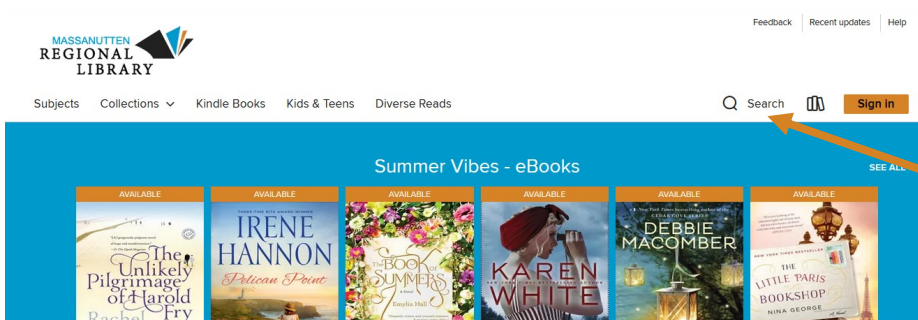


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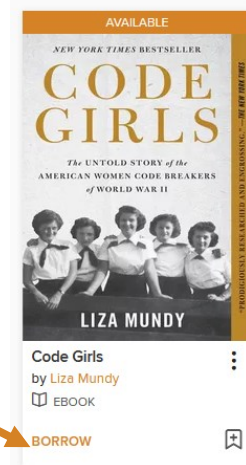


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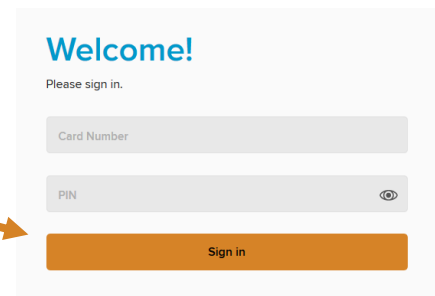


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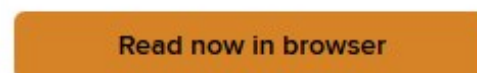
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I interviewed more than twenty surviving code breakers, located in various ways. A few had contacted NSA, or their family members had. I placed notices on websites. I obtained rosters and consulted databases to find contact information. In other cases, friends and acquaintances provided names, or, often, one woman would lead me to another. I also obtained civilian and military personnel records that are publicly available in the National Archives personnel records facility in St. Louis, Missouri. These were supplemented by high school and college yearbooks, scrapbooks, recruiting pamphlets, newspapers, personal letters, and the very good alumnae records that many colleges maintain. In some cases, of course, I had to trust the women's memory, but a surprising amount of what they recollected could be confirmed with archival records.

In just a few instances, however, archives proved insufficient. I wish, for example, that I could include more information on Arlington Hall's African American unit, but very few records of that unit seem to exist.

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