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Our morning travel news digest, with deals, tips and anything else that travelers may want to know.

HOTELS WHERE BOOKS ARE HITS

Many hotels might be giving their attention to upgrading in-room technology, but a handful are going the old-fashioned route by creating in-room libraries.

[The Castle Hill Inn](#) in [Newport, R.I.](#), has recently partnered with a locally owned independent bookseller, Island Books, to stock rooms with five diverse titles including "The Vacationers" by Emma Straub and "The Martian" by Andy Weir (the latter is a novel about an astronaut who becomes one of the first people to walk on Mars).

[The Chatwal](#), a Luxury Collection Hotel in [New York City](#), has filled several shelves of a leather-wrapped closet with a collection of classic literature including "The Great Gatsby"; "American Eve," the story of America's first supermodel, Evelyn Nesbit, who had a rich history with the building's original architect, Stanford White; and "War Paint," a dual biography of Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden (there is an Arden spa on the property).

Also in New York, each of the 10 guest room floors at the [Library Hotel](#) honor one of the 10 categories of the Dewey Decimal System, such as literature, social sciences and history, and each of the 60 rooms has a collection of books exploring a distinctive topic within the category it belongs to.

[Hotel Vermont](#) in Burlington is trying to expose its guests to writing by local authors. Each quarter, it publishes a book filled with stories, essays and poems written by [Burlington Writers Workshop](#) members and stocks copies in its 125 rooms.

A NANTUCKET HOTEL CELEBRATES A MOVIE MOMENT

The spotlight will shine on Nantucket when the Ron Howard-directed film "In the Heart of the Sea" opens in theaters in December. The story, based on the nonfiction book by the author and Nantucket resident Nathaniel Philbrick, recounts the sinking of the whale ship, the Essex.

In celebration of the release, the [Jared Coffin House](#), a former whaling captain's mansion, is offering a two-night package that includes accommodations, a copy of the book and two tickets to the Nantucket Whaling Museum.

Guests also have the option to add a historical walking tour for an extra \$10 to explore the island that flourished in the 19th century as one of the world's most lucrative whaling capitals.

Rates start at \$295 for two nights. Package is valid for travel through Dec. 31.

A CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN A PARIS HOTEL SALON

Classical music fans in [Paris](#) have a new concert venue to add to their list: next month, the upscale [Le Bristol Paris](#) hotel near the Champs-Élysées will inaugurate Classical Music at Le Bristol Paris, a monthly series of concerts (with the exception of January) in its opulent salon featuring well-known French musicians and soloists.

The artistic director, the pianist Emmanuelle Jaspard, has created a diverse lineup that includes master piano soloists, a piano trio, string and vocal quartets, a duet of cello and piano and an opera recital.

The first concert, on Oct. 12, is themed "Women Composers Interpreted by Women" and includes a work by the German musician and composer Clara Schumann.

Concerts run through June 27. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a post-show meet-and-greet with the performers.

AT FOUR SEASONS, LESSONS IN ENTERTAINING

- [Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts](#) wants to educate its guests as well as locals on how to entertain successfully at home through a new initiative called "Entertain U." From October to December, 34 properties will have classes on a range of entertaining topics like making Prohibition-style cocktails, pairing charcuterie and wine and hosting a holiday sit-down dinner.

The offerings vary by hotel but include a lesson at Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora on how to make poisson cru, French Polynesia's famous raw fish dish, along with a demonstration of how to crack coconuts and extract their milk to use in that same meal. Also, Four Seasons Resort Orlando is offering a "Barista Bootcamp" where attendees learn how to make cold brew and single-drip coffee (there also will be instruction in how to create latte art with foam). Prices from \$20 to \$290.

A ROSEWOOD HOTEL IN EDINBURGH

- [Rosewood Hotels and Resorts](#) is expanding in Europe with its fourth property on the continent scheduled to open in 2018 in Edinburgh. The hotel will be housed in the former Royal High School, an early 19th-century building on Calton Hill in the center of the Scottish capital.

The building has been vacant for nearly a half-century, and the Scottish architect Gareth Hoskins will restore many of the original elements while transforming the space into a 147-room property complete with an indoor pool.

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