

**** HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER ****

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Leech – Hiron Ennes. Combines parasitic body horror with gothic family drama in a post-post-apocalyptic masterpiece.

The Witch and the Tsar – Olesya Salnikova Gilmore. When Anastasia, the wife of the tsar, desperately needs her protection, immortal witch Baba Yaga realizes the fate of all Russia is tied to Anastasia's and must step out of the shadows to protect the land she loves from powers far older and more fearsome than anyone can imagine.

General Fiction

The Winners – Fredrik Backman. As simmering tensions between the towns of Beartown and Hed turn into acts of intimidation and then violence, a 14-year-old boy, increasingly alienated from this hockey-obsessed community, puts in motion a plan to avenge his beloved sister's death that will leave Beartown with an unimaginable loss.

Has Anyone Seen My Toes? – Christopher Buckley. An aging screenwriter in coastal South Carolina deals with stress from the pandemic by binge-eating and believing there's a nefarious Russian influence on the local coroner's race in the new novel from the best-selling author of *Thank You for Smoking*.

The Old Place – Bobby Finger. Retired teacher Mary Alice Roth, while working her way back to a comfortable friendship with her neighbor, finds the careful shell she's built around her life threatened by her sister who delivers a staggering piece of news that could send shockwaves through her small Texas town.

Less is Lost – Andrew Sean Greer. In this highly anticipated follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Less: A Novel*, Arthur Less, after the death of an old lover and a sudden financial crisis, sets out on a literary adventure across the U.S. during which he must finally face his personal demons.

The Fortunes of Jaded Women – Carolyn Huyhn. Follows a family of estranged Vietnamese women—cursed to never know love or happiness—as they reunite when a psychic makes a startling prediction.

Lessons – Ian McEwan. With his life constantly in flux as he lives through many historic upheavals, Roland Baines, haunted by lost opportunities, searches for comfort through music, literature, friends, sex, politics and love, struggling against global events beyond his control that have shaped his existence and memories.

Lucy by the Sea – Elizabeth Strout. Former married couple now lifelong friends, New Yorkers Lucy Barton and William, as a panicked world goes into lockdown, hunker down in a little house in Maine on the edge of the sea where they are faced with fear, struggles and isolation as well as hope, peace and possibilities.

The Bad Angel Brothers – Paul Theroux. Escaping his manipulative and domineering brother, Frank, Cal, forging his own way and acquiring his own wealth, finds his brother's

power and influence interfering with his affairs, and when Frank commits the ultimate betrayal, Cal is left with only one, final solution: murder.

The Frederick Sisters are Living the Dream – Jeanine Zusy. A funny, occasionally romantic, novel about how one woman’s life is turned upside down when she becomes caregiver to her sister with special needs.

Historical Fiction

Shrines of Gaiety – Kate Atkinson. In London after the Great War, Nellie Carter, the notorious—and ruthless—queen of a dazzling, seductive and corrupt new world in the clubs of Soho, finds her success breeding enemies as she faces threats from without and within, revealing the dark underbelly beneath Soho’s gaiety.

The Last Crown – Elzbieta Cherezinska. *The Last Crown* is the epic sequel to *The Widow Queen*, about a long-forgotten Polish queen.

Act of Oblivion – Robert Harris. Follows General Edward Whalley's and his son-in law Colonel William Goffe's flight to America in 1660 after their involvement in the beheading of King Charles I in the new novel from the best-selling author of *Fatherland*.

The Attic Child – Lola Jaye. Two children locked away in the same attic, almost a century apart, bound by a shared secret, discover beneath its floorboards clues that provide comfort, when all hope is lost, to break free from their confinement and leave the darkness behind.

The Matchmaker’s Gift – Lynda Cohen Loigman. A heartwarming story of two extraordinary women from two different eras who defy expectations to realize their unique gift of seeing soulmates in the most unexpected places.

The Ways We Hide – Kristina McMorris. Inspired by stunning true accounts, a story about the wars we fight—between nations and inside ourselves—explores the courage we find in unexpected places.

The Marriage Portrait – Maggie O’Farrell. In Florence during the 1550s, captivating young duchess Lucrezia de’ Medici, having barely left girlhood behind, marries the ruler of Ferrara, Modena and Reggio, and now, in an unfamiliar court where she has one duty—to provide an heir—fights for her very survival.

The Girl from Guernica – Karen Robards. During World War II, Sibil, living in Germany with her father, a scientist working on jet propulsion engines for the Nazi party, joins the underground resistance movement with him, and they become deeply embedded in a web of secrets, lies and deceit that threatens to destroy their already fragile family.

Mystery & Detective

The Shadow Murders – Jussi Adler-Olsen. Faced with their toughest case yet, made only more difficult with COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of their own personal lives, Department Q, led by Detective Carl Mørck, investigates a series of “accidental” deaths over the span of 30 years that may be the work of a violent serial killer.

