

## **\*\* HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER 2023 \*\***

### **FICTION**

#### **Fantasy & Science Fiction**

The September House – Carissa Orlando. A woman is determined to stay in her dream home even after it becomes a haunted nightmare.

Starter Villain – John Scalzi. When his long-lost uncle dies, leaving him his supervillain business, Charlie, as rich, soulless predators backed by multinational corporations and venture capital come after him, finds going bad looking pretty good with unionized dolphins, hyperintelligent talking spy cats and a terrifying henchperson at his side.

The Fragile Threads of Power – V. E. Schwab. As two royals fight to keep their crowns amidst old friends and new enemies in fantastical realms connected by a single city—London, a girl with an unusual magical ability comes into possession of a device that could bring them together—or unravel it all.

#### **General Fiction**

What You Are Looking for Is in the Library – Michiko Aoyama. A novel about how the perfect book recommendation can change a readers' life.

Wellness – Nathan Hill. Alongside the challenges of parenting, married couple Jack and Elizabeth encounter cults disguised as mindfulness support groups, polyamorous would-be suitors, Facebook wars and something called Love Potion Number Nine as they undertake separate, personal excavations in their quest to find health and happiness.

All You Have to Do Is Call – Kerri Maher. A novel based on the true story of the Jane Collective and the brave women who fought for our right to choose, from the USA Today best-selling author of *The Paris Bookseller*.

People Collide – Isle McElroy. From the acclaimed author of *The Atmospherians* comes a gender-bending, body-switching novel that explores marriage, identity and sex—and raises profound questions about the nature of true partnership.

How I Won a Nobel Prize – Julius Taranto. A funny novel about a graduate student who decides to follow her disgraced mentor to a university that gives safe harbor to scholars of ill repute, igniting a crisis of work and a test of her conscience (and marriage).

The Museum of Failures – Thrity Umrigar. Returning to Bombay to adopt a baby and see his elderly mother, Remy Wadia, stumbling upon a photograph that reveals shocking family secrets, reevaluates his entire childhood, his relationship to his parents and his harsh judgment on the decisions and events long hidden from him.

Mr. Texas – Lawrence Wright. In a funny send-up of Texas politics, from a Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author, a dark-horse candidate risks his personal happiness for a career in the Texas House of Representatives.

#### **Historical Fiction**

The Armor of Light – Ken Follett. In a new era of manufacturing and industry, and as war in Europe engulfs the entire continent and beyond in 1770, a cast of unforgettable characters in Kingsbridge, England, are left to reckon with the future and a world they must rebuild from the ashes.

The Vaster Wilds – Lauren Groff. Escaping from a colonial settlement in the wilderness, a servant girl, with nothing but her wits, a few possessions and some faith, is tested beyond the limits of her imagination, forcing her to question her belief of everything her own civilization taught her.

Cheneyville: a Novel of Murder, Loss, and Vengeance – Paulette Jiles. After recovering from a traumatic head injury, John Cheneyville discovers his beloved sister and her family were murdered during the end of the Civil War and embarks on an odyssey across the Reconstruction-era South seeking revenge.

The River We Remember – William Kent Krueger. When the body of a wealthy landowner is found floating in the Alabaster River on Memorial Day in 1958, Sheriff Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero, struggles to solve this murder that has the town of Jewel, Minnesota, up in arms, while putting to rest the demons from his own past.

North Woods – Daniel Mason. Exploring the many ways we're connected to our environment and to one another across time, language and space, this sweeping collection of stories about a single house in the woods of New England is told through the lives of an extraordinary succession of inhabitants.

The Square of Sevens – Laura Shepherd-Robinson. An orphaned fortune teller in 18th-century England searches for answers about her long-dead mother and uncovers shocking secrets.

The Fraud – Zadie Smith. In 1873 Victorian London, with the city mesmerized by the "Tichborne Trial," wherein a lower-class butcher from Australia claims he is the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title, Mrs. Eliza Touchet becomes determined to find out if he's really who he says he is or if he's a fraud.

## **Mystery & Detective**

Dead on Target – M. C. Beaton. Convinced of foul play, Agatha Raisin disregards the conclusion of her old adversary, Detective Chief Inspector Wilkes and investigates the death of a local landowner struck by an arrow in the latest addition to the long-running series following Devil's Delight.

