

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Starling House – Alix E. Harrow. In a modern gothic fantasy novel, Opal is a lot of things-- orphan, high school dropout, full-time cynic and part-time cashier--but above all, she's a determined to find a better life for her younger brother Jasper.

The Dead Take the A Train – Richard Kadrey. Two best-selling authors team up to deliver a dark new story with magic, monsters and mayhem.

Out There Screaming: an Anthology of New Black Horror – Jordan Peele (editor). The visionary writer and director of *Get Out*, *Us*, and *Nope*, and founder of Monkeypaw Productions, curates an anthology of all-new stories of black horror, exploring not only the terrors of the supernatural but the chilling reality of injustice that haunts our nation.

Last to Leave the Room – Caitlin Starling. From the acclaimed author of *The Death of Jane Lawrence* comes a genre-busting speculative horror novel about a city that is sinking into the earth.

General Fiction

Death Valley – Melissa Broder. A darkly funny novel about grief that becomes a desert survival story.

Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop – Jenny Colgan. In this sequel to the instant New York Times bestseller *The Christmas Bookshop*, an American production company decides that McCredie's is the perfect location to film a very cheesy Christmas movie and Carmen, the bookshop's manager, uses this unexpected windfall to fend off a buyout offer from an obnoxious millionaire.

Coleman Hill: a Biomythography – Kim Coleman Foote. Two American families' fates become intertwined in the wake of the Great Migration.

Family Meal – Bryan Washington. Haunted by the ghost of Kai, the love of his life, Cam returns to his hometown of Houston where he reconnects with his former best friend, TJ, and his family's bakery and wonders if they can find a way back to being okay again.

Twelve Dogs of Christmas – Susan Wiggs. Arriving in Avalon, New York, to drop rescue puppies off at their forever homes, Brenda Malloy is trapped in the town by a blinding snowstorm, an escaped mutt and a life-saving encounter with a single dad and paramedic who restores her faith in Christmas—and love.

Graphic Novel

Monica – Daniel Clowes. *Monica* is a series of interconnected narratives that collectively tell the life story -- actually, stories -- of its title character. Rich with visual detail, an impeccable ear for language and dialogue, and thrilling twists, *Monica* is a multilayered masterpiece in comics form that alludes to many of the genres that have defined the

medium -- war, romance, horror, crime, the supernatural, etc. -- but in a mysterious, uncategorizable, and quintessentially Clowesian way that rewards multiple readings.

Historical Fiction

The House of Doors – Tan Twan Eng. From the best-selling, Booker Prize-shortlisted author of *The Garden of Evening Mists* comes a spellbinding novel about love and betrayal, colonialism and revolution, storytelling and redemption.

The Maniac – Benjamin Labatut. Centered on Hungarian polymath John von Neumann, a prodigy whose gifts terrified those around him, this brilliant work shows us the evolution of a mind unmatched and of a body of work that has unmoored the world in its wake, confronting us with the deepest questions we face as a species.

Sisters Under the Rising Sun – Heather Morris. Prisoners of war in 1942, Australian nurse Nesta James and Norah Chambers, held in the notorious Camp Palembang, deep in the jungle of Sumatra, battle disease, starvation and unimaginable brutality meted out by Japanese soldiers, but found, in themselves and in each other, the courage and resourcefulness to survive.

Let Us Descend – Jesmyn Ward. In the years before the Civil War, Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, struggles through the miles-long march, seeks comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother, opening herself to a world beyond this world.

Mystery & Detective

Dirty Thirty – Janet Evanovich. Trenton, New Jersey's most underappreciated bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum, while taking care of her boyfriend's giant orange dog, tracks the former security guard of a local jeweler who supposedly stole a fortune of diamonds, and must keep herself clean when everyone else is playing dirty.

A Traitor in Whitehall – Julia Kelly. In 1940, Evelyne Redfern, a secretary for Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the cabinet war rooms, uses all of her amateur sleuthing expertise garnered from years of reading mysteries to solve a murder, teaming up with a cagey minister's aide to expose a traitor in their midst.

From a Far and Lovely Country – Alexander McCall Smith. Busier than ever, the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, with no shortage of sensitive situations, are reminded by Mma Ramotswe that the best solutions to life's problems can be found with a bit of good humor, generosity of spirit and a steaming cup of red bush tea.

Murder by Degrees – Ritu Mukerji. A historical mystery set in 19th century Philadelphia follows a pioneering woman doctor as she investigates the disappearance of a young patient who is presumed dead.

Up on the Woof Top – Spencer Quinn. When bestselling author Dame Ariadne Carlisle's lead reindeer Rudy—and her good luck charm, goes missing, Chet the dog and his human partner Bernie, while searching for Rudy, find their seemingly simple case turning into a murder investigation when Dame Ariadne's personal assistant plunges to her death.

Romance

The Burnout – Sophie Kinsella. Retreating to the British seaside resort she loved as a child, burned out professional Sasha meets Finn, who's just as stressed as she is, and forced together by curious messages addressed to them, talk about everything, including the simmering attraction between them.

Second Act – Danielle Steel. Out of a job and humiliated, Andy Westfield, the head of a prestigious movie studio, flees to a tiny, forgotten coastal town in England where he hires a former journalist to help get his affairs in order and in a surprising turn of events, finds a miracle that could change both their lives.

