

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Fourth Consort – Edward Ashton. Dalton Greaves, reluctant envoy for the dubious Unity confederation, finds himself stranded on a hostile planet after a clash with the rival Assembly, forcing him to survive dangerous aliens, political scheming, and the manipulative Neera while uncovering the true stakes of humanity's role in intergalactic conflict.

All the Water in the World – Eiren Caffall. Follows a young girl, Nonie, and her family as they navigate a post-apocalyptic New York ravaged by melting glaciers, as they safeguard cultural history while surviving storms, scarcity and meeting diverse communities in their quest for a hopeful future.

Toto – A. J. Hackwith. (*November release*) The *true* hero of *The Wizard of Oz* takes center stage in this brilliant, delightfully snarky reimagining from the author of *The Library of the Unwritten*. Heartfelt and often hilarious, Toto takes his place among the pantheon of Very Good literary canines.

The Bones Beneath My Skin – T. J. Klune. In 1995, after losing everything, Nate Cartwright retreats to his family's summer cabin in Roseland, Oregon, only to find it occupied by a man named Alex and a remarkable girl named Artemis Darth Vader; as cultists and government forces close in, Nate must choose between despair and hope.

A Dragon of Black Glass – James Rollins. Nyx and her allies race against time to unearth an ancient weapon buried beneath a sun-scorched desert while facing enemies, growing madness and an impending war in the third novel of the series following *The Cradle of Ice*.

The Lamb – Lucy Rose. In their secluded forest cottage, Margot and her mother welcome "strays," lost travelers whom Mama feeds and consumes, but when a striking stranger named Eden arrives during a snowstorm, Margot must confront her family's dark practices and assert her own desires.

The Strange Case of Jane O. – Karen Thompson Walker. After giving birth, Jane experiences amnesia, hallucinations, and premonitions, leading to her sudden disappearance and a subsequent episode of dissociative fugue; her psychiatrist investigates the links between her struggles and a traumatic past, he grapples with questions of memory and reality, while a ghostly figure warns of impending disaster.

General Fiction

What You Make of Me – Sophie Madeline Dess. As artist Ava prepares for her first solo show, she reflects on the intense bond and escalating tensions with her dying brother, Demetri, exploring their shared past marked by abandonment, creative ambition, and betrayal in a portrait of sibling loyalty, rivalry, and the sacrifices they've made in pursuit of art.

We Do Not Part – Han Kang. (*January release*) As Kyungha braves a treacherous snowstorm on Jeju Island to save her injured friend's pet, she unwittingly embarks on a

journey that blurs reality and memory, uncovering a hidden chapter of Korean history and the enduring power of friendship amidst forgotten violence.

Penitence – Kristin M. E. Koval. When a shocking murder occurs in the home of Angie and David Sheehan, their lives are shattered; and, desperate to defend their family, they turn to small-town lawyer Martine Dumont for help.

What Happened to the McCrays? – Tracey Lange. Returning to Potsdam after his father's stroke, Kyle McCray confronts the fallout from his abrupt departure two and a half years ago. As he coaches a struggling middle school hockey team, he grapples with strained relationships, especially with his wife Casey, and seeks redemption and reconciliation.

Nesting – Roisin O'Donnell. Ciara Fay is confronted by new challenges when she tries to leave her marriage and start over.

Water Finds a Way – Meghan Perry. (*November release*) Can coming home bring redemption? Or at least a measure of peace? Recently released from prison, Blake Alvares returns to the only place she ever felt safe, the now derelict Maine town in which she harbored as a teen.

Gliff – Ali Smith. Set in the near-future, two children and a horse embark on a journey that shows why our messy, human stories and complexities matter more than fitting into data and labels in the new novel from the award-winning author of *Summer*.

Three Days in June – Anne Tyler. As Gail navigates the chaos of her daughter Debbie's wedding preparations—including a job loss, exclusion from family events, and the unexpected arrival of her ex-husband Max—she faces a crisis that threatens the wedding and forces both parents to confront unresolved issues from their past.

Historical Fiction

The Queens of Crime – Marie Benedict. In 1930 London, the Queens of Crime, a secret society of renowned women writers led by Dorothy L. Sayers investigates the murder of nurse May Daniels, found strangled in a park, and must navigate a web of intrigue and danger as they challenge societal norms.

Junie – Erin Crosby Eckstine. Sixteen-year-old slave Junie tends to master's daughter Violet at Bellereine Plantation in Alabama, but when Violet's potential marriage leads Junie to commit a desperate act that rouses sister Minnie's spirit, she enlists coachman Caleb's help as horrifying secrets are revealed.

