

**** HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2025 ****

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Old Soul – Susan Baker. Strangers Jake and Mariko realize their lost loved ones both knew the same beguiling woman, and when Jake gathers testimonies of shattered souls around the world who knew her, he finds dying sculptor Theo, who might know who, or what, she is.

Boudicca – P. C. Cast. Guided by the goddess Andraste, Queen Boudicca of the Iceni leads a rebellion against opposing forces in Roman-occupied Britain, gathering 250,000 warriors to reclaim her land, even as dark prophecies threaten to doom her fight for freedom.

Witchcraft for Wayward Girls – Grady Hendrix. Four teenage girls trapped in a secretive maternity home for unwed mothers in 1960 St. Augustine, Florida, find an unexpected source of power through witchcraft.

We Lived on the Horizon – Erika Swyler. In the walled city of Bulwark, where survival is rewarded by an AI and the elite class of the Sainted rule, bio-prosthetist Saint Enita Malovis creates an artificial being named Nix, only to be drawn into a hidden conflict between the city's underclass and its controlling programs after a mysterious murder.

Water Moon – Samantha Yambao. Hana Ishikawa inherits a hidden pawnshop in Tokyo where people trade their regrets, but when a precious item is stolen and her father vanishes, she embarks on a magical journey with a young physicist through mystical realms to uncover the truth and recover what's lost.

General Fiction

Confessions – Catherine Airey. Three generations of women are bound by family secrets, lost memories and an enigmatic boarding school game as they unravel mysteries spanning from 1970s Ireland to post-9/11 New York, which threaten to tear them apart forever.

We Could Be Rats – Emily Austin. After losing her husband in a tragic car accident, Meg Russo reopens her bookstore, only to face escalating threats from conspiracy theorists obsessed with an apocalyptic novel, forcing her to confront sinister secrets tied to her family and uncover the truth behind her husband's death.

Mona Acts Out – Mischa Berlinski. Celebrated stage actress Mona Zahid flees a stressful Thanksgiving dinner, leading to an overnight adventure that brings her face-to-face with her past, with her creative power and its limitations and, ultimately, with all the people she has ever loved.

Tartufo – Kira Jane Buxton. After narrowly defeating a popular donkey in the mayoral election, Delizia Miccuci faces the decline of the rural Italian village of Lazzarini Boscarino, but when local truffle hunter Giovanni Scarpazza discovers a colossal truffle with mysterious potential, the villagers are thrust into an uncertain future.

The Big Empty – Robert Crais. When Elvis Cole finds himself shadowed by a gang of vicious criminals, a missing-persons cold case becomes far more sinister, and soon he must call his ex-Marine friend Joe Pike for help.

More or Less Maddy – Lisa Genova. Maddy Banks, an NYU student recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder after experiencing a wild and terrifying mania, rejects the stability of a “normal” life for a career in stand-up comedy, in a novel from a Harvard-trained neuroscientist and New York Times bestselling author.

Mothers and Sons – Adam Haslett. A mother and son, estranged for years, must grapple with the shared secret that drove their lives apart.

Going Home – Tom Lamont. Thirtysomething Téo Erskine has his life upended when a tragedy makes him the unexpected guardian of a toddler, forcing him to navigate friendship, responsibility and long-buried feelings while confronting what kind of man he wants to be.

How Does That Make You Feel, Magda Eklund? – Anna Montague. (*October 2024 release*) Magda, a therapist grieving her best friend, embarks on a cross-country road trip with her friend's ashes, confronting her past and discovering new possibilities for her life and identity in her seventies.

Too Soon – Betty Shamieh. Arabella, a New York theatre director facing dwindling career prospects, accepts a chance to stage a bold Shakespeare adaptation in the West Bank, while her grandmother Zoya plots a match with Palestinian American doctor Aziz, triggering a multi-generational tale spanning from 1940s Jaffa to 2012 Palestine.

