

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Witch Roads – Kate Elliott. When an arrogant prince (and his equally arrogant entourage) gets stuck in Orledder Halt as part of brutal political intrigue, competent and sunny deputy courier Elen—once a child slave meant to shield noblemen from the poisonous Pall—is assigned to guide him through the hills to reach his destination.

Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil – V. E. Schwab. From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* comes a new genre-defying novel about immortality and hunger.

The Starving Saints – Caitlin Starling. A medieval horror novel follows three women in a besieged castle that descends ravenously into madness under the spell of mysterious, godlike visitors.

General Fiction

The South – Tash Aw. As Jay's family returns to the failing farm they inherited, tensions rise amid drought-stricken fields, unspoken regrets, and generational burdens, while Jay's growing connection with Chuan, the farm manager's son, forces them all to confront hidden desires and inescapable change.

The Nimbus – Robert P. Baird. A child's literal enlightenment sets the stage for an exuberant tragicomedy of marriage, religion and parenthood.

Shopgirls – Jessica Anya Blau. A novel of found family, growing up and the best and worst of the 1980s revolves around San Francisco's most exclusive department store, I. Magnin.

What Kind of Paradise – Janelle Brown. Raised in isolation in a Montana cabin by her enigmatic father, Jane's world shatters when she discovers her unwitting role in a terrible crime, forcing her to flee to 1990s San Francisco, where she uncovers long-buried family secrets and confronts the dangers of the digital age.

Flashlight – Susan Choi. The author of *Trust Exercise* follows a father's disappearance across time, nations and memory.

Among Friends – Hal Ebbott. At a New York country house where two deeply intertwined families have gathered to mark the host's fifty-second birthday, envy and resentment erupt into an unspeakable act; accusations, denials, and shattered illusions follow, driving wedges between friends, spouses, children and parents.

Great Black Hope – Rob Franklin. A young Black man is caught between worlds of race and class, glamour and tragedy a friend's mysterious death and his own arrest.

A Language of Limbs – Dylín Hardcastle. Traces two versions of a life, one in which a teenage girl is kicked out for kissing her neighbor and finds a queer communal home, and

the other, in which a teenage girl suppresses lustful dreams of her best friend—the two lives shadow each other until they collide.

Woodworking – Emily St. James. (*March release*) In small-town South Dakota, newly divorced Erica, a closeted trans teacher, forms an unlikely bond with Abigail, a bold trans student navigating senior year, as their friendship withstands community scrutiny as it shapes their journeys toward self-acceptance and authenticity.

The Accidental Favorite – Fran Littlewood. A moving family dramedy investigates the question so many of us have asked ourselves: do my parents have a favorite?

Atmosphere – Taylor Jenkins Reid. In 1980, professor Joan begins training for the Space Shuttle in Houston with Top Gun pilot Hank, scientist John, mission specialist Lydia, warm-hearted Donna, and aeronautical engineer Vanessa, who become unlikely friends—until December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, when everything changes in an instant.

A Mother's Love – Danielle Steel. Empty-nester and bestselling author Halley Holbrook befriends charming Bart Warner on a flight to Paris, but when a cunning thief steals her handbag and starts harassing her, reawakening ghosts from her traumatic childhood, she fights back with Bart's help.

Notes on Infinity – Austin Taylor. Zoe and Jack are Harvard students who find themselves propelled into the intoxicating biotech startup world when they announce they've discovered the cure for aging.

Make Me Famous – Maud Ventura. A novel about the brutal and ferocious road to glory, from the award-winning author of *My Husband*.

So Far Gone – Jess Walter. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Daisy Jones & The Six* comes an epic new novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s Space Shuttle program about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits.

Historical Fiction

How to Dodge a Cannonball – Dennard Dayle. A satirical novel dives into the heart of the Civil War, humorously questioning the essence of the fight, not just for territory, but for the soul of America.

The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau – Kristin Harmel. A new historical novel features two jewel thieves, a priceless bracelet that disappears in 1940s Paris and a quest for answers in a decades-old murder.

The Listeners – Maggie Stiefvater. June Porter Hudson struggles to maintain the elegance of the Avallon Hotel in 1942 West Virginia when it is secretly repurposed to house captured Axis diplomats, forcing her to balance wartime tensions, divided loyalties, and the covert operations of an FBI agent.

