Top Five Must-Know Classic Authors
Samuel Pepys (1633-1703)
Marcel Proust (1871-1922)
Collette (1873-1954)
M. F. K. Fisher (1908-1992)
Anne Frank (1929-1945)

Top Five Up-and-Coming Authors
Diablo Cody (1978-)
Augusten Burroughs (1965-)
Jeannette Walls (c. 1960-)
David Sedaris (1956-)
Mary Karr (1955-)

Top 5 Must-Know Books
A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive by Dave Pelzer (1995)
Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris (2000)

Top Five Trends
Blog into memoir: Julie And Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen: How One Girl Risked Her Marriage, Her Job, and Her Sanity to Master the Art of Living by Julie Powell (2005)
Religion memoir: Shattered Dreams: My Life As a Polygamist's Wife by Irene Spencer (2007)

Five Personal Favorites
The Amazing Adventures of Dietgirl by Shauna Reid (2009)
The Summer of Ordinary Ways by Nicole Lea Helget (2005)
Name All the Animals: A Memoir by Alison Smith (2004)
Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood by Alexandra Fuller (2001)

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Five must-know authors
Anya Seton
Philippa Gregory*
Bernard Cornwell
Ken Follett

Five up-and-coming authors
Rebecca Stott*
Conn Iggulden –
Arianna Franklin* -
Mary Sharratt*– Daughters of the Witching Hill
Sarah Dunant *

Five books/authors to get you up to speed
Steven Saylor
Hilary Mantel – WOLF HALL
S. J. Parris – HERESY
Robin Oliveira* – MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON

Five trends
- Genre creep
- Time Periods and settings
- Fictionalized biography
- Reprints of classic authors/titles
- Parallel Naratives

Five personal favorites – come to the program to find out!!

Top Resource - Historical Fiction II, a guide to the genre by Sarah Johnson (Libraries Unlimited, 2009) is the uber-resource for librarians. See also her blog at http://readingthepast.blogspot.com for publishing news, interviews, and links, and www.historicalnovelsociety.org for her list of forthcoming historical novels.

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* Check author website for background research, videos, blogs, and more **
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