Graphic Novel

Sunday – Oliver Schrauwen. (*October 2024 release*) Schrauwen's brilliant comic timing and formal mastery transcends the quotidian nature of the plot. Through use of color, flashback and the dissonance between text and image, the ways in which Schrauwen layers a depiction of human consciousness as lines on paper are infused heavily with slapstick and white-knuckle tension and make for an exhilarating read and breathtaking use of the comics medium.

Historical Fiction

The Stolen Queen – Fiona Davis. In 1978, as a valuable Egyptian artifact disappears during the Met Gala, Met curator Charlotte Cross and young assistant Annie Jenkins embark on a high-stakes search that leads them to Egypt, where Charlotte must confront an ancient curse and the haunting tragedy of her past.

The Heart of Winter – Jonathan Evison. Abe Winter and Ruth Warneke's seventy-year marriage, born from a disastrous college blind date, faces a new crisis as Ruth's health deteriorates, prompting Abe to care for her while their family questions his abilities, forcing the couple to navigate love, loss, and enduring partnership in their golden years.

Isola – Allegra Goodman. Inspired by a real 16th-century heroine, an orphaned and betrayed young woman, Marguerite, is marooned on a desolate island with her lover, where she must confront nature's harshness and her own strength in a desperate fight for survival.

The English Problem – Beena Kamiani. Shiv Advani, an eighteen-year-old chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to study British law in 1930s London, arrives determined to fight colonialism but soon finds himself torn between his duty to India's independence movement and his growing desire to belong within British society.

Good Dirt – Charmaine Wilkerson. Ebby Freeman's life unravels when her brother is killed and a centuries-old family heirloom is shattered but years later, while fleeing a public breakup, she uncovers how that lost, shattered jar may hold secrets to her future.

The Lotus Shoes – Jane Yang. In 19th-century China, Little Flower, a maidservant with bound feet and a rare talent for embroidery, navigates life under the cruel daughter of the Fong family, but when scandal casts them both into the Celibate Sisterhood, her newfound status attracts deadly risks and tests of loyalty.

LGBTQ+ Fiction

How to Sleep at Night – Elizabeth Harris. Ethan and Gabe's marriage is tested when Ethan announces his congressional run as a Republican, while Nicole rekindles a romance with Ethan's sister Kate, a political reporter whose life spirals as family and career collide.

Romance

Homeseeking – Karissa Chen. Separated by war and reunited after sixty years, Haiwen and Suchi navigate decades of love, loss, and survival across continents, as their shared past clashes with their hopes for a second chance at life.

Shattering Dawn – Jayne Ann Krentz. When PI Gideon Sweetwater disrupts the kidnapping of Amelia Rivers, they escape and return to the ruins of the hotel where Amelia lost a night to amnesia before gaining powers, desperate to stop a killer and the people who are conducting illegal experiments with a dangerous drug designed to enhance psychic abilities.

Never Say Never – Danielle Steel. After her husband of twenty-five years leaves her for a younger male lover, Oona Kelly Webster takes her anniversary trip to France alone, where after renting a house called La Belle Florence, she risks love with her friendly Trinidadian neighbor, a well-known actor.

Suspense

The Note – Alafair Burke. May Hanover, always the rule-following "Little Sheriff," reunites with her childhood friends Lauren and Kelsey for a carefree trip to the Hamptons, but when a drunken prank goes disastrously wrong, May becomes the focus of a police investigation and begins questioning whether her friends are hiding dangerous secrets.

Mask of the Deer Woman – Laurie L. Dove. Haunted by her daughter's murder, ex-Chicago detective Carrie Starr, now marshal of her father's childhood reservation, investigates college student Chenoa Cloud's disappearance—but when Deer Woman from her father's stories appears, is she there to guide Starr or seek vengeance for the lost daughters?

Clever Little Thing – Helena Echlin. After her daughter Stella begins mimicking the personality of her deceased babysitter, Blanka, pregnant Charlotte becomes convinced that

Blanka has possessed her child, leading her on a chilling and obsessive quest to uncover the truth and save her daughter.

Beautiful Ugly – Alice Feeney. A year after his wife Abby mysteriously disappeared, author Grady Green, still consumed by grief, retreats to a remote Scottish island only to encounter a woman who looks exactly like the wife he lost.

Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Vendetta – Brian Freeman. When a hacked database known as the Files upends the intelligence community, with careers destroyed and assassinations spreading from Europe to the U.S., Treadstone sends Jason Bourne to get or destroy them before the Chinese or the Russians—and Bourne's ex-lover, treacherous spy Johanna, may be the only one who can help him.

A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage – Asia Mackay. Hazel and Fox, former vigilante killers turned suburban London parents, are adjusting to a quiet life with their baby until Hazel's boredom leads to an impulsive murder, threatening to unravel their carefully constructed family facade.

The Crash – Freida McFadden. Eight months pregnant and abandoned by her baby's father, Tegan embarks on a desperate journey to her brother's house during a storm, only to crash and find herself at the mercy of a remote couple with potentially sinister intentions.

Holmes is Missing – James Patterson. Holmes, Marple & Poe Investigations face a challenging string of child abductions that forces them to solve the case without their brilliant leader, Brendan Holmes. in the second novel of the series following Holmes, Marple & Poe.

Presumed Guilty – Scott Turow. Rusty is a retired judge asked by his fiancée, Bea, to defend her adult son Aaron, who is accused of murdering his girlfriend Mae, and Rusty agrees to help but questions whether the system can provide true justice for those who are presumed guilty.

NONFICTION

The Great British Baking Show 2024: Comfort Bakes – The Bake Off Team. (*November 2024 release*) Is there anything more comforting than the smell of a fresh bake wafting through the house? Paul, Prue and the 2024 bakers explore comfort in all its forms in these delectable, warm, cosy recipes. These include cakes for cheery family get togethers; recipes with a sense of nostalgia; hearty and warming bakes for cosy nights; and low-effort and quick concoctions that are an immediate balm.

The "I Don't Want to Cook Book": Dinners Done in One Pot – Alyssa Brantley. (*October 2024 release*) Featuring 100 delicious recipes, this cookbook is your guide to the quickest and easiest recipes. Each recipe uses only one single piece of cookware—whether that's a pot, skillet pan, or Dutch oven, every ingredient is cooked in the same place. Not only does that keep your cook time to a minimum, it also means you'll spend less time cleaning up afterward.

The Message – Ta-Nehisi Coates. (*October 2024 release*) The #1 New York Times best-selling author of *Between the World and Me* travels the world to explore how the stories we tell—and the ones we don't—shape our realities.

Dirtbag Queen – Andy Corren. This humorous and heartfelt family portrait explores the life of a wildly unconventional mother, her eccentric children and their chaotic bonds, blending love and forgiveness in a celebration of the imperfect yet unbreakable ties that connect them.

Wiseguys in the White House: Gangsters, Presidents, and the Deals They Made – Eric Dezenhall. Explores the intricate and often hidden connections between organized crime and U.S. presidents. Highlighting key historical moments, the book reveals how mobsters have influenced political power, from FDR's dealings with Lucky Luciano to Trump's ties with gambling cartels, illustrating the complex interplay of crime and governance.

Nexus: a Brief Information of Networks from Stone Age to AI – Yuval Noah Harari.
(September 2024 release)

Challenger: a True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space – Adam Higginbotham. (May 2024 release) Based on fascinating new archival research and deep reporting, this gripping and riveting narrative provides the definitive story of the 1986 Challenger disaster and how it led to America changing its view of itself.

Save Our Souls: the True Story of a Castaway Family, Treachery, and Murder – Matthew Pearl. In this true story, on December 10, 1887, the Walker family's shark fishing boat was split in two by a storm, and they awoke in the morning on an island inhabited by a ragged man named Hans who seemed helpful but had a dark secret.

Y2K: How the 2000s Became Everything – Colette Shade. A nostalgic yet critical exploration of the early 2000s, reflecting on its pop culture and socio-political landscape through artifacts like flip phones and early internet phenomena, revealing how this era shaped contemporary issues while examining the mixed legacy of a decade marked by both optimism and disillusionment.

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