

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Devils – Joe Abercrombie. A brand-new epic fantasy from a New York Times bestselling author features a notorious band of anti-heroes on a delightfully bloody and raucous journey.

The Night Birds – Christopher Golden. An atmospheric horror novel by a New York Times best-selling author is set in a deteriorated, half-sunken freighter ship off the coast of Galveston, Texas.

Written on the Dark – Guy Gavriel Kay. Thierry Villar, a tavern poet from Orane, becomes entangled in royal intrigue, war, and supernatural mysteries, encountering an aristocratic muse, a healer guided by inner voices, and others as his wit and charm are tested amidst a nation's unraveling.

Anima Rising – Christopher Moore. From New York Times bestselling author comes a humorously deranged tale of a mad scientist, a famous painter and an undead woman's electrifying journey of self-discovery.

The Incandescent – Emily Tesh. Doctor Walden is the Director of Magic at Chetwood School and one of the most powerful magicians in England, but soon she must work to protect her students from a grave threat.

General Fiction

My Friends – Fredrik Backman. Jarrod has felt distanced from his daughter Liv since the death of Jarrod's partner Charlie, but when Liv finds boyfriend Zel murdered, Jarrod rushes to her aid and they comb for clues across the Coachella Valley while a killer's on the loose.

Speak to Me of Home – Jeanine Cummins. A deeply felt multigenerational family story is augmented with a family tree and map. By a #1 New York Times best-selling author.

Old School Indian – Aaron John Curtis. A coming-of-middle-age novel about an Ahkwesáhsne man's reluctant return home and what it takes to heal.

Sky Daddy – Kate Folk. Linda is sexually attracted to planes, and a round-trip flight from San Francisco makes her feel like no human lover could—but when coworker Karina invites her to brunch and Linda's life becomes unbalanced, she must choose normalcy or her dream of "marrying" a suitor by dying in a plane crash.

Austen at Sea – Natalie Jenner. Two pairs of siblings, devotees of Jane Austen, find their lives transformed by a visit to England and Sir Francis Austen, her brother and keeper of her memories and surviving artifacts.

The Names – Florence Knapp. Cora's hesitation to name her son triggers three alternate paths over thirty-five years, revealing the lasting impact of domestic abuse and the complexities of family in her search for autonomy and healing.

The River is Waiting – Wally Lamb. Corby Ledbetter, grappling with addiction, prison life, and the tragedy that shattered his family, finds unexpected kindness and connection behind bars, as he seeks redemption and hopes for forgiveness from those he's hurt the most.

Where the Rivers Merge – Mary Alice Monroe. The first of two epic novels celebrates one intrepid woman's life across multiple generations in the American South.

The Dark Maestro – Brendan Slocumb. Curtis Wilson, a cello prodigy from D.C. who rose to classical music stardom, is forced into witness protection after his drug-dealer father turns informant, but when the cartel remains untouchable, Curtis and his family must use their wits and his musical gifts to fight for survival.

The Emperor of Gladness – Ocean Vuong. In the struggling town of East Gladness, Connecticut, nineteen-year-old Hai is saved from despair by Grazina, an elderly widow with dementia, forging an unexpected bond that reshapes their lives and reveals dynamics of love, memory, and resilience on the margins of society.

Beach House Rules – Kristy Woodson Harvey. A mother-daughter duo learn to lean on their community of women—and each other—after their world is turned upside down.

Graphic Novel

Spent – Alison Bechdel. The celebrated and beloved *New York Times* bestselling author of the modern classic *Fun Home* presents a laugh-out-loud, brilliant, and passionately political work of autofiction.

Historical

My Name is Emilia del Valle – Isabel Allende. In 1800s San Francisco, young writer Emilia, daughter of an Irish nun and a Chilean aristocrat, journeys to South America with talented reporter Eric to uncover the truth about her father—and herself.