Proud Sorrows – James Benn. In 1944 Norfolk, England, U.S. Army Captain Billy Boyle investigates a crashed German bomber with the corpse of a British officer in the pilot seat, putting his ex-Boston cop instincts to the test as he searches for a killer among the citizens of this idyllic English country village.

The Golden Gate – Amy Chua. While investigating the murder of a presidential candidate in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan discovers a link to the death of a 7-year-old girl ten years earlier and is led to one of the wealthiest families in all of San Francisco whose powerful influence hinder his quest for the truth.

The Raging Storm – Ann Cleeves. When the body of Jem Rosco—sailor, adventurer and legend—is found in a dinghy, anchored off Scully Cove, DI Matthew Venn returns home to investigate where he is faced with superstition and rumor as another body is found, placing him and his team in danger.

The Running Grave – Robert Galbraith. Business partners Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott are back in this seventh installment in the highly acclaimed, internationally best-selling series.

The Longmire Defense – Craig Johnson. Investigating a crime that goes back to his grandfather's time in Wyoming, Walt Longmire, Sheriff of Absaroka County, recalling clues and motives from his past, questions the very nature of justice and mercy in the hard country of the West.

The Last Devil to Die – Richard Osman. When a dangerous package goes missing on Boxing Day, the Thursday Murder Club, when one of their own is murdered, take on their most deadly opponents yet.

Payback in Death – J. D. Robb. While investigating the apparent suicide of a retired Internal Affairs captain, who made his career tripping up bribe takers, rule breakers and worse, homicide detective Eve Dallas follows a trail of corruption all the way to the top to expose a killer bent on revenge.

Mother-Daughter Murder Night – Nina Simon. When her teenage granddaughter Jack happens upon a dead body while kayaking near their bungalow and becomes a suspect in the investigation, high-powered businesswoman Lana Rubicon sets out to find the true murderer, uncovering a dangerous web of lies lurking beneath the surface of their sleepy coastal town.

## **Romance**

Santa and Company – Fern Michaels. Reuniting for a holiday adventure at a fabulous ski lodge, longtime friends Amy, Frankie, Rachael and Nina find it's the season for new beginnings when an unexpected turn of events leads them to confront their pasts.

## **Story Collections**

Normal Rules Don't Apply: Stories – Kate Atkinson. Startling, funny and imaginative, eleven interconnected stories, in which nothing is what it seems, are sharp observations on human nature and pack an emotional—and satisfying—punch.

## **Suspense**

Traitors Gate – Jeffrey Archer. Preparing to execute the most secret operation in their armory—transporting the Crown Jewels across London, the Metropolitan Police have twenty-four hours to stop a master criminal from pulling off the most outrageous theft in history—and expose a traitor in their midst.

Tom Clancy Weapons Grade – Don Bentley. After witnessing a professional hit, Jack Ryan Jr., following one lead, is drawn into the seedy underbelly of a small Texas town and the cold case of a college student who vanished from its streets—an investigation that pulls him into an international conspiracy of epic proportions.

Clive Cussler's Condor's Fury – Graham Brown. Kurt and Joe respond to a nearby distress call while on a NUMA training mission in the Caribbean to discover a terrified and disoriented crew potentially suffering from Havana Syndrome in the 20th addition to the series following Dark Vector.

Saving Emma – Allen Eskens. Investigating the wrongful conviction of Elijah Matthews for the Innocence Project, attorney Boady Sanden discovers a link between Elijah's case and the death of his best friend, Ben, and when Ben's 14-year-old daughter makes a fateful choice, he will do anything to bring her home and free an innocent man.

Code Red – Vince Flynn. Mitch Rapp crosses into war-torn Syria at the behest of a powerful crime lord to determine who is manufacturing a highly addictive new narcotic in the latest addition to the long-running series following Oath of Loyalty.

No Reserve – Dick Francis. While investigating the death of a yearling colt worth millions of dollars, auctioneer Theo Jennings, when a dead body is discovered in the same stable a few days later, becomes the prime suspect in the case—and the target of a killer.

Holly – Stephen King. Formerly shy private detective Holly Gibney reluctantly agrees to search for a client's missing daughter, which may have something to do with an unholy secret being harbored in the basement of a pair of semi-retired octogenarian academics.