Last Twilight in Paris – Pam Jenoff. In London, 1953, a secondhand shop necklace bears the name Lévitán, a Paris department store-turned-Nazi prison camp, leading Louise and former romantic partner Ian to investigate her friend Fanny's war death and the fate of Helaine, a woman imprisoned at Lévitán when the Germans invaded France.

Harlem Rhapsody – Victoria Christopher Murray. In 1919 Harlem, literary editor Jessie Redmon Fauset is at the forefront of a Black cultural renaissance, discovering talents like Langston Hughes and Nella Larsen, but her ambition and a secret affair with W.E.B. Du Bois threaten her legacy.

Let's Call Her Barbie – Renee Rosen. (*January release*) Including a readers guide and exclusive vintage Barbie photos, a bold new novel by a USA Today bestselling author shows how Ruth Handler, along with head engineer Jack Ryan and designers Charlotte Johnson and Stevie Klein, created a doll like no other.

Mutual Interest – Olivia Wolfgang-Smith. A novel about marriage and ambition, sexuality and secrecy and the true costs of building an empire.

Mystery & Detective

Death of a Smuggler – M. C. Beaton. Hamish's hopes for a peaceful break are dashed when a murder, a missing man and a family feud disrupt his Highland village, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Death of a Spy*.

Pony Confidential – Christina Lynch. (*November release*) Pony, a rebellious horse determined to reunite with his long-lost owner Penny, escapes and embarks on a cross-country journey to clear her name after she is wrongfully accused of murder, using his keen understanding of human nature to seek out the true killer.

Bonded in Death – J. D. Robb. Lieutenant Eve Dallas investigates the mysterious murder of an elderly man linked to the Urban Wars while being targeted by a vengeful killer in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Passions in Death*.

Johnny Careless – Kevin Wade. Burnout from a heartbreaking NYPD case leads Jeep Mullane back to Long Island's North Shore to head a small department, and when wealthy childhood friend Johnny Chambliss is found dead, Jeep must face Johnny's wealthy family, enigmatic ex-wife, and decades-old secrets to untangle the mystery.

Romance

Back After This – Linda Holmes. Podcast producer Cecily Foster reluctantly agrees to host a show documenting her dating life under the guidance of an influencer coach and must reconcile her growing feelings for a kind photographer with her coach's conflicting advice.

We All Live Here – Jojo Moyes. Lila Kennedy juggles a broken marriage, rebellious daughters, a crumbling house, and an elderly stepfather when her estranged father unexpectedly shows up after thirty-five years, forcing her to confront unresolved feelings and discover unexpected lessons about love and family amidst her chaotic life.

Variation – Rebecca Yarros. (*November release*) On fateful summer a celebrated dancer returns home and unearths years of family secrets with the Coast Guard rescue swimmer she never forgot.

Story Collections

Show Don't Tell: Stories – Curtis Sittenfeld. Stories of complex, realistic characters confronting transformative moments, including a divorced woman reconnecting with friends, an artist challenging gender norms, and a reunion with a beloved character from the novel *Prep*, all woven with humor, insight, and an intimate portrayal of personal growth.

Suspense

Idle Grounds – Krystelle Bamford. A group of cousins searching for a missing child during a family gathering wander deeper into haunted woods, uncovering unsettling family secrets that challenge everything they know about their past, identity and inheritance.

Battle Mountain – C. J. Box. Nate Romanowski seeks vengeance after a devastating attack, while Joe Pickett teams up with a rookie game warden setting both on separate paths destined to collide at Battle Mountain, in the latest addition to the series following Three-Inch Teeth.

The Quiet Librarian – Allen Eskens. In Minnesota, quiet librarian Hana Babic, once known as Nura Divjak, must confront her violent past as the legendary warrior Night Mora when a detective informs her of her best friend's murder, forcing her to protect her grandson while unraveling a deadly mystery tied to her family's tragic history in war-torn Bosnia.

Nemesis – Gregg Hurwitz. Evan Smoak is dedicated to his assassin's Ten Commandments, but when Tommy Stojack, gifted gunsmith and his best friend, crosses a line while helping a dead friend's son, Smoak is ambushed when trying to confront him, and the dispute explodes into open warfare.

Open Season – Jonathan Kellerman. The body of an aspiring actress is found, another victim is shot by a sniper, and then more bodies pile up, and psychologist Alex Delaware and homicide detective Milo Sturgis must face a highly complex killer that will require all their skills to decipher.

Famous Last Words – Gillian Mcallister. Returning to work, new mom Camilla's life is upended when she learns her husband is the gunman in a London hostage crisis, leaving her to decipher his cryptic goodbye note and make a critical choice.

