

**** HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2024 ****

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Beautyland – Marie-Helene Bertino. A woman who doesn't feel at home on Earth and was born with knowledge of a faraway planet is encouraged by a friend to share what she knows in the new novel from the author of Parakeet.

Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands – Heather Fawcett. A professor and expert in faerie folklore sets out to map the realms of their world, still not ready to accept a marriage proposal from Wendell Bumbleby, in the second novel of the series following Emily Wild's Encyclopedia of Faeries.

General

Good Material – Dolly Alderton. After a bad breakup, Andy desperately tries solving the puzzle of his ruined relationship with Jen in order to win her back in the new novel by the New York Times best-selling author of Everything I Know About Love.

Dead in Long Beach, California – Venita Blackburn. Discovering her brother has committed suicide, a successful yet lonely author with a hit dystopian novel begins responding to texts as her late brother on her phone and becomes more and more untethered from reality.

Mercury – Amy Jo Burns. Arriving in Mercury, Pennsylvania, in 1990, gorgeous teenager and perpetual loner Marley West marries one of the Joseph brothers and tries to lead this family of roofers to stability in this hardworking, blue-collar town by helping them escape their unwieldy father's shadow.

Behind You is the Sea – Susan Muaddi Darraj. A new novel that gives voice to the diverse residents of a Palestinian American community in Baltimore—from young activists in conflict with their traditional parents to the poor who clean for the rich—shows lives which intersect across divides of class, generation and religion.

Family Family – Laurie Frankel. An actress who makes a film about adoption starts a media storm after admitting to a journalist that it's a bad movie and that she gave up a baby for adoption during her senior year.

The Bullet Swallower – Elizabeth Gonzalez-James. A Mexican bandito sets off for Texas to save his family, only to encounter a mysterious figure who has come, finally, to collect a cosmic debt generations in the making.

Come and Get It – Kiley Reid. A senior resident assistant at the University of Arkansas accepts an easy yet unusual opportunity offered by a visiting professor and things get messy when her new side-hustle is jeopardized by strange new friends and illicit and vengeful dorm antics.

River East, River West – Aube Rey-Lescure. Set against the backdrop of developing modern China, a new novel is a coming-of-age tale, part family and social drama, as it follows two generations searching for belonging and opportunity in a rapidly changing world. A first novel.

Wild and Distant Seas – Tara Karr Roberts. Follows four generations of women as they seek to chart their own futures.

Historical

You Dreamed of Empires – Alvaro Enrique. Bringing to life Tenochtitlan at its height and reimagines its destiny, the vision author of Sudden Death takes us back to 1519 where conquistador Hernan Cortes meets emperor Moctezuma in a collision of two worlds, two empires, two languages and two possible futures.

Diva – Daisy Goodwin. Describes the scandalous love affair between the legendary opera singer, Maria Callas, and the fabulously rich Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, whose relationship ended suddenly with the shocking news that he was to marry Jacqueline Kennedy.

Mockingbird Summer – Lynda Rutledge. An emotional coming-of-age novel set amid the turmoil and profound changes of the 1960s, by the best-selling author of West with Giraffes.

Hard by a Great Forest – Leo Vardiashvili. After fleeing the former Soviet republic of Georgia as a child and being forced to leave his mother behind, Saba returns to their beautiful, decaying homeland to search for his brother who went missing while searching for their father.

Mystery & Detective

The Busy Body – Kemper Donovan. After a very public defeat, former Senator Dorothy Gibson retreats to her home in rural Maine, inviting her ghostwriter to join her, and soon the two women are drawn into a mystery when a neighbor dies under suspicious circumstances and find their investigation unfolding in a way no one could've ever expected.

Dream Town – Lee Goldberg. LASD detective Eve Ronin struggles to investigate the murder of a reality star that brings her into a music industry war and puts her into conflict with a vicious Chilean gang in the fifth novel of the series following *Movieland*.

Random in Death – J. D. Robb. When a 16-year-old girl is murdered during a show at a New York club, Lieutenant Eve Dallas, with the lab results showing a toxic mix of substances and infectious agents in the victim's body, must find a madman consumed by hatred who's just another face in the crowd.

Everyone On This Train Is a Suspect – Benjamin Stevenson. On a famous Australian train between Darwin and Adelaide for the Mystery Writers' Society one of the attendees is murdered for real in the new mystery from the author of *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*.

