

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Boys in the Valley – Philip Fracassi. An ancient evil is released upon the residents at St. Vincent's Orphanage for Boys when a group of men with occult symbols on their flesh show up at their door one stormy night.

Night's Edge – Liz Kerin. Tired of being her mother's keeper, twenty-something Mia, longing for a life where she doesn't have to worry about anyone discovering their terrible secret, meets a rebellious musician who gives her a way to leave home, which might be her only chance of getting out alive.

The Deep Sky – Yume Kitasei. When a lethal bomb knocks the The Phoenix - a ship carrying humanity's last hope—off course, Asuka, the only surviving witness, is an immediate suspect and with the crew turning on each other, she is determined to find the culprit before the bomber strikes again.

The Surviving Sky – Kritka Rao. High above a jungle-planet float the last refuges of humanity—plant-made civilizations held together by tradition, technology, and arcane science. Here, architects are revered deeply, with humanity's survival reliant on a privileged few. If not for their abilities, the cities would plunge into the devastating earthrage storms below. Charismatic and powerful, Iravan is one such architect. His abilities are his identity, but to Ahilya, his archeologist wife, they are a method to suppress non-architects. Their marriage is thorny and fraught—yet when a jungle expedition goes terribly wrong, jeopardizing their careers, Ahilya and Iravan must work together to save their reputations. But as their city begins to plummet, their discoveries threaten not only their marriage, but their entire civilization.

The Road to Roswell – Connie Willis. On the way to her college roommate's UFO-themed wedding, level-headed Francie is abducted by an alien, along with a charming con man, a casino-addicted little old lady, a Western-loving retiree and a UFO-chasing nutjob, discovers the alien is in trouble and she's the only one who can help.

General Fiction

The Sea Elephants – Shastri Akella. Set in 1990s India, Shagun, joining a traveling theater troupe, thrives and finds love with a handsome photographer, but is unable to free himself from his lingering shame and his father's threats to send him to a conversion center until he finds the strength to boldly claim his own happiness.

Little Monsters – Adrienne Brodeur. As their father, a brilliant oceanographer, approaches his seventieth birthday, siblings Ken and Abby, who have a troubled and complicated relationship, each plan the elaborate gifts for him, jockeying for primacy in this small family unit, in this riveting novel that draws on the biblical tale of Cain and Abel.

The Door-To-Door Bookstore – Carsten Henn. An elderly bookseller who delivers his recommendations door-to-door forms an unlikely friendship with a 9-year-old girl who changes his life.

Somebody's Fool – Richard Russo. When a decomposing body is found in an abandoned hotel between North Bath and Schuyler Springs, police officers Charice Bond and her ex-lover Doug Raymer are drawn together again, while the town's residents speculate on the identity of the victim and wonder who among their number could've disappeared unnoticed.

The Beast You Are – Paul Tremblay. A haunting collection of short fiction from the best-selling author of *The Cabin at the End of the World*.

Historical Fiction

Every Rising Sun – Jamila Ahmed. Furious at his first wife's infidelity, Malik begins to marry and behead a new girl every night until Shaherazade saves her own life with an unfinished, ongoing story each night in a new take on *One Thousand and One Nights*.

Do Tell – Lindsay Lynch. A contract actress moonlighting as Hollywood's reigning gossip columnist publishes an accusation from a rising starlet that an A-list actor assaulted her, changing the trajectories of all involved and forcing her to make an impossible choice about her lucrative career.

Crook Manifesto – Colson Whitehead. A furniture store owner and ex-grifter leaves the straight and narrow path when he needs Jackson 5 tickets for his daughter in 1971 Manhattan in the new novel by the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Nickel Boys*.

Mystery & Detective

The Bitter Past – Bruce Borgos. Sheriff in the high desert of Nevada, Porter Beck must solve the murder of an old, retired FBI agent linked to a mystery dating back to the early days of the nuclear age in a case where an all-but-forgotten person holds the key to what happened then and the deadly events now.

The Stolen Coast – Dwyer Murphy. A Harvard-educated lawyer on paper, Jack, who, in a sleepy coastal Massachusetts town, moves people on the run from powerful enemies, finds his routine existence thrown off course by the arrival of his former flame—and a dedicated hustler—who draws him into her latest scheme.

Mrs. Plansky's Revenge – Spencer Quinn. When she is scammed out of her life savings, Mrs. Loretta Plansky, a recent widow in her seventies, refuses to be just another victim, and following her only clue, embarks on a whirlwind adventure to a small village in Romania to get both her money and dignity back.

Romance

Hello Stranger – Katherine Center. After a routine surgery a struggling artist loses the ability to see people's faces but can still see animal faces in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *What You Wish For*.