Mystery & Detective Fiction

Death at the White Hart – Chris Chibnall. When a pub owner is found gruesomely murdered, Detective Nicola Bridge returns to her quaint coastal hometown to uncover dark

secrets hidden beneath its picturesque façade, risking the destruction of everything she thought she knew.

A Terribly Nasty Business – Julia Seales. Beatrice Steele settles with chaperone Miss Bolton in the London neighborhood of Sweetbriar and opens D.S. Investigations with Inspector Drake, yet they lose all serious cases to her former crush Sir Huxley—until multiple murders thrust them into a scandal pitting the wealthiest residents against the arts community.

Big Bad Wool – Leonie Swann. The sheep of Glennkill, led by their shepherdess Rebecca, must use wit and courage to solve the mystery of a disappearing flock, unnatural deer deaths and a possible werewolf in the second novel of the series following *Three Bags Full*.

Romance

Passion Project – London Sperry. When New York City temp Bennet Taylor, grieving the death her first love, tells Henry Adams she isn't ready to date, he encourages her find her passion as they try activities every Saturday, from carpentry to tattooing — and Bennet's guarded exterior begins to ebb away.

Suspense

Stuart Woods' Finders Keepers – Brett Battles. After helping his friend Jack Coulter's newly divorced niece, Sara, adjust to life in New York, Stone Barrington becomes entangled in a dangerous scheme as men from Sara's past are attacked and Jack's family is threatened by an unknown adversary with deadly intentions.

Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie – James Lee Burke. At the dawn of the twentieth century, Bessie Holland finds strength in a suffragette mentor, battles forces threatening her Texas home and flees to New York, where she is drawn into a violent underworld that tests her unbreakable spirit.

Cry Havoc – Jack Carr. Amidst the turbulent backdrop of 1968, Navy SEAL Tom Reece navigates a clandestine mission across Vietnam and beyond, uncovering a Soviet plot that threatens to reshape global power in a high-stakes tale of espionage, betrayal and brutal realism.

King of Ashes – S. A. Cosby. After returning to Jefferson Run, Virginia, and family business Carruthers Crematorium—with brother Dante in debt to criminals and sister Neveah exhausted from holding everything together—Roman discovers that his father's crash was no accident and Dante has placed them all in real danger.

Proof – Jon Cowan. From a writer and executive producer of *Suits* comes a riveting and gritty legal thriller about murder, cover-ups, redemption and Los Angeles.

Don't Let Him In – Lisa Jewell. When charming Nick Radcliffe enters Nina's life, her daughter Ash grows suspicious, uncovering unsettling secrets that connect them to Martha, a florist with a husband who keeps disappearing, leading all three women toward a chilling truth they never expected.

The House on Buzzards Bay – Dwyer Murphy. A group of old college friends reunites at a seaside vacation home, but when one of them vanishes and an enigmatic stranger arrives,

long-buried secrets resurface, eerie disturbances unsettle the house, and they begin to question both their relationships amidst unseen forces lurking beyond the marsh.

The First Gentleman – James Patterson. The President of the United States is up for reelection. Her husband is on trial for murder. Is the First Gentleman a killer? A pair of brilliant investigative journalists set out to answer that burning question about the NFL star-turned-political spouse.

Badlands – Douglas Preston. Archaeologist Nora Kelly and FBI Agent Corrie Swanson, while investigating bizarre deaths in the desert, awaken an ancient evil more terrifying than anything they've faced before.

With a Vengeance – Riley Sager. Anna Matheson lures six people onto a luxury train to expose their crimes against her family a decade earlier, but when a passenger is murdered, she must risk her life to protect those she sought to destroy.

NONFICTION

Hiking Fire Lookouts New England: a Guide to the Region's Best Lookout Tower Hikes – Mark Aiken. Details 40 hikes that lead to climbable lookouts in the region. These lookouts are strategically placed on high ground, elevated even higher from the summit, to give them the best vantage point for spotting signs of fire in the broadest possible area. Fire lookouts offer the ultimate payoff in terms of views, interest, and thrill.

