

**** HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN MAY 2023 ****

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Salt Grows Heavy – Cassandra Khaw. From a USA Today best-selling author comes a fairytale of discovering the darkness in the world, and the darkness within oneself.

Fractal Noise – Christopher Paolini. On the seemingly uninhabited planet Talos VII, there is a circular pit not of nature but design, and a small team must journey across the surface to learn who built it and why, followed by the ghosts of their past each step they take toward the mysterious abyss.

General Fiction

No Two Persons – Erica Bauermeister. When a devastating event breaks her heart open, aspiring writer Alice creates a stunning debut novel in which her words find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness to a widower rent by grief, who, due to her book, find new paths forward.

The Collected Regrets of Clover – Mikki Brammer. A death doula, in caring for others at the end of their life, has forgotten how to live her own.

The Daydreams – Laura Hankin. The stars of a popular teen show from the early 2000s attend a reunion special, 13 years after their scandalous flameout, which will either be their last chance at redemption or destroy them all for good.

The Half Moon – Mary Beth Keane. Longtime bartender Malcolm Gephardt realizes his dream of owning a bar, while his wife Jess, a lawyer struggling with fertility issues, wonders how to reshape her life, in this brilliant novel told over the course of one tumultuous week, laying bare the complexities of marriage, family, longing and desire.

Our Hideous Progeny – C. E. McGill. Determined to follow in the scientific footsteps of her great uncle Victor Frankenstein, Mary Saville and her husband, desperate to be accepted into the scientific community, construct their Creature and Mary finds herself contemplating disturbing questions and unexpected feelings for the hideous progeny she's grown to love.

A History of Burning – Janika Oza. Taken from his village in India to work on the East African Railway for the British, Pirbhai spends his life reconciling an act he committed to survive that will haunt his family's future for years to come.

The Wishing Game – Meg Shaffer. Years ago, a reclusive mega-best-selling children's author quit writing under mysterious circumstances; but he suddenly resurfaces with a brand-new book and a one-of-a-kind competition, offering a prize that will change the winner's life.

Ink Blood Sister Scribe – Emma Torzs. Two estranged half-sisters tasked with guarding their family's library of magical books must work together to unravel a deadly secret at the heart of their collection. A first novel.

Historical Fiction

The Secret Book of Flora Lea – Patti Callahan Henry. When a woman discovers a rare book that has connections to her past, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed.

To Die Beautiful – Buzzy Jackson. A historical novel based a true story follows a teen as she becomes an armed member of the Dutch Resistance movement during World War II.

The Old Lion: a Novel of Theodore Roosevelt – Jeff Shaara. The New York Times best-selling author traces the remarkable life of one of the most consequential figures in the U.S. and the world at large, from the mid-19th century to the early 20th century, revealing a man who shaped the foundations of the modern country and world.

Good Night, Irene – Luis Alberto Urrea. After D-Day, two heroic Red Cross women, Irene Woodward and Dorothy Dunford join the Allied soldiers streaming into France where they are embroiled in danger, from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald, and where Irene learns to trust again through their friendship.

Mystery & Detective

Chain-Gang All-Stars – Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah. The star of a popular, but controversial for-profit program in the private prison industry that basically turns prisoners into gladiators contemplates freedom in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of Friday Black.

Killing Moon – Jo Nesbo. Fired from the force and drinking heavily, Harry Hole agrees to assist the police in an investigation about two missing women who were only connected by attending the same party in the latest novel of the series following Knife.

The Body in the Web – Katherine Hall Page. Adjusting to life in quarantine as the pandemic spreads in 2020, amateur detective Faith Fairchild, when scandal breaks out during a town hall Zoom meeting as damaging images are displayed on everyone's screens, which results in murder, journeys deep into the dark web to find the truth.

The House on Prytania – Karen White. When Beau Ryan asks her for a favor that threatens to stall her hard-won recovery and send her hurtling backwards, Nola Trenholm, torn between helping him and protecting herself, realizes until it's almost too late why ghosts are haunting her house, throwing her and Beau together to fight a common enemy.