Next in Line – Jeffrey Archer. In this edge-of-your-seat thriller, William Warwick and Ross Hogan return in an explosive adventure that will take them to the very heart of power.

From the Shadows – James R. Benn. Captain Billy Boyle embarks on a humanitarian mission in the south of France in 1944 with his wartime lover and a legendary Special Operations Executive agent, in the 17th novel of the series following *The Red Horse*.

Marple: Twelve New Mysteries – Agatha Christie. Starring Agatha Christie's legendary detective Jane Marple, this brand-new collection of short stories is written by 12 best-selling and acclaimed authors—each of which reimagines Marple through their own unique perspective while staying true to the hallmarks of a traditional mystery.

The Rising Tide – Ann Cleeves. When a member of a group of friends, who meet regularly for reunions on Holy Island, is found hanged, Vera Stanhope must discover what the friends are hiding and whether the events of many years before could have led to murder then, and now.

Hell and Back – Craig Johnson. Walt Longmire wakes up at the site of a tragic 1896 boarding school fire covered in blood and missing a bullet from his gun, in the 18th novel of the best-selling series following *Daughter of the Morning Star*.

Back to the Garden – Laurie R. King. Inspector Raquel Laing investigates a fifty-year-old case at a storied and glamorous California estate after renovations turn up a human skull that may have been the work of a serial killer.

Robert B. Parker's Fallout – Mike Lupica. When a star high-school baseball player is found dead after winning the team's biggest game, police chief Jesse Stone, who had personal ties to the victim, is stonewalled at every turn, while another case needs his attention after the former Paradise police chief is murdered.

A Song of Comfortable Chairs – Alexander McCall Smith. Mma and Grace help and old friend with a troubled son while Phuti develops a new marketing campaign to beat a rival furniture company's ads, in the latest novel of the series following *The Joy and Light Bus Company*.

The Bullet That Missed – Richard Osman. While Elizabeth is presented with a deadly mission—kill or be killed—the Thursday Murder Club and their unlikely new friends, including TV stars, money launderers and ex-KGB colonels, investigate two murders, 10 years apart, and must catch the culprit and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again.

Desperation in Death – J. D. Robb. Lieutenant Eve Dallas investigates the Pleasure Academy after two girls attempt to escape with tales of being groomed for sex trafficking in the latest addition to the long-running, *New York Times* best-selling series following *Desperation in Death*.

Romance

Christmas at the Cupcake Café – Jenny Colgan. London bakery owner Issy Randall marvels at her thriving business and nearly perfect life until her boyfriend is recruited for a job in New York right in the middle of the Christmas rush.

Falling Stars – Fern Michaels. A ski resort owner agrees to train and take a famous actor on one of Colorado's most treacherous runs while pretending she's not a huge fan, in the new novel by the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Sisterhood*.

Dreamland – Nicholas Sparks. After his own musical career was tragically roadblocked, Colby Mills meets and falls for a graduate of a prestigious college music program looking to become a star in Nashville, in the new novel from the best-selling author of *The Wish*.

All Is Bright – RaeAnne Thayne. A young architect specializing in Universal Design strategies for people of all abilities finds unexpected romance and a little Christmas magic while working on the house of a former baseball player who was injured in a tragic plane crash.

Suspense

Treasure State – C. J. Box. Cassie Dewell has her hands full with two cases—finding the man who conned a wealthy Florida widow out of her fortune, which takes her to Montana, and decoding a poem that promises buried treasure to one lucky adventurer, which has led to five deaths.

The Best Friend – Jessica Fellowes. Even though they are best friends, the trust between Bella and Kate is fragile, especially when men came into their lives, and, over time, acts of both cruelty and love ferment, until one shocking event tests them more than ever.

Oath of Loyalty – Vince Flynn. When the president's power-hungry security adviser betrays him by leaking the true identity of his partner, Claudia Gold, Mitch Rapp, racing to neutralize the enemies conspiring against her, is faced with the seemingly impossible task of finding and stopping a killer whose business model is based on double-blind secrecy.

Verity – Colleen Hoover. Hired by the husband of best-selling author Verity Crawford to complete the remaining books in a successful series she is unable to finish, Lowen Ashleigh, sorting through Verity's notes and outlines, uncovers an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read that is filled with bone-chilling admissions.

Run Time – Catherine Ryan Howard. Stepping in to replace the original actress in *Final Draft*, a psychological horror movie being filmed at a house deep in the forest, former soap star Adele Rafferty hopes that this will be her big break until she realizes that this role just might be the death of her.

Captive – Iris Johansen. Jane MacGuire is on the run after her MI6 agent partner runs afoul of an international crime lord and she is targeted, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *A Face to Die For*.

Fairy Tale – Stephen King. A troubled teenager befriends an elderly recluse, who dies and leaves him a taped message explaining that his shed is the portal to another world in the new novel by the extremely prolific and popular best-selling author of *It*.