Class Clown: the Memoirs of a Professional Wiseass: How I Went 77 Years Without Growing Up – Dave Barry. *(May release)* America's most beloved wiseass finally tells his life story with all the humor you'd expect from a man who made a career out of making fun of pretty much everything.

Worthy of the Event: an Essay – Vivian Blaxell. *(April release)* Set against a backdrop of trans life that begins with her own transition in the 1960s, Vivian Blaxell takes us on a witty and expansive sweep through history, from Australia to Japan, to Hawai'i to Mexico, to heretofore unmapped regions of the mind.

Murderland: Crime and Bloodlust in the Time of Serial Killers – Caroline Fraser. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Prairie Fires* comes a terrifying true-crime history of serial killers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond—a gripping investigation of how a new strain of psychopath emerged out of a toxic landscape of deadly industrial violence.

The Jaws Log: Expanded Edition – Carl Gottlieb. Hired by Spielberg as a screenwriter to work with him on the set while the movie was being made, Carl Gottlieb, an actor and writer, was there throughout the production that starred Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, and Richard Dreyfuss. After filming was over, with Spielberg's cooperation, Gottlieb chronicled the extraordinary yearlong adventure in *The Jaws Log*. This expanded edition includes a photo section, an introduction by Benchley, and an afterword by Gottlieb that gives updates about the people and events involved in the film, ultimately providing a singular portrait of a famous movie and inspired moviemaking.

The Mesopotamian Riddle: an Archaeologist, a Soldier, a Clergyman, and the Race to Decipher the World's Oldest Writing – Joshua Hammer. Recounts the race among 19th-century scholars and adventurers to decipher cuneiform script, unraveling the history of ancient Mesopotamian civilizations while exploring the ruins of Persepolis and Ottoman territories during archaeology's golden age.

The 10: a Memoir of Family and the Open Road – E. A. Hanks. (*April release*) From a *Vanity Fair* and *The New York Times* contributor comes a beautifully written, deeply felt memoir recounting the solo, cross-country journey she made along the Ten across the American southwest: a mission to uncover both what harrowing violence may or may not have happened to her late mother, but also, to look within and discover who she herself is—where her mother ends and she begins.

How To Lose Your Mother: a Daughter's Memoir – Molly Jong-Fast. A darkly funny and deeply honest memoir exploring a daughter's complex relationship with her famous, elusive mother, the impact of dementia, blending humor, heart and raw reflection on loss, family and identity.

By the Second Spring: Seven Lives and One Year of the War in Ukraine – Danielle Leavitt. (*May release*) In this intimate, affecting account of life during wartime, a historian goes beyond familiar portraits of wartime heroism and victimhood to reveal the human experience of the conflict in Ukraine.

Project Mind Control: Sidney Gottlieb, the CIA, and the Tragedy of MKULTRA – John Lisle. The inside story of the CIA's secret mind-control project, MKULTRA, using never-before-seen testimony from the perpetrators themselves.

The Bible Says So: What We Get Right (and Wrong) About Scripture's Most Controversial Issues – Dan McClellan. (*April release*) McClellan leverages his popular "data over dogma" approach, and his years of experience in the academy and on social media, to lay out in clear and accessible ways what the data indicate the Bible does and doesn't say about issues ranging from homosexuality, abortion, and slavery to monotheism, inspiration, and even God's wife. Smart, accessible, and informative, *The Bible Says So* is an invaluable resource for our fractious times.

Is a River Alive? – Robert MacFarlane. (*May release*) The best-selling author of *Underland* explores the concept of rivers as living entities, weaving together travel writing, natural history and reporting from Ecuador, India and Canada to illuminate the interconnectedness of humans and rivers.

Adventures in the Louvre: How to Fall in Love with the World's Greatest Museum – Elaine Sciolino. (*April release*) Exploring galleries, basements, rooftops, and gardens, Sciolino demystifies the Louvre, introducing us to her favorite artworks, both legendary and overlooked, and to the people who are the museum's lifeblood: the curators, the artisans producing frames and engravings, the builders overseeing restorations, the firefighters protecting the aging structure.

Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again – Jake Tapper. Two respected American journalists offer an unflinching and explosive reckoning with one of the most fateful decisions in American political history: Joe Biden's run for reelection despite evidence of his serious decline—amid desperate efforts to hide the extent of that deterioration.

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