Romance

Meet Me at the Lake – Carley Fortune. In desperate need of a lifeline, 32-year-old Fern Brookbanks finds it in the form of Will Baxter, who rescued her nine years ago, and, believing he is hiding something, but knowing he's the only one who understands what she's going through, wonders if she can do the same for him.

The True Love Experiment – Christina Lauren. A best-selling romance novelist who doesn't practice what she preaches, Felicity "Fizzy" Chen agrees to star in a reality TV show to find her perfect match if documentary filmmaker and single father Connor Prince meets her list of demands, and soon realizes her finds happily-ever-after may be behind the camera.

Identity – Nora Roberts. A woman discovers her apartment broken into and her roommate dead after meeting a cold-hearted con artist at the bar where she works in the new novel from the number-one best-selling author of more than 230 novels.

The Wedding Planner – Danielle Steel. Signing up for several lavish affairs, in addition to her mother's next marriage and her twin sister's modest ceremony, wildly successful wedding planner Faith Ferguson grapples with private quarrels, unplanned pregnancies, family scandals, dark secrets and almost cancelled ceremonies, proving that there is more than one path to happily ever after.

All the Days of Summer – Nancy Thayer. A divorced empty-nester moves into a cottage on Nantucket and is irritated when her adult son arrives with his serious girlfriend and the two women must learn to overcome their differences to achieve the future they want.

Story Collections

The Private Life of Spies, and the Exquisite Art of Getting Even – Alexander McCall Smith. From the author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series comes a new short story collection: half spy stories, half tales of revenge and all highlighting the kinder, funnier and gentler side of espionage and retribution.

Suspense

Rogue Justice – Stacey Abrams. Asked by a fellow law clerk to look into his boss's death, Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene, after another shocking murder, is led to a list of names—all judges on the FISA Court, also known as America's "secret court"—and must race the clock to stop an unprecedented national crisis.

The Lie Maker – Linwood Barclay. Recruited by the U.S. Marshals to create false histories for people in witness protection, like his father, writer Jack Givins uses this opportunity to find his dad—a man who has done terrible things and made deadly enemies who wouldn't think twice about using his own son against him.

Swamp Story – Dave Barry. Stumbling across a long-lost treasure, single mother Jesse Braddock must figure out how to keep it out of the hands of villains, while Ken Bortle, to lure tourists to his failing store, invents the "Everglades Melon Monster," inspiring a horde of TikTokers to swarm the swamp, inciting mayhem and hilarity.

Tom Clancy Flash Point – Don Bentley. To stop an unseen enemy from destroying the Campus, Jack Ryan Jr. is led to the South China Sea where he, after a midair collision serves as a flash point, must put the pieces of a conspiracy together to stop the world's two remaining super powers from going to war.

Weapons of Opportunity – Dale Brown. Nick Flynn finds himself once again facing a vicious enemy—one determined to destroy the United States.

Only the Dead – Jack Carr. On a mission generations in the making, former Navy SEAL James Reece, as a secret cabal of global elites prepare to assume control of the U.S., picks up his tomahawk and sniper rifle, showing his enemies that no one is out of range as he blows a global conspiracy wide open.

Central Park West – James Comey. A federal prosecutor, Nora Carleton, enters into a high-stakes investigation involving conspiracy, corruption and danger when a mobster she is trying to convict offers information about an assassination in the first crime novel from the former director of the FBI.

The Ferryman – Justin Cronin. A ferryman, gently shepherding people through the retirement process—and, when necessary, enforcing it, Proctor Bennet, of the Department of Social Contracts, receives a disturbing and cryptic message from his father, while The Support Staff, who keep Prospera running, organize a revolution that causes Proctor to question everything he once believed.

Killing Me – Michelle Gagnon. When she gets kidnapped by a serial killer, then rescued by a mysterious woman, Amber Jamison wonders who her rescuer is.