Romance

The Friendship Club – Robyn Carr. After a series of terrible dates, Marni McGuire, the host of a popular TV cooking show, forms an unbreakable bond with her best friend Ellen as well as a young intern on the show and her pregnant daughter Bella as they navigate the challenges and celebrate the joys of life.

The Night Island – Jayne Ann Krentz. When a mysterious informant disappears, Talia March, searching for a list of people like her and her friends, is forced to team up with Luke Rand, a hunted and haunted man chasing the same list, when they are both targeted by a killer.

Upside Down – Danielle Steel. While her mother, Oscar-winning actress Ardith Law, a Hollywood icon at sixty-two, deals with conflicting feels for a much-younger man, her daughter, Morgan, a successful plastic surgeon in NYC, falls for a much-older man, which brings them together as they each try to navigate an unconventional romance.

Suspense

The Mountain King – Anders de la Motte. Follows an overachieving female inspector investigating the darkest side of humanity.

First Lie Wins – Ashley Elston. A woman with many faces and identities, Evie Porter, covertly moves from job to job for her unknown employer until her latest mark, Ryan Summer gets under her skin and makes her envision a different sort of life.

The Mysterious Case of the Alperon Angels – Janice Hallett. A true crime journalist who revives a long-buried case about a cult—and finds herself too close to the story. By the internationally best-selling author of *The Twyford Code*.

The Heiress – Rachel Hawkins. After North Carolina's richest – and most notorious – heiress dies, her adopted son, Camden, rejects his inheritance until 10 years later, when his uncle's death pulls him and his wife back into the family fold at Ashby House where he realizes the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.

Who to Believe – Edwin Hill. When popular restaurateur Laurel Thibodeau is found brutally murdered in her own home, and her husband is the prime suspect, six friends gather together, sharing theories about Laurel's death, soon realizing they each have something to hide as jealousy, revenge, adultery and greed converge.

The Bad Weather Friend – Dean R. Koontz. When he loses his job, his reputation, his fiancée and his favorite chair, Benny Catspaw gets a strange inheritance from an uncle he's never heard of – a seven-foot-tall self-described "bad weather friend" named Spike whose mission is to help people who are just too good for this world.

The Fury – Alex Michaelides. Spending Easter with Lana Farrar, a reclusive ex-movie star and one of the most famous women in the world, on her idyllic private Greek island, her guests, concealing hatred and desire for revenge, become trapped when the night ends in violence and murder.

Holmes, Marple & Poe – James Patterson. Brendan Holmes, Margaret Marple and Auguste Poe open a private investigating company together and their daring methodology

and news-making solved cases would make their last-namesakes proud and attract the attention of an NYPD detective.

Dead Man's Hand – Brad Taylor. Brad Taylor and Pike Logan face off against Putin's agents and a group of rogue Ukrainian partisans plotting to assassinate a Swedish deputy minister in the latest novel in the series following *The Devil's Ransom*.

NONFICTION

Ultimate Air Fryer Perfection: 185 Remarkable Recipes That Make the Most of Your Air Fryer – America's Test Kitchen. (*October release*) This is the only air fryer book you need with its must-have trusted equipment information, expert techniques, and amazing recipes. Everything that has made *Air Fryer Perfection* a best-seller is here along with reviews of the newest air fryers to help you decide which one to buy. You'll also find 185 effortless recipes that include all of your go-to favorites plus recipes for breakfast, vibrant complete meals, and small-batch baking. Discover the best way to roast salmon and other seafood, air-fry all kinds of vegetables, efficiently make dinner by layering a main and a side, and more.

Long Island and the Sea: a Maritime History – Bill Bleyer. Familiar subjects of lighthouses, shipwrecks and whaling are found alongside oft-forgotten history such as Pan-American flying boats landing in Manhasset Bay in the early days of transatlantic flight. From the British blockade and skirmishes during the American Revolution to the sinking of merchant vessels by Germany in World War II, the sea brought wars to these shores. Gold Coast millionaires commuted in high-speed yachts to Manhattan offices as the island's wealth grew. Historian Bill Bleyer reveals Long Island's nautical bonds from the Native Americans to current efforts to preserve the region's maritime heritage.

Founding Partisans: Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, Adams and the Brawling Birth of American Politics – H. W. Brands. (*November release*) The country's first years unfolded in a contentious spiral of ugly elections and blatant violations of the Constitution. Still, peaceful transfers of power continued, and the nascent country made its way towards global dominance, against all odds. *Founding Partisans* is a powerful reminder that fierce partisanship is a problem as old as the republic.

