

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Bellevue – Robin Cook. As Dr. Mitt Fuller begins his surgical residency at Bellevue Hospital, his sixth sense intensifies, leading him to uncover sinister connections between mysterious patient deaths and the dark secrets of an abandoned local psychopathic hospital.

North is the Night – Emily Rath. Two bold young women, Siiri and Aina, defy the gods and mortals, living and dead, with Siiri seeking the greatest shaman of legend to rescue Aina from the cruel Witch Queen, in a deluxe edition of a darkly mythical, Finnish folklore-inspired fantasy adventure.

Mechanize My Hands to War – Erin K. Wagner. Achilling nonlinear sci-fi novel examines androids as a labor force in conflict with both human farmers and homegrown militias in near-future Appalachia.

General Fiction

I Might Be in Trouble – Daniel Aleman. After his second novel flops and his boyfriend leaves, David has an amazing night with a stranger from a dating app but wakes to find his date dead, so he and his literary agent, Stacey, try to untangle what happened.

Private Rites – Julia Armfield. In a world reshaped by unending rain, sisters Isla, Irene, and Agnes reunite after their father's death, only to uncover disturbing secrets in their childhood home that fracture their fragile bond and reveal a sinister purpose tied to their mother's disappearance and their imperiled world.

No Place to Bury the Dead – Karina Saiz Borgo. Angustias Romero loses her children to a mysterious plague but finds refuge within herself at Third Country, a cemetery run by Visitación Salazar, and Angustias and Visitación stand ground in a dispute with feared landowner Alcides Abundio.

We Need No Wings – Ann Davila Cardinal. (*September release*) Teresa Sanchez, a direct descendent of St. Teresa of Ávila, finds herself lost after her retirement ... until the day she begins to levitate.

Sister Snake – Amanda Lee Koe. Su, a sheltered wife of a conservative politician in Singapore, and her rebellious sister, Emerald, a New York sugar baby, are bound by a 1000-year-old secret from their past as snakes in Tang dynasty China, but their reunion in Singapore threatens to unravel their hidden identities.

What It's Like in Words – Eliza Moss. Approaching 30 and feeling adrift, Enola clings to a toxic relationship with an enigmatic writer, believing that she as a "Cool Girl" can handle the red flags, but over the course of twenty-four hours (and two years), she's forced to reevaluate her beliefs about love, family, friendship, and herself.

Definitely Better Now – Ava Robinson. Celebrating one year sober, Emma finds her carefully controlled life unravelling when her estranged father reappears, she's tasked with

planning the office holiday party and she meets a charming IT guy who challenges her to embrace imperfection.

Rental House - Weike Wang. Keru and Nate, a couple navigating the cultural divides between her strict Chinese immigrant family and his rural white roots, face the challenges of family tensions during a vacation, questioning their ability to bridge these differences while grappling with what it truly means to create and sustain a family.

Historical Fiction

In the Distance – Hernan Diaz. (*October release*) A young Swedish immigrant finds himself penniless and alone in California. The boy travels east in search of his brother, moving on foot against the great current of emigrants pushing west. Driven back again and again, he meets criminals, naturalists, religious fanatics, swindlers, American Indians, and lawmen, and his exploits turn him into a legend.

Melvill – Rodrigo Fresan. (*October release*) Based on Herman Melville and his father Allan Melvill—plowing through childhood days at the bedside of a hallucinated man and nights as a twilight writer who no longer wields a pen nor harpoon— *Melvill* goes on the hunt for the enigma of the always orphaned literary vocation, for the legacy of family stigma, the steersmen of fiction, and the castaways of reality.

The Champagne Letters – Kate Macintosh. In 1805 Reims, Barbe-Nicole Clicquot, determined to build a premier champagne house despite her husband's death, navigates war, competition, and court politics, while in present-day Paris, Natalie Taylor, inspired by Clicquot's letters, seeks to rebuild her life after a divorce and faces a life-changing decision.

Sweet Vidalia – Lisa Sandlin. Eliza Kratke's stable life in the Bayard, Texas, of 1964 is shattered by her husband's sudden death, uncovering long-hidden secrets that force her to confront the illusions that shaped her existence and inspiring her to rebuild her life far outside of her comfort zone.

The Rest is Memory – Lily Tuck. In a fictionalized retelling of a real-life tragedy, fourteen-year-old Czeslawa's brief life, from her upbringing in a Polish village to her death at Auschwitz, is explored alongside the broader suffering of millions during the German occupation, bringing her forgotten story to light.

Mystery & Detective

The Secret of the Three Fates – Jesse Armstrong. American heiress Ruby Vaughn and her employer, Mr. Owen, are drawn into a dangerous investigation after a séance at Manhurst Castle ends in murder, forcing them to uncover long-buried secrets and clear their names with the help of folk healer Ruan Kivell before they become the next targets.

Perfect Storm – Paige Shelton. Beth Rivers and her boyfriend, Tex, quickly leave Benedict, Alaska, to hide from her one-time kidnapper, Travis, and then return with the widow of a recently murdered man for Police Chief Gril to investigate, who then disappears.

