

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

A History of Fear – Luke Dumas. A University of Edinburgh student taking on a ghostwriting job for a mysterious stranger begins to suspect he is working for the devil himself.

General Fiction

A Christmas Memory – Richard Paul Evans. Reeling from the loss of his brother in Vietnam, Richard moves with his family from California to his grandmother's abandoned house in Utah where he finds the holiday spirit with the help of an elderly neighbor and his dog.

So Long, Chester Wheeler – Catherine Ryan Hyde. Roped into providing end-of-life care for his insufferable homophobic neighbor, Chester Wheeler, Lewis Madigan, young, gay and out of work, agrees to take Chester, who hits him with a dying wish, on a 2,000-mile road trip during which they form a bond neither of them expected.

Scatterlings – Resoketswe Martha Manenzhe. In 1927 South Africa, when the Immorality Act is passed, prohibiting sexual intercourse between "Europeans" (white people) and "natives" (Black people), married couple Alisa and Abram find their bond in tatters, which leads Alisa to commit a devastating act, one that will reverberate through their entire family's lives.

Stella Maris – Cormac McCarthy. Told entirely through the transcripts of the narrator's psychiatric sessions, this intimate portrait of grief and longing follows 20-year-old Alicia Western as she, diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, contemplates the nature of madness, her hallucinations and her own existence in 1972 Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Historical Fiction

The Book of Everlasting Things – Aanchal Malhotra. From an oral historian comes a sweeping debut novel about a Hindu perfumer and a Muslim calligrapher, who fall in love against the backdrop of the Partition.

The Dressmaker of Prospect Heights – Kitty Zeldis. In 1919 Brooklyn, dress shop owner Beatrice forms a close friendship with a neighbor, leaving Alice, the teenaged orphan she brought to the north her feeling left out, setting off a series of events that force all three women to confront the past to envision a better future.

Mystery & Detective

Devil's Delight – M. C. Beaton. Agatha investigates after a naked man bursts out of the woods claiming to have seen a dead body near a sight supposedly once used for sacrifices in the latest addition to the series following *Down the Hatch*.

A Streetcar Named Murder – T. G. Herren. Blackmail in the Big Easy turns to cold-blooded murder in this debut cozy mystery.

What Meets the Eye – Alex Kenna. From a debut author comes a pulse-pounding tapestry of secrets, retribution, and greed.

Winter's End – Paige Shelton. In Benedict, Alaska, while on the annual Death March—a search of the community for those who might have somehow gotten stuck at home during the winter, Beth Rivers, dealing with her own trauma, is faced with a murder linked to her best friend Orin, who's been acting strangely lately.

A Dangerous Business – Jane Smiley. A 1851 Monterey widow working at a brothel investigates when the dead bodies of young women start appearing on the outskirts of town in the new novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Thousand Acres*.

Suspense

The Light Pirate – Lily Brooks-Dalton. Born during a powerful hurricane, Wanda, an unusual woman in a rapidly changing world, loses family, gains community and ultimately seeks adventure, love and purpose in a place abandoned by civilization and remade by nature.

Tom Clancy Red Winter – Marc Cameron. When possibly Soviet defector offers the CIA details of his government's espionage plans in return for asylum, former Marine and brilliant CIA analyst Jack Ryan goes behind the Iron Curtain to find answers before the Cold War turns into a Red Winter.

Night Shift – Robin Cook. When her longtime friend, Dr. Sue Passero, dies mysteriously in the hospital parking garage, newly appointed chief medical examiner Dr. Laurie Montgomery asks her husband to investigate, which pits him against a clever and deranged killer determined to administer another lethal blow.

Judas 62 – Charles Cumming. Master spy Lachlan Kite discovers that a mission 30 years ago has resulted in his name being put on the "JUDAS" list—a record of enemies of Russia who have been targeted for assassination—and must win a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with the Russian secret state to survive.

The Last Invitation – Darby Kane. Invited to join a secret club of powerful women, the Sophie Foundation, who mete out justice to men who behave very, very badly, Jessa Hall soon realizes the high—and deadly—price of admission and discovers that once in the group, it's impossible to get out.

The Ingenu – Rachel Kapelke-Dale. When the family estate is bequeathed to a man she shares a complicated history with, former piano prodigy Saskia Kreis is forced to reexamine her own past—and the romantic relationship that changed the course of her life—for answers.

An Unforgiving Place – Claire Kells. In a remote corner of Alaska, Investigative Services Bureau agent Felicity Harland squares off against a mysterious cult leader with potentially deadly motives, in a thrilling outdoor adventure.

The Widomaker – Hannah Morrisey. When she witnesses the murder of a cop that is linked to a 20-year-old cold case involving the disappearance of a business mogul, down-on-her-luck photography Morgan Mori collides with a detective determined to make a name for himself as she exposes her own dark demons to solve this mystery.

All the Dark Places – Terri Parlato. When a friend's husband is murdered after his 40th birthday party, Boston detective Rita Myers is convinced it wasn't a random or opportunistic, but committed by someone in the couple's small circle of friends, who was likely at the party.

NONFICTION

Musical Tables: Poems – Billy Collins. In this new collection of more than 125 small poems, the former Poet Laureate of the U.S. writes about his trademark themes of nature, animals, poetry, mortality, absurdity and love as he channels his unique voice into a new phase of his exceptional career.

Egypt's Golden Couple: When Akhenaten and Nefertiti Were Gods on Earth – John and Colleen Darnell. A married team of Egyptologists look at the lives and reign of Akhenaten and Nefertiti, King Tut's parents, who ushered in advances in art, urban design, religion and politics.

A Heart That Works – Rob Delaney. The co-creator and co-star of the hit series *Catastrophe* presents a deeply personal memoir about the death of his young son from a brain tumor and takes readers through the grief and pain that followed.

His Masterly Pen: a Biography of Jefferson the Writer – Fred Kaplan. The award-winning biographer offers a new look the life of Thomas Jefferson, focusing on his genius with language and how he both inspired and helped shape a new nation.

Empire of Ice and Stone: the Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk – Buddy Levy. The true, harrowing story of the ill-fated 1913 Canadian Arctic Expedition and the two men who came to define it.

Flex Your Age: Defying Stereotypes and Reclaiming Empowerment – Joan MacDonald. Part self-help book and part memoir, this guide demonstrates how to embrace change and learn what you're capable of at any age through motivation techniques, fitness and nutrition fundamentals, and how to find and contribute to a community of support.

Anatomy of 55 More Songs: the Oral History of 55 Hits That Changed Rock, R&B, and Soul – Marc Myers. The author of the 2016 smash hit *Anatomy of a Song* returns with 55 new oral histories and analyses of iconic songs such as Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon Rising," The Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations" and Elton John's "Rocket Man."

Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America – Leila Philip. Traces the beaver's profound influence on our nation's history, culture and environment, from the early days of western expansion, as well as profiling a colorful group of people who have devoted their lives to the wonderfully weird rodent.

Con/Artist: the Life and Crimes of the World's Greatest Art Forger – Tony Tetro. A world-renowned art forger who has been duping the art world for 45 years and served time for a widely-publicized trial, describes the secrets and corruption of that universe while giving an art history lesson.

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

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