

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Mercy of Gods – James S. A. Corey. When the Carryx decimate the human population, taking the best and brightest of Anjiin society to serve on their home world, Dafyd Alkhor, swept along with them, is forced to compete against the other captive species with extinction as the price of failure.

House of Bone and Rain – Gabino Iglesias. In Puerto Rico, five teenagers vow vengeance for their friend's mother who was murdered by a drug kingpin, while a hurricane unleashes vengeful spirits on the island in the new novel from the author of *The Devil Takes You Home*.

A Mask of Flies – Matthew Lyons. A criminal and the cop she's taken hostage must find their way to safety—pursued by threats both human and supernatural—after a failed bank robbery.

Sacrificial Animals – Kailee Pedersen. Inspired by the author's own journey being adopted from Nanning, China, in 1996 and growing up on a farm in Nebraska, this rich and atmospheric supernatural horror debut explores an ancient Chinese mythology.

General Fiction

The Hypocrite – Jo Hamya. Set through one staging of a play, this brilliant novel seamlessly shifts time and perspective as a young playwright awaits her father's verdict on her new show while her father, realizing she's laid him bare to create a skewering critique of the sexual mores of the men of his generation, fears her voice.

The Seventh Veil of Salome – Silvia Moreno-Garcia. In 1950s Hollywood, when an unknown Mexican ingenue is cast as Salome, a star-making role in a big-budget movie about the legendary heroine, she becomes the object of envy of Nancy Hartley, a bit player who will do anything to win the fame she believes she richly deserves.

How to Leave the House – Nathan Newman. It's Natwest's last day before he leaves for university, and there's only one thing on his mind: the deeply embarrassing package he ordered to his house—which still hasn't arrived—and he won't leave town without it.

Mina's Matchbox – Yoko Ogawa. In 1972, twelve-year-old Tomoko is sent to stay with her affluent aunt's family in a coastal town in Japan where she, beguiled by her devoted aunt, her German great-aunt, her charming uncle and her cousin, Mina, who draws her into an intoxicating world of secrets and storytelling, soon discovers the truth behind their glittering façade.

By Any Other Name – Jodi Picoult. Across centuries two women, Melina Green and Emilia Bassano, one a modern playwright and the other her Elizabethan ancestor, each fight societal expectations to have their voices heard on the stage in a world that silences female playwrights.

Unspeakable Home – Ismet Prcic. A novel from an award-winning Bosnian refugee and writer who, decades after escaping his war-torn home country looks back on his childhood, imploded relationships and battles with addiction—offering powerful insight into the human cost of conflict.

The Anthropologists – Aysegul Savas. Unfolding over a series of apartment viewings, late-night conversations, last rounds of drinks and lazy breakfasts, this mesmerizing examination of homebuilding and modern love follows Asya, a documentarian, and Manu as they open the horizons of their lives, what and whom they'll hold onto and what they'll need to let go.

Historical Fiction

The Volcano Daughters – Gina Maria Balibrera. Spending years under the cruel dictator El Gran Pendejo's regime in El Salvador, sisters Graciela and Consuelo, when genocide strikes the community from which they hail, and each believing the other to be dead, flee across the globe, reinventing themselves until fate brings them back together in the most unlikely of ways.

The Rose Arbor – Rhys Bowen. In 1968 London, obituary writer Liz Houghton, to break into the newsroom at a London newspaper, helps her best friend, a police officer, investigate a high-profile case and uncovers a mystery dating back to World War II that is linked to the recent disappearance of a young girl and a murder.

The Instrumentalist – Harriet Constable. A novel of music, intoxication and betrayal inspired by the true story of Anna Maria della Pietà, a Venetian orphan and violin prodigy who studied under Antonio Vivaldi and ultimately became his star musician—and his biggest muse. A first novel.

A Pair of Wings – Carole Hopson. A novel inspired by the life of pioneer aviatrix Bessie Coleman, a Black woman who learned to fly at the dawn of aviation and found freedom in the air.

Mystery & Detective

Dark Wives – Ann Cleeves. When a man's body is found by a care home for troubled teens—a murder linked to the disappearance of a 14-year-old resident, DI Vera Stanhope is called in to investigate and when second connected body is found near the Three Dark Wives monument in the Northumberland countryside, superstition and folklore collide with fact.

Spirit Crossing – William Kent Krueger. As a huge manhunt is launched to find a local politician's daughter, Cork O'Connor, and the newly formed Iron Lake Ojibwe Tribal Police, when the body of a young Ojibwe woman is found, uncover a connection to the missing teenager—one that places his own grandson in the crosshairs of a killer.