Must Love Flowers – Debbie Macomber. Nursing student Maggie, to escape her alcoholic father, rents a room in Joan's home and finds a glimmer of hope for a better life, including a new romance, while Joan doesn't know what to make of the mysterious landscaper who's been revitalizing her garden—and who seems as lost as she is.

Suspense

Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Defiance – Brian Freeman. Next on a killer's list, Jason Bourne, as someone high up in the U.S. government erases all evidence of a shocking mission from his past known as Defiance, follows a global trail to expose the truth, bringing him face-to-face with his archenemy, the assassin known as Lennon.

The Spider – Lars Kepler. When a serial killer sends them riddles, offering them the chance to stop the murders before they happen, Detective Saga Bauer and her partner, Detective Joonas Linna discover someone is spinning a fiendishly intricate web, pulling Joonas into a trap he may be able to escape.

After Death – Dean R. Koontz. The only survivor of a catastrophic event awakens in a make-shift morgue with an extraordinary ability to be as elusive as a ghost and agrees to help a friend and her son escape a violent LA street gang.

An Honest Man – Michael Koryta. A man who gained infamy after murdering his own father ten years prior discovers seven murdered men on his yacht in the new thriller from the New York Times best-selling author of *Those Who Wish Me Dead*.

Everyone Here is Lying – Shari Lapena. A father who had been having an affair that just ended badly discovers his difficult daughter unexpectedly home from school and loses his temper, ultimately discovering he's not the only one harboring secrets when she goes missing several hours later.

Prom Mom – Laura Lippman. Drawn back to Baltimore where she's known as "Prom Mom"—the girl who allegedly killed her baby on the night of the prom after her date, Joe Simpson, abandoned her, Amber Glass is unable to stay away from Joe and vice versa until he asks her to help him do the unthinkable.

Silver Nitrate – Silva Moreno-Garcia. Helping a cult horror director shoot the missing scene from his magic film that was never finished to lift a curse, sound editor Montserrat and her best friend Tristán start seeing strange things and must unravel the mystery of this film and the obscure occultist who once roamed their city.

Strange Sally Diamond – Liz Nugent. Garnering media attention when she tries to incinerate her dead father, reclusive Sally Diamond, beginning to discover the horrors of her early childhood, steps into the world for the first time and soon finds her trust issues severely challenged by a sinister voice from her past she doesn't remember.

Circle of Death – James Patterson. In 2088, the world is in chaos as a powerful weapon, Command, is unleashed and Lamont Cranston, also known as The Shadow, and his small group of allies must race to stop the end of the world.

Obsessed – James Patterson. When a killer becomes obsessed with his oldest daughter, Detective Michael Bennett will do anything to keep his family safe as he races against time to crack this superstitious killer's code.

The Collector – Daniel Silva. The #1 New York Times best-selling author with another blockbuster—a tale of high stakes international intrigue—starring Gabriel Allon.

How Can I Help You – Laura Sims. Accepting a position at a small-town public library, a recent graduate student and failed novelist discovers a patron dead in the library bathroom and begins to dig up her co-worker's past as a nurse with a trail of premature deaths.

All the Demons are Here – Jake Tapper. A new thriller takes readers back to the 1970s, with two unforgettable characters encountering many of the real-life figures and events that defined one of the wildest and most dangerous decades in American history. By the New York Times best-selling author of *The Hellfire Club*.

Dead Fall – Brad Thor. America's top spy is sent to war-torn Ukraine after a Russian military unit comprised of violent, insane criminals conscripted from their worst prisons and mental asylums goes rogue in the latest addition to the series following *Rising Tiger*.

NONFICTION

Wasteland: the Secret World of Waste and the Urgent Search for a Cleaner Future – Oliver Franklin-Wallis. With this mesmerizing, thought-provoking, and occasionally terrifying investigation, Oliver Franklin-Wallis tells a new story of humanity based on what we leave behind, and along the way, he shares a blueprint for building a healthier, more sustainable world—before we're all buried in trash.

The Fourth Turning is Here: What the Seasons of History Tell Us about How and When This Crisis Will End – Neil Howe. The visionary behind the best-selling *The Fourth Turning* returns with an extraordinary new prediction: what we see all around us—the polarization, the growing threat of civil conflict and global war—will culminate by the early 2030s, posing both great danger and great promise.

Random Acts of Medicine: the Hidden Forces That Sway Doctors, Impact Patients, and Shape Our Health – Anupam B. Jena. A book at the intersection of health and economics reveals the hidden side of medicine and how unexpected—but predictable—events can profoundly affect our health.

The Country of the Blind: a Memoir at the End of Sight – Andrew Leland. Part memoir, part historical and cultural investigation, the author, midway through his life with retinitis pigmentosa, explores the state of being that awaits him, not only the physical experience of blindness but also its language, politics and customs so he can not only survive this transition but grow from it.

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