12 Months to Live – James Patterson. An ex-NYPD beat cop, unrelenting PI and undefeated defense attorney, terminally ill Jane Smith, while knee-deep in the murder of trial of the century, is targeted by a killer who's determined to end her life before her expiration date.

Black River Orchard – Chuck Wendig. Dark magic transforms a small town when strange trees bearing magical apples begin making residents happier, more confident, more powerful and only wanting to eat more apples in the new novel by the best-selling author of The Book of Accidents.

## **NONFICTION**

Build the Life You Want: the Art and Science of Getting Happier – Arthur C. Brooks. Argues that it is possible to become happier and outlines the path for getting there.

Astor: the Rise and Fall of an American Fortune – Anderson Cooper. The number one New York Times best-selling authors of Vanderbilt turn their focus on another legendary American family that built a business empire and became the richest family in America.

Guinness World Records 2024 – Guinness World Records. The fully revised and updated version of the classic is based on the theme of the Blue Planet, with an emphasis on the natural world, as well as the latest record-breaking successes in music, TV and sports.

Misfit: Growing Up Awkward in the 80s – Gary Gulman. A work of comedy and reflection about the perilous journey from kindergarten to 12th grade and beyond—from a stand-up comic and creator of The Great Depresh.

Your Face Belongs to Us: a Secretive Startup's Quest to End Privacy as We Know It – Kashmir Hill. A star tech reporter at The New York Times presents this gripping true story about a mysterious app called Clearview AI that could identify anyone based on just one snapshot of their face, which would be the ultimate surveillance tool—and which would end privacy as we know it.

Elon Musk – Walter Isaacson. From the author of Steve Jobs and other best-selling biographies comes an intimate story of a controversial businessman who helped to lead the world into the era of electric vehicles, private space exploration and artificial intelligence.

The Sister: North Korea's Kim Yo-Jong, the Most Dangerous Woman in the World – Sung-Yoon Lee. A fascinating, authoritative account of the mysterious world of North Korea and its ruling dynasty—a family whose lust for power entails the brutal repression of civilians, a missile program that can reach the continental US, and the constant threat of global havoc.

Our Fragile Moment: How Lessons from Earth's Past Can Help Us Survive the Climate Crisis – Michael E. Mann. A renowned climate scientist, combining science and history, discusses the conditions on our planet that have allowed us to not only exist but thrive, arming us with the essential information for appreciating the gravity of the unfolding climate crisis, while empowering us to take action before it's too late.

The Art of Home: a Designer Guide to Creating an Elevated Yet Approachable Home – Shea McGee. Taking us through every room of the house, a leading innovator in the interior design industry pairs step-by-step guides with personal stories to help us transform the most important parts of our lives and how we live.

Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped the Women Who Challenged a Nation – Tiya Miles. An award-winning historian shows how girls who found self-understanding in the natural world became women who changed America.

Moving On Doesn't Mean Letting Go: a Modern Guide to Navigating Loss – Gina Moffa. Drawing on nearly 20 years of clinical experience, a licensed grief and trauma therapist helps readers navigate through loss, giving them permission to grieve authentically and showing them how they can be empowered by the very thing they imagined would swallow them whole.

Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell – Sy Montgomery. A National Book Award finalist for *The Soul of an Octopus* and New York Times best-seller turns her journalistic curiosity to the wonder and wisdom of our long-lived cohabitants—turtles—and through their stories of hope and rescue, reveals to us astonishing new perspectives on time and healing.

The Times: How the Newspaper of Record Survived Scandal, Scorn, and the Transformation of Journalism – Adam Nagourney. Drawing on hundreds of interviews and thousands of documents and letters from its archives, this firsthand account of four decades of *The New York Times*, from the final years of Arthur "Punch" Sulzberger's reign as publisher to the election of Donald Trump in 2016, recounts the newspaper's triumphs and failures.

Goth: a History – Lol Tolhurst. A riveting retrospective of the genre's iconic movers and shakers, infused with stories from Tolhurst's personal trove of memories, as well as anecdotes about the musicians, magicians, and artists who made it all happen—the people, places, and things that made Goth an inevitable and enduring movement.

The Masters: Conversations with Dylan, Lennon, Jagger, Townshend, Garcia, Bono, and Springsteen – Jann S. Wenner. A founder of *Rolling Stone* magazine collects interviews with some of the most notable people in music history.

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SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?  
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