Suspense

The Secret – Lee Child. In 1992, when eight respectable, upstanding people are found dead across the US, Jack Reacher, assigned as the Army's representative, must discover the link between these victims and who killed them, navigating around the ulterior motives and deciding if he should bring the bad guys to justice the official way—or his way.

Blood Lines – Nelson DeMille. Reunited and tasked with investigating the murder of CID Special Agent Harry Vance, an accomplished counterterrorism agent, Army Criminal Investigation Agents Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are immersed in many conflicts and contradictions of modern Germany as they discover Vance's murder is a prelude to a much more sinister event.

The Exchange – John Grisham. In this explosive sequel to *The Firm*, Mitch, a partner at the largest law firm in the world, is asked for a favor by a mentor in Rome that plunges him into a sinister plot that has global implications and once against places everyone he holds dear in danger.

When I'm Dead – Hannah Morrisey. One girl murdered, another one missing, and a medical examiner desperate to uncover the truth.

Judgment Prey – John Sandford. Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers team up to solve another challenging case in this edge-of-your-seat thriller.

Obsession – Stuart Woods. Brought in to recover a young Croatian billionaire's wife, who was kidnapped while her husband was making a deal with Centurion Studios, Teddy Fay quickly comes to realize dark forces are at play, while dealing with an obsessive fan with deadly intentions who weasels his way onto the film set.

The Unmaking of June Farrow – Adrienne Young. Determined to end the curse that has plagued their family line, June Farrow, after her grandmother's death reveals clues to her mother's decades-old disappearance, embarks on a journey that will not only change both the past and the future, but also entangle her heart in an epic star-crossed love.

NONFICTION

Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution – Cat Bohannon. Covering the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex, this groundbreaking account of the real origin of our

species—and a sweeping revision of human history—will completely change what you think you know about evolution.

I Am Asking in the Name of God: Ten Prayers for a Future of Hope – Pope Francis. In this highly anticipated book, published to coincide with the tenth anniversary his papal election, Pope Francis reflects on the 10 most pressing issues we are facing today, inspiring action to unite humanity and usher in a new age of a world more beautiful than we can imagine.

Breaking Through: My Life in Science – Katalin Kariko. In this gripping testament to perseverance and the power of conviction, the pioneering Hungarian American biochemist recounts her 30-year investigation into messenger RNA (mRNA), which nearly cost her everything, that led to the creation of vaccines that protected millions of people from the direst consequences of COVID-19.

How the Talmud Can Change Your Life: Surprisingly Modern Advice from a Very Old Book – Liel Leibovitz. Contemporary discussions framed by Talmudic philosophy and psychology draw on subjects ranging from Weight Watchers and the Dewey decimal system to the lives of Billie Holiday and C. S. Lewis. Chapters focus on fundamental human experiences—the mind-body problem, the power of community, the challenges of love—to illuminate how the Talmud speaks to our daily existence.

Best of the World: 1,000 Destinations of a Lifetime – National Geographic. Discover your next great adventure in this beautifully illustrated guide to the world's best travel destinations. From the ultimate hiking trails to the most scenic train rides, the most stunning coral reefs to the most epic mountain retreats, you'll find 1,000 exceptional destinations to add to your travel bucket list!

The Dictionary People: the Unsung Heroes Who Created the Oxford English Dictionary – Sarah Ogilvie. For the first time ever, this thrilling literary detective story, doubling as a celebration of words, language, people and one of mankind's greatest achievements, unravels the mystery of the contributors from around the world who, for over 70 years, helped to codify the way we read, write and speak.

The Lumumba Plot: the Secret History of the CIA and a Cold War Assassin – Stuart A. Reid. Reading like a Cold War spy thriller, this engrossing work of history recounts the U.S.-sanctioned plot in 1960 to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, the leader of the newly independent Congo, to forestall the spread of communism in Africa, which represented the opening chapter of a long horror story.

In the Form of a Question: the Joys and Rewards of a Curious Life – Amy Schneider. Armed with boundless curiosity and fearless questioning, the most successful woman ever to compete on Jeopardy! shares how she won an even greater prize—the joy of being herself on national television and blazing a trail for openly queer and transgender people around the world.

Be Useful: Seven Tools for Life – Arnold Schwarzenegger. Sharing his toolkit for a meaningful life, along with personal stories, and life-changing successes and life-threatening failures alike, the Austrian-born bodybuilder, actor, businessman, philanthropist and politician shows us how to put these tools to work, in service of whatever fulfilling future we can dream up for ourselves.

Making It So: a Memoir – Patrick Stewart. The distinguished stage and screen actor whose illustrious career spans six decades and who has captivated audiences around the world presents his long-awaited memoir in which he recounts his journey thus far, from his humble beginnings in Yorkshire, England, to the very heights of Hollywood.

Being Henry: the Fonz... and Beyond – Henry Winkler. With profound heart, charm and self-deprecating humor, the Emmy award-winning actor, producer and director, who has endeared himself to a new generation, shares the disheartening truth of his childhood, the pressures of a role that takes on a life of its own and the path forward once your wildest dream seems behind you.

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SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?
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