Cabaret Macabre – Tom Mead. To expose a murderous secret at a grand English estate, a retired magician tackles impossible crimes while a sister fights for her wrongly imprisoned brother, in the new novel from the author of *Death and the Conjuror*.

Come to the Window – Howard Norman. In 1918, amid war and pandemic, a Nova Scotia murder ignites a reporter's pursuit of the truth as his wife, a war surgeon, becomes unexpectedly entangled.

Angel of Vengeance – Douglas Preston. An FBI Special Agent poses as a cleric in New York's notorious Five Points slum to help catch a dangerous serial killer, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *The Cabinet of Dr. Leng*.

The In Crowd – Charlotte Vassell. When two bodies, linked to two different cold cases, are found, Detective Inspector Caius Beauchamp, along with his associates, investigates these parallel missing persons cases, finding himself ensnared in the unexpected political machinations of a duke-in-waiting.

Romance

Let the Games Begin – Rufaro Faith Mazarura. (*July release*) Interning at the 2024 Summer Games in Athens, Olivia, when she meets Zeke, the heartthrob runner of Team Great Britain, finds things heating up as they become close, but when the competition gets fierce, she must decide if their relationship is strong enough to cross the finish line.

Joy – Danielle Steel. Abandoned by her free-spirited mother and raised by an emotionally distant father, Allegra finds solace in books and love, only to face the harsh realities of war and its impact on her husband, who returns from Afghanistan nearly unrecognizable.

Take Me Home – Melanie Sweeney. Forced to return home for her father's wedding, Hazel agrees to take her frenemy, Ash, with her when his car breaks down, and as they endure bad music, inclement weather and B&Bs with only one bed, Hazel, when they finally arrive, realizes, for the first time, she's found a reason to stay.

Story Collections

There is a Rio Grande in Heaven – Ruben Reyes, Jr. A debut story collection about Central American identity that spans past, present and future worlds to reveal what happens when your life is no longer your own.

The History of Sound – Ben Shattuck. (*July release*) This stunning collection of 12 stories set across three centuries, from 1700s Nantucket to the contemporary woods of New Hampshire and beyond, examines the unexpected ways the past returns to us and how love and loss are entwined and transformed for generations.

Suspense

Red River Road – Anna Downes. A woman is desperate to discover what happened to her sister on her solo road trip through the Australian outback.

Burn – Peter Heller. Longtime hunting buddies Jess and Storey stumble out of the woods and into a post-apocalyptic Maine after their two-week, off-the-grid moose hunt, forcing them to fight their way home amidst bewildering secessionist violence and a shocking discovery.

The Lost Coast – Jonathan Kellerman. PI Clay Edison, when a case of simple fraud explodes into an elaborate con game stretching back decades and involving countless

victims, follows the evidence to a tiny town on California's remote Lost Coast where he discovers the price of truth is higher—and deadlier—than he ever could've imagined.

House of Glass – Sarah Pekkanen. Best Interest Attorney, Stella Hudson, takes on the case of an 8-year-old girl who witnessed the death of her nanny amid her parents' ugly divorce and realizes that everyone is a suspect.

Fire and Bones – Kathy Reichs. Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan investigates a deadly fire in a Washington, DC neighborhood called Foggy Bottom with a colorful past and ties to gangs in the present, in the latest addition to the long-running series following The Bone Hacker.

The Snap – Elizabeth Staple. When a legendary coach is found dead with five threatening notes for each of them, football professional Poppy and the W.A.G.S., high-ranking women in sports who need a release from the indignities and frustrations that come with navigating the ultimate boys' club, must reckon with the choices they've made to get where they are.

City of Secrets – P. J. Tracy. LAPD Detective Margaret Nolan investigates what appears to be a fatal car-jacking, but uncovers details about the victim that suggests there's more going on, in the fourth novel of the series following The Devil You Know.

Tom Clancy Shadow State – M. P. Woodward. Cut off from his comrades at The Campus just when he needs them most, Jack Ryan, Jr. finds himself in the middle of an international conspiracy that may be too much for even him to handle.

NONFICTION

White Robes and Broken Badges: Infiltrating the KKK and Exposing the Evil Among Us – Joe Moore. In this pulse-pounding, real-life thriller, a former FBI informant, recounts how he successfully infiltrated the KKK in the backwoods of Florida, recounting the steep personal costs of immersing himself in their racist ideology and twisted rituals while identifying modern far-right spinoffs with the same goal of inciting a violent second civil war.

The Slow Road North: How I Found Peace in an Improbably Country – Rosie Schaap. When a reporting trip takes her to the Northern Irish countryside, journalist Rosie Schaap, still reeling from the deaths of her husband and her mother, decides to make Glenarm, a quiet, seaside village associated with sectarian strife, her home, which gives her a measure of peace that seemed impossible elsewhere.

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