility, the Resurrection and life's renewal, the egg has been used in spring celebrations since ancient times. Coloring eggs, eating eggs and presenting them as gifts to children as part of Easter observances likely reference the custom of presenting eggs to one's overlord. These eggs have been referred to as 'pasch eggs' or 'pace eggs' from the Old French 'pasche' and the Hebrew pesakh, or Passover. These 'pasch eggs,' hard-boiled and gaily hand-colored are rolled down slopes in Easter games to this day, notably in the public egg-rolling festivity which has been held on the White House lawns since 1878.

The Easter holiday may have been named for Eostre, a Teutonic goddess, or her Germanic sister Ostara, a figure of light and blessing. Ostara was always portrayed in company with a hare—possibly the source of our current, and candy-coated, Easter Bunny—and echoing the theme of springtime fecundity and promise.

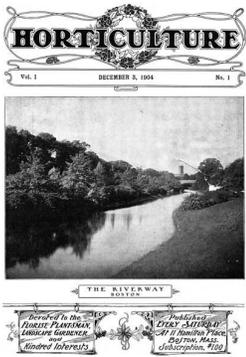
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Featured Periodical



Horticulture

The Nov/Dec 2014 issue of *Horticulture* magazine is a fortuitous place to start in highlighting this month's featured periodical: it just so happens to be their anniversary issue celebrating 110 years of continuous publication!

According to an article in the issue, *Horticulture* debuted on December 3, 1904 as a weekly trade journal "Devoted to the Florist, Plantsman, Landscape Gardener and Kindred

Here are some interesting articles that can be found in recent issues available in our Reading Room:

"New Intros" Some of the exciting new varieties coming to market in 2015." (Nov/Dec 2014)

"Special Delivery" Postage stamp gardening brings big harvests out of little spaces. (Mar/April 2015)

"Buried Treasure" Tasty, nutritious potatoes can be worked into nearly any garden scheme. (Mar/April 2015)

"An Orchard at Home" How to choose trees for your own grove that gives fresh-picked fruit. (Mar/April 2015)

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Dec 3, 1904 issue

Interests." In 1923 the magazine was purchased by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and served as a society publication for members. By the 1950s *Horticulture* had settled into a monthly format, and new editorial direction in the 1970s successfully pushed to transform the magazine into a national publication.

If you're an avid gardener or interested in getting started, each issue has something to offer. Now is a good time of year to take a look, get inspired and plan for the coming growing season.