Reasons Not to Worry: How to Be Stoic in Chaotic Times – Brigid Delaney. (*October release*) From learning to relinquish control to cultivating daily awareness of our mortality to building community, Brigid's insights are very funny and very wise. Stoicism can be a tough medicine to swallow, but no longer. Thoughtful, timely, surprisingly practical, and filled to the brim with ways to learn how best to be in the world, Delaney's guide provides compelling and sensible reasons not to worry.

Food, We Need to Talk: the Science-Based, Humor-Laced Last Word on Eating, Diet, and Making Peace with Your Body – Juna Gjata. (*July release*) *Food, We Need To Talk* is a young woman's look at the landscape of dieting, weight and health as it is right this moment—from the modern body-inclusivity movement to weight and dressing for social media instead of real life—as well as a very relatable doctor's long view. Together, they've created a unique, information-rich book with a real voice that entertains as it pulls you through.

The Chutney Life: 100 Easy-to-Make Indian-Inspired Recipes – Palak Patel. (*October release*) The 100 easy-to-make recipes in this cookbook not only celebrate the Indian food Patel grew up eating but also the loving hands that made that food. Filled with anecdotes, love notes to Patel's favorite kitchen tools, and many time-saving tips, Patel's recipes find inspiration in resourcefulness. Busy moms and curious cooks alike will find new, exciting flavors here, inspired by souvenirs of Patel's travels, makeovers of classics, and Indian remakes of favorites.

The Allergy-Friendly Cookbook: Simple Recipes for the Whole Family – Elizabeth Pecoraro. (*August release*) Registered dietitian Elizabeth Pecoraro teaches families with allergies to cook simple, healthy, delicious meals that are completely free of the top nine allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, egg, milk, wheat, soy, fish, shellfish, and sesame. Pecoraro, whose own children live with food allergies, offers 60 allergy-friendly recipes that won't take you hours to prepare and that your whole family will enjoy. With each recipe, she also provides substitution options, nutrition notes, and cooking tips. In addition, she shares which allergy-friendly manufacturers she trusts for her own family.

How Not to Kill Your Houseplant: Survival Tips for the Horticulturally Challenged – Veronica Peerless. With over 50 different types of popular houseplants, this book summarizes what type of care your plants do (or don't) need. Find out which types of plants will thrive in your living space. You'll also discover how to keep a cactus alive, where to hang air plants, and how to repot succulents. Understand how much light, water, heat, and humidity your plant needs. Whatever your horticulture woes, this book will explain and fix it.

Cooking My Way: Recipes and Techniques for Economical Cooking – Jacques Pépin. (*September release*) All great chefs know not to waste ingredients, time, or effort—and for master chef Jacques Pépin, this means thinking efficiently about cooking, even at home. In Jacques Pépin Cooking My Way, the legendary cooking teacher offers expert insights on cooking economically at home, with techniques that save money, time, and cleanup effort, without sacrificing taste.

Napoleon: a Life – Andrew Roberts. The first one-volume biography to take advantage of the recent publication of Napoleon's thirty-three thousand letters, which radically transform our understanding of his character and motivation. At last we see him as he was: protean multitasker, decisive, surprisingly willing to forgive his enemies and his errant wife Josephine. Like Churchill, he understood the strategic importance of telling his own story, and his memoirs, dictated from exile on St. Helena, became the single bestselling book of the nineteenth century.

Eat, Poop, Die: How Animals Make Our World – Joe Roman. (*November release*) From the volcanoes of Iceland to the tropical waters of Hawaii, the great plains of the American heartland, and beyond, Eat, Poop, Die, "compulsively readable" (Shelby Van Pelt), takes readers on an exhilarating and enlightening global adventure, revealing the remarkable ways in which the most basic biological activities of animals make and remake the world—and how a deeper understanding of these cycles provides us with opportunities to undo the environmental damage humanity has wrought on the planet we call home.

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds – Merlin Sheldrake. (*November release*)

Fungi throw our concepts of individuality and even intelligence into question. They are metabolic masters, earth makers, and key players in most of life's processes. They can change our minds, heal our bodies, and even help us remediate environmental disaster. In vivid, surprising images, Sheldrake reveals how these extraordinary organisms—and our relationships with them—are changing our understanding of how life works.

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