Quantum Solution – Eric Lustbader. Extraordinary intelligence field agent Evan Ryder, when an elite Russian scientist and the American Secretary of Defense die, at the same time half a world apart, of inexplicable sudden catastrophic brain damage, she risks her life to stop a quantum war—and whom she can trust.

Liar! – Fern Michaels. Even though Luna and her brother, Cullen, seem like complete opposites, they're identical in two ways: they'll never let injustice stand and they always have each other's back.

The New Mother – Nora Murphy. A tense suspense novel builds to a gripping game of cat-and-mouse, as well as an exploration of what it means to be a "good" mother.

Drowning – T. J. Newman. When Flight 1421 crashes into the ocean six minutes after take-off, the surviving passengers believe they are the lucky ones until the plane starts to sink to the ocean floor, trapping them inside, and they must wait to be rescued as both air and time runs out.

The 23rd Midnight – James Patterson. When an obsessed maniac turns serial killer Evan Burke's true-crime story into a playbook, adding some of his own gruesome touches, Detective Lindsay Boxer, who put Burke in jail, tracks this elusive suspect, who is determined to put an end to the Murder Club—permanently.

Independence Square – Martin Cruz Smith. While dealing with his Parkinson's disease diagnosis, Russian detective Arkady Renko agrees to search for an acquaintance's missing daughter whom he discovers was an anti-Putin activist, as the country's leaders begin to plot an invasion of Ukraine.

NONFICTION

Fatherland: a Memoir of War, Conscience, and Family Secrets – Burkhard Bilger. A New Yorker staff writer tells the story of his nearly ten-year quest to uncover the truth about his grandfather, a Nazi Party Chief, and the questions it raises about reckoning with the pasts of our families.

Banana Ball: the Unbelievably True Story of the Savannah Bananas – Jesse Cole. Describes the meteoric rise of the sub-minor Savannah baseball team who became an internet sensation and is selling out full seasons with their brand of super-fun baseball that includes dancing, stilts, banana suits and real bananas.

King: a Life – Jonathan Eig. Mixes new research with accessible storytelling to offer a new biography of the legendary civil-rights leader.

His Majesty's Airship: the Life and Tragic Death of the World's Largest Flying Machine – S. C. Gwynne. The best-selling author of *Empire of the Summer Moon* looks at the tragic story of the British airship R101 which was destroyed by a hydrogen-fueled fireball in 1930, killing more people than died in the Hindenburg disaster.

Quantum Supremacy: How the Quantum Computer Revolution Will Change Everything – Michio Kaku. The best-selling author of *The God Equation* offers a tour of humanity's next great technological achievement—quantum computing—which may eventually illuminate the deepest mysteries of science and solve some of humanity's biggest problems, like global warming, world hunger and incurable disease.

The Cat's Meow: How Cats Evolved from the Savanna to Your Sofa – Jonathan Losos. A leading evolutionary biologist and great cat lover lays out the past, present and future of one of the world's most popular and beloved pets.

Allergic: Our Irritated Bodies in a Changing World – Theresa Macphail. A medical anthropologist makes a holistic examination of the increasing amount of allergies in our modern world, from the first medical description in 1819 to the latest biologics and immunotherapies and discusses the impact created by pollution and climate change.

Fancy Bear Goes Phishing: the Dark History of the Information Age, in Five Extraordinary Hacks – Scott J. Shapiro. Explains the philosophy and technology of hacking—and why we all need to understand it.

Road to Surrender: Three Men and the Countdown to the End of World War II – Evan Thomas. Offers an account of the decision to use nuclear weapons against Japan—a crucial turning point in World War II and geopolitical history.

When the World Didn't End: a Memoir – Guinevere Turner. An acclaimed screenwriter, drawing from the diaries she kept throughout her youth, tells the story of her childhood growing up with the infamous Lyman Family cult and how she was unexpectedly thrust into the world she'd been raised to believe was evil, facing challenges and horrors she couldn't have imagined.

**ANYTHING WE'VE MISSED?
SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?
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