Trouble Island – Sharon Short. On Trouble Island in Lake Erie, maid Aurelia Escalante, secretly a gangster's wife in hiding, faces escalating dangers when her employer, Rosita, the wife of a notorious gangster, disappears and is later found dead.

Romance

Eddie Winston is Looking for Love – Marianne Cronin. Ninety-year-old Eddie Winston, a lifelong romantic who has never been kissed, embarks on an unexpected adventure with grieving young woman, Bella, to finally find love and discover the enduring power of friendship and second chances.

Love You a Latke – Amanda Eliot. (*October release*) Love comes home for the challah-days in this sparkling romance. Over latkes, doughnuts, and winter adventures in Manhattan, Abby begins to realize that her fake boyfriend and his family might just be igniting a flame in her own guarded heart.

Short Stories

Mark Twain's Tales of the Macabre and Mysterious – Mark Twain. (*September release*) Brought vividly to life by nearly 70 entirely original and realistic illustrations, these tales place characters in macabre and inexplicable situations, send them into remote dimensions of time and space, and have them commit terrible crimes, make incredible mistakes, and play fantastic tricks on one another. Readers will find this collection eye-opening, chilling, and thought-provoking ... but also full of laughs!

Suspense

Locked In – Jussi Adler-Olsen. Detective Carl Mørck, head of Department Q, is framed for a violent case from his past, so his colleagues Rose, Assad, and Gordon ignore direct orders to find answers and free Carl from Copenhagen's Vestre prison, where there's a million-dollar bounty on his head to ensure he doesn't talk.

Tom Clancy Defense Protocol – Brian Andrews. As Chinese President Li Jian Jun plans a secret military takeover of Taiwan, Defense Minister Qin Haiyu seeks asylum with the CIA, prompting a covert task force led by John Clark and Lt. Commander Katie Ryan's defense of Taiwan, while President Jack Ryan races to prevent a catastrophic war.

Stuart Woods' Golden Hour – Brett Battles. Former CIA operative Teddy Fay embarks on a European press tour for a film while secretly investigating the mysterious deaths of former colleagues linked to a past mission, all while evading assassins determined to expose his identity.

Havoc – Christopher Bollen. Eighty-one-year-old widow Maggie Burkhardt seeks refuge at the Royal Karnak, but when she befriends a troubled young mother and her mischievous son, she unwittingly opens her heart to a challenge that tests her resolve like never before.

The Resurrectionist – A. Rae Dunlap. In 19th century Scotland, when real-life serial killers Burke and Hare terrorized the streets of Edinburgh, a young medical student is lured into the illicit underworld of body snatching.

Deadbeat – Adam Hamdy. After a devastating accident, Peyton Collard's life spirals, leading him to become a vigilante-for-hire and despite being haunted by his actions, he embarks on a dangerous quest to uncover the truth behind his mysterious employer.

NONFICTION

How To Laugh at Death and Taxes: What Executors, Willmakers, Heirs, and Beneficiaries Need to Know – Barbara Amsden. (*June release*) This book is for everyone at some time in their life. If you're breathing, this book's for you... or your parents, friends, teenagers moving into their first apartment, newlyweds, new parents, siblings, ... oh, and the person or people you name as executor. Hope to be a beneficiary or heir? Yup, you too. Think you can do it alone? Be my guest, but first Google "executor horror stories."

Age of Melt: What Glaciers, Ice Mummies, and Ancient Artifacts Teach Us About Climate, Culture, and a Future Without Ice – Lisa Baril. (*September release*) Explores the deep-rooted cultural connection between humans and ice through time while examining the artifacts being found in melting ice and what these artifacts reveal about culture, wilderness and what we gain when we rethink our relationship to the world of ice.

Kissing Kevin: an American Nurse in the Vietnam War – Sara Berg. (*June release*) Berg's inspiring story, *Kissing Kevin*, shines a light in heart-wrenching detail on the arc of a young woman's life fresh from nursing school to a warzone in Vietnam. Her story takes us from northern California to the painful learning grounds of the 24th Evac Hospital in Long Binh, Vietnam, in 1970–1971. With clarity and urgency, Sara captures the experience of the kisses, touches, and losses of her time caring for her soldiers.

The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I – Douglas Brunt. (*September release*) A New York Times best-selling author attempts to solve the 100-year-old mystery about the fate of Rudolf Diesel, one of the world's greatest inventors who disappeared on the eve of World War I just as his new internal combustion engine was on the verge of revolutionizing global industry forever.

Cher: the Memoir, part one – Cher. The notable pop star and diva offers the first part of her extensive biography about her fascinating life.

Well Plated Every Day: Recipes for Easier, Healthier, More Exciting Daily Meals – Erin Clarke. (*October releases*) The recipes in this save-you-every-time cookbook showcase Erin's mastery of dishes that are just a little lighter but pack the same punch, flavor combos that will surprise and delight family and friends, and cooking techniques that save steps and effort. Most of the recipes in this essential cookbook are all-in-one, ready-in-less-than-an-hour main dishes.