Head Cases – John McMahon. Gardner Camden, a puzzle-solving analytical genius in the FBI's Patterns and Recognition unit, faces a ticking clock when a presumed-dead serial killer is found murdered, forcing him and his misfit team to unravel riddles left by a vengeful mastermind while battling the imminent disbandment of their unit.

Blood Ties – Jo Nesbo. Two brothers, Carl and Roy Opgard, face off against a highway bypass threat to their small town, but as they resort to dark measures, a sheriff's reopened investigation and rising body count pushes their loyalty to the edge.

Paranoia – James Patterson. NYPD Detective Michael Bennett is on special assignment, chasing a killer who feeds on isolation and paranoia, and he will stop at nothing to protect family: his wife, his kids—and his fellow officers.

You Are Fatally Invited – Ande Pliego. At a private island writing retreat hosted by author J. R. Alastor, former aspiring writer Mila del Angél plans revenge but is thrown into chaos when one of the six thriller authors is murdered, forcing her to navigate a deadly game of wits as a storm isolates them and the body count rises.

Beartooth – Wink. Set in the rugged Absaroka-Beartooth mountains, two brothers burdened by debt and grief face a life-altering decision after a dangerous offer in this gripping tale of survival, brotherhood and the stark beauty of the American West.

NONFICTION

Hiking Ruins of Southern New England: a Guide to 40 Sites in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island – Nick Bellantoni. Each of the 40 hikes are described with a map and summary information that delivers the trail's vital statistics, including distance, difficulty, fees and permits, schedule, canine compatibility, and trail contacts. Directions to the trailhead are provided, along with a general description of what you'll see along the way. A detailed route finder (miles and directions) describes significant landmarks along the trail. This book aims to show that there are many interesting archaeological and historical places throughout the area that people can explore.

Memorial Days: a Memoir – Geraldine Brooks. Having no time to grieve when her husband suddenly died, the author after three years flew to a remote Australian island and stayed in a shack on a pristine coast, going days without seeing another person, and pondered the ways cultures grieve and what rituals might help her rebuild her life.

Food for Thought: Essays and Ruminations – Alton Brown. A collection of personal essays blends humorous and insightful anecdotes from the renowned culinary figure's diverse career, sharing behind-the-scenes stories, reflections on food culture and memorable experiences from his work on television and in the kitchen.

10-Minute Strength Training Exercises for Seniors: Exercises and Routines to Build Muscle, Balance, and Stamina – Ed Deboo. This guide to exercise for seniors makes it easy to stay in motion with short and simple exercises you can do anytime and anywhere. With clear illustrations alongside step-by-step instructions from licensed physical therapist Ed Deboo, you'll learn how to build muscle mass, improve bone density, and feel great in only 10 minutes per day.

Tech Agnostic: How Technology Became the World's Most Powerful Religion, and Why It Desperately Needs a Reformation – Greg Epstein. The "New York Times"-bestselling author of "Good without God." explores global technology worship, and a measured case for skepticism and agnosticism as a way of life.

The League of Kitchens Cookbook: Brilliant Tips, Secret Methods, and Favorite Family Recipes from Around the World by Lisa Kyung Gross. Every page is an invitation to explore new flavors, master new cooking techniques, and to discover the heartfelt stories behind the recipes. The recipes are simple yet captivating, focusing on nourishing, affordable ingredients that embody the values of seasonality and freshness that are central to every traditional kitchen across the globe.

Swimming Holes New England: 50 of the Best Swimming Spots – Sarah Lamagna. With so many people flocking to the outdoors these days, it's not easy to find more secluded spots to dip your toes in the water. This book provides the best places to not only find a perfect spot to cool off from the humid summers, but also places to find a bit of solitude.

How to Winter: Harness Your Mindset to Thrive on Cold, Dark, or Difficult Days – Kari Leibowitz. Inspired by cutting-edge psychological and behavioral science research as well as cultures worldwide that find warmth and joy in winter's extremes, How to Winter provides readers with concrete tools for making winter wonderful wherever they live and

harnessing the power of small mindset changes with big impact to help readers embrace every season of life.

Everything Must Go: Stories We Tell About the End of the World – Dorian Lynskey. This darkly humorous cultural history explores the evolution of apocalyptic thought, examining how literature and film reflect societal anxieties, science and politics, tracing the secularization of doomsday predictions from the 19th century to today's climate crisis and technological fears.

Half-Yard Heaven: Easy Sewing Projects Using Leftover Pieces of Fabric – Debbie Shore. Presents twenty-six quick and easy projects designed to be made with pieces of fabric less than half a yard long, including tote bags, pocket aprons, glasses cases, place mats, slippers, and garden gloves.

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