

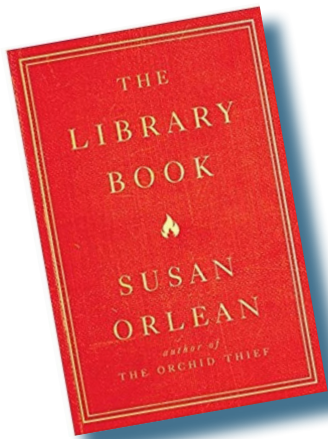
# WELLESLEY READS TOGETHER 2020

## THE LIBRARY BOOK by SUSAN ORLEAN

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but the mystery of its origin was never resolved. Did someone purposefully set fire to the library? The narrative is a blend of objective investigation, subjective commentary, and memoir. "Susan Orlean has done it: a can't-put-down book about . . . libraries."

Ann Fabian, *The National Book Review*

Wellesley Reads Together is a community-wide reading program sponsored by the Wellesley Free Library. Its goal is to engage the entire community in discussion about one book.



## COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Friday, February 21 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
Main Library, Wakelin Room

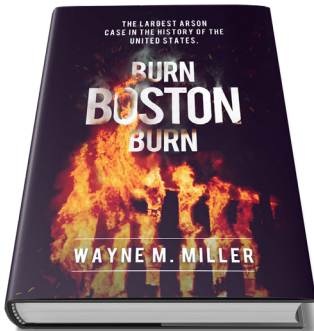
Thursday, February 27 from 7 PM to 8:15 PM  
Main Library, Arnold Room

Join us to discuss **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean. As she chronicles the true story of a devastating fire in the 1980s at the Los Angeles Public Library, Orlean offers the reader a mesmerizing, detailed account of the tragedy and an in-depth appreciation of public libraries as community centers for all people.

## BURN BOSTON BURN: The Story of the Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country

Sunday, February 23  
2 PM, Main Library, Wakelin Room

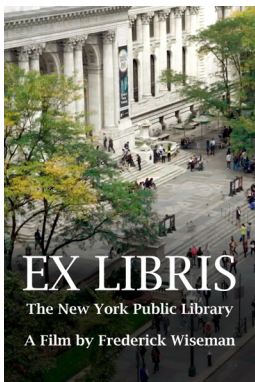
In the early 1980s, Boston was set ablaze. Two hundred sixty-four buildings were intentionally set on fire, resulting in millions of dollars in damages and hundreds of injuries. Wayne Miller, head ATF Special Agent in charge of the investigation, has written **Burn, Boston, Burn** the true tale of political deceit and internal corruption. Miller will discuss the deep conspiracy of nine men determined to wreak havoc on the city and the relentless investigators who uncovered the series of crimes that shook the city of Boston. Free and open to the public.

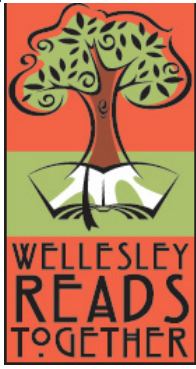


## FILM SCREENING! EX LIBRIS: The New York Public Library Parts 1 & 2

Two Mondays, March 2 and March 9, 2020  
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Wakelin Room

What are libraries doing to make themselves relevant in today's world? *Ex Libris: The New York Public Library*, is a 2017 American documentary film by observational master Frederick Wiseman, who finds enlightenment, humour, compassion and soul within the library walls. Each part is approximately 90 minutes, followed by discussion. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.





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# PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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## **MEET THE FIREFIGHTER!**

Thursday, February 27, 2020

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wakelin Room

Meet a Wellesley Town Firefighter! The firefighter will read a story and talk about being a firefighter and the Wellesley Fire Department. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend. Drop-in, no registration required.



## **BOOK MAKING CRAFT**

Friday, February 28, 2020

2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Craft Room

Create your own library! Join us in making different types of books. We will be making 8-page zines, books made with envelopes, and journals of all sorts. Drop-in, no registration required, all ages welcome.

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# SAVE THE DATE

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## **WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARY FOUNDATION GALA**

Thursday, April 2, 2020,

6:00-10:00pm

Wellesley Country Club

Featuring Special Guest Susan Orlean in conversation with WBZ-TV News Anchor Lisa Hughes. For sponsorship and ticket information email [wflfoundation@minlib.net](mailto:wflfoundation@minlib.net).