Water, Water: Poems – Billy Collins. (*November release*) The former Poet Laureate shares a collection of sixty poems that explore the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of daily life, blending clarity with a touch of mystery, and capturing both familiar and unusual.

Connecticut Pirates and Privateers: Treasure and Treachery in the Constitution State – Wick Griswold. (*2015 release*) Wick Griswold uncovers the swashbuckling stories of Connecticut's pirates and privateers, brimming with historical facts and local myths.

That Librarian: the Fight Against Book Banning in America – Amanda Jones. (*August release*) Part memoir, part manifesto, the inspiring story of a Louisiana librarian advocating for inclusivity on the front lines of America's vicious culture wars.

Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World – Robin Wall Kimmerer. (November release) The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* explains how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity and community, based on the lessons of the natural world.

Every Valley: the Desperate Lives and Troubled Times That Made Handel's Messiah – Charles King. (October release) The *New York Times* best-selling historian reveals the untold moving story of the diverse and troubled individuals behind Handel's *Messiah*, set against the backdrop of 18th-century Britain's bust of creativity, war and political turmoil.

Social Security 101: from Medicare to Spousal Benefits, an Essential Primer on Government Retirement Aid – Alfred Mill. (October release) A user-friendly guide that simplifies the complexities of the social security system by providing updated information and practical insights on topics such as benefits calculation and retirement age, while also exploring the program's history and future.

Combing Through the White House: Hair and Its Shocking Impact on the Politics, Private Lives, and Legacies of the Presidents – Theodore Pappas. (August release) A delightfully novel look at American history with photographs and illustrations, *Combing Through the White House* by encyclopedia editor Theodore Pappas explores how hair has not only affected the lives and legacies of the men and women surrounding the presidency, but has even changed the political landscape of the country.

Forbidden Garden: the Botanists of Beseiged Leningrad and Their Impossible Choice – Simon Parkin. (October release) The award-winning author of *The Island of Extraordinary Captives* returns with a true story of botanists at the world's first seed bank who, during the 872-day Siege of Leningrad, faced the impossible choice of eating their collection to survive or protecting it to help end world hunger, ultimately risking their lives to save the seeds.

Scotland Yard: a History of the London Police Force's Most Infamous Murder Cases – Simon Read. (September release) Based on official case files, contemporary newspaper reporting, trial transcripts and first-hand accounts, a true-crime history of London's first modern police force tells the tales of some of history's most notorious murders—with cases that proved to be landmarks in the field of criminal inquiry.

Box Office Poison: Hollywood's Story in a Century of Flops – Tim Robey. A *Daily Telegraph* film critic presents an entertaining alternative history of Hollywood, exploring a century of notable film flops, with insights into the film industry, public tastes and the circumstances behind these essential cinematic failures.

Mr. Churchill in the White House: the Untold Story of a Prime Minister and Two Presidents – Robert Schmuhl. (July release) Drawing on years of research, this eye-opening account of America and Britain's "Special Relationship" during WWII and the 1950s recounts Winston Churchill's extended visits to the White House during his two terms as prime minister, demonstrating just how influential a foreign leader can become in shaping American foreign policy.

Heartbreak is the National Anthem: How Taylor Swift Reinvented Pop Music – Rob Sheffield. (November release) A *Rolling Stone* columnist provides an intimate look at Taylor Swift's evolution into a global pop phenomenon, detailing her musical impact,

storytelling prowess and cultural significance and unique connection with fans and the broader music industry.

Salty Cheesy Herby Crispy Snackable Bakes: 100 Easy-Peasy Savory Recipes for 24/7 Deliciousness – Jessie Sheehan. (*September release*) Sheehan relies on the same assemble-in-minutes-with-everyday-ingredients mandate that has become her calling card, but now ventures into new flavor territory. Eschewing marshmallow creme in favor of pimiento cheese, Sheehan bakes up scrumptious, savory treats that are perfect for a snack board, offer sustenance for game night, and can easily stand in for lunch or grace the table at brunch.

Pizza Night: Deliciously Doable Recipes for Pizza and Salad – Alexandra Stafford. (*April release*) Serving up a year’s worth of delicious, inspired and satisfying recipes, the creator of the popular blog Alexandra’s Kitchen presents four simple doughs and easy techniques for perfecting your crust to make a variety of pizzas, each paired with a salad made with seasonal ingredients.

Bark!: the Science of Helping Your Anxious, Fearful, or Reactive Dog – Zazie Todd. (*October release*) An author and dog trainer offers science-based solutions and practical tips to help dog owners address fear, anxiety and reactivity in their pets through positive reinforcement, ensuring our furry friends feel safe, secure and happy.

War – Bob Woodward. (*October release*) A two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner tells the revelatory, behind-the-scenes story of three wars—Ukraine, the Middle East and the struggle for the American presidency.

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