All That's Left Unsaid – Tracey Lien. In Cabramatta, Australia after her younger brother is murdered inside a restaurant while celebrating his high school graduation Ky Tran vows to uncover his killer despite an indifferent police force and witnesses who claim they saw nothing.

Clive Cussler's Hellburner – Mike Maden. After narrowly escaping an explosion and losing a crew member, Juan Cabrillo must track down a nuclear torpedo before it starts World War III, in the latest novel of the series following *Marauder*.

Blowback – James Patterson. Two CIA agents find their loyalties divided between chain of command and the Constitution when their former Director, now the President of the United States, asks them to carry out a clandestine power grab with deadly consequences.

Killers of a Certain Age – Deanna Raybourn. Sent on an all-expense paid vacation to mark their retirement, four assassins discover they've been marked for death, forcing them to turn against their own organization and teach them what it really means to be a woman—and a killer—of a certain age.

The Vicious Circle – Katherine St. John. Inheriting a wellness center deep in the Mexican jungle that's home to an ardent spiritual group devoted to her late uncle, Sveta falls in love with this secluded paradise until she discovers its violent secrets, and, to survive, turns to the very person she trusts the least.

Suspect – Scott Turow. Investigating the high-profile case of police chief Lucia Gomez, who is accused of soliciting sex for promotions to higher ranks, P.I. Clarice "Pinky" Granum must unravel the dark secrets of the people closest to Gomez, drawing her into the deepest recesses of the city's criminal networks.

The Last Housewife – Ashley Winstead. When her best friend is murdered, making her suspect that the violent people from her past are back, Shay is led to a secret cult devoted to male superiority and must decide how much she is willing to give up to take down the men who've ruled her life.

NONFICTION

The Mosquito Bowl: a Game of Life and Death in World War II – Buzz Bissinger. This extraordinary, never-before-told story of WWII follows two U.S. Marine Corps regiments, comprised of some of the greatest football talent, as they played each other in a football game in the dirt and coral of Guadalcanal known as "The Mosquito Bowl" before they faced the darkest and deadliest days at Okinawa.

Mother Brain: How Neuroscience is Rewriting the Story of Parenthood – Chelsea Conaboy. In this powerful narrative, a journalist and mother delves into the major brain changes that come with being new parents, delving into the neuroscience to reveal unexpected upsides and how this science is mostly absent from the public conversation about parenthood.

Becoming FDR: the Personal Guide That Made a President – Jonathan Darman. This biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt focuses on how his struggles with polio helped forged the strength and wisdom that helped him guide America and the world through the twin crises of the Great Depression and World War II.

Wise Gals: the Spies Who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage – Nathalia Holt. Meticulously researched, the *New York Times* best-selling author, drawing on firsthand interviews with past and present officials and declassified government documents,

tells the never-before-told story of four female agents who were critical in helping to build a new organization that we now know as the CIA.

How to Speak Whale: a Voyage Into the Future of Animal Communication – Tom Mustill. Drawing from his experience as a naturalist and wildlife filmmaker, the author, who survived a whale encounter, examines how scientists and start-ups around the world are decoding animal communications and what the consequences of such human interaction could be.

Flush: the Remarkable Science of an Unlikely Treasure – Bryn Nelson. An award-winning science writer examines the untapped potential of human feces as a source of potent medicine, sustainable power and natural fertilizer to restore the world's depleted lands.

Killing the Legends – Bill O'Reilly. Explores the lives, legacies and tragic deaths of three of the most famous people of the 20th century—Elvis Presley, John Lennon and Muhammad Ali—whose lives spun out of control at the hands of those they most trusted.

This Is What It Sounds Like: What the Music You Love Says About You – Susan Rogers. One of the most successful female record producers of all time and an award-winning professor of cognitive neuroscience leads readers to musical self-awareness, explaining that we each possess a unique "listener profile" based on our brain's natural response to seven key dimensions of any song.

A Man of Iron: the Turbulent Life and Improbable Presidency of Grover Cleveland – Troy Senik. Based on in-depth research and newly uncovered details, this biography examines Grover Cleveland's dizzying journey from obscure lawyer to president of the United States in just three years and his leadership during a transformational era in U.S. history.

American Demon: Eliot Ness and the Hunt for America's Jack the Ripper – Daniel Stashower. Eliot Ness investigates the Cleveland Torso Murderer, who left thirteen bodies scattered across the city in the 1930s in a historical true crime story from the biographer, historian and award-winning author of *The Hour of Peril*.

Uncultured – Danielle Mestyanek Young. In this unforgettable memoir, the author recounts her escape from the religious cult The Children of God, and how she worked her way up to become a military intelligence officer, soon discovering her new world is remarkably similar to the one she desperately tried to leave behind.

**ANYTHING WE'VE MISSED?
SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?
LET US KNOW!**

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