The Director – Daniel Kehlmann. A tale inspired by the life of film director G.W. Pabst, who fled to Hollywood to resist the Nazis only to be forced to return to his homeland and create propaganda films for the German Reich.

The Girls of Good Fortune – Kristina McMorris. A half-Chinese woman passing as white, Celia awakens imprisoned in the Shanghai Tunnels of 1888 Portland, Oregon, and must escape to protect a child and confront dangerous secrets tied to her abduction and a goldminers' massacre.

Mystery & Detective

The Missing Half – Ashley Flowers. Nicole Monroe, still haunted by her sister Kasey's unexplained disappearance seven years ago, teams up with Jenna Connor, whose sister vanished under similar circumstances, as they unravel buried secrets and risk everything to uncover the truth about their missing loved ones.

Fever Beach – Carl Hiaasen. A dim-witted Proud Boys reject becomes entangled in a bizarre web of corruption and intrigue involving a hitchhiker, a con artist, an eccentric millionaire and a power-hungry politician in the new novel by the best-selling author of *Bad Monkey*.

The Retirement Plan – Sue Hincenbergs. Three best friends turn to murder to collect on their husbands' life insurance policies, but the husbands have a plan of their own.

Marble Hall Murders – Anthony Horowitz. Back in England, editor Susan Ryeland is working on a continuation novel called Pünd's Last Case, in which writer Eliot Crace has concealed clues about his grandmother's death by poison, but when another murder follows, Susan becomes the number one suspect.

Return to Sender – Craig Johnson. When Blair McGowan, the mail person with the longest route in the country, goes missing, the Wyoming postal inspector tells Sheriff Longmire to investigate her disappearance; posing as a letter-carrier, the sheriff follows her trail and finds himself enveloped in an otherworldly cult.

No One Was Supposed to Die at This Wedding – Catherine Mack. When a bestselling mystery author attends her best friend's star-studded wedding on stormy Catalina Island, a chilling death ruins the celebration in the second novel of the series following *Every Time I Go on Vacation, Someone Dies*.

The Busybody Book Club – Freya Sampson. In a Cornish seaside village, Nova Davies and her dysfunctional book club members become amateur sleuths after a theft threatens their community center, a murder implicates a missing member, and secrets among them complicate their quest to solve the case and restore order.

Three Bags Full – Leonie Swann. (*February release*) Soon to be a major motion picture starring Hugh Jackman and Emma Thompson, this funny and surprising mystery features a new breed of detectives you've got to read to baaaaa-lieve.

Romance

One Golden Summer – Carley Fortune. Charlie was 19 when Alice took his photo near her Nan's cottage in Barry's Bay, but now he's a grown-up flirt who makes Alice feel seventeen again—warm nights on the lake with Charlie are a balm for Alice's soul, but she begins to worry for her heart.

Food Person – Adam Roberts. After a public soufflé disaster costs her job at a digital cooking magazine, foodie Isabella Pasternack reluctantly agrees to ghostwrite a cookbook for scandal-ridden actress Molly Babcock, sparking a chaotic journey of culinary devotion, unlikely friendship and second chances.

Hidden Nature – Nora Roberts. Surviving a near-fatal shooting, injured police officer Sloan Cooper moves back to her quiet hometown and investigates a string of mysterious disappearances across three states in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author.

Consider Yourself Kissed – Jessica Stanley. Follows Coralie's journey through a decade of love affair with single dad Adam, marriage and motherhood, exploring the complexities of balancing personal aspirations with the demands of family life against the backdrop of a tumultuous era in British history.

Story Collections

Autocorrect: Stories – Elgar Keret. A collection of darkly funny, surreal short stories explores the anxieties of modern life combining technology and relationships in tales about a reality show contestant from another dimension and an asteroid set on a collision course with earth.

Suspense

FDR Drive – James Comey. Returning as a federal prosecutor, Nora Carleton takes on a rising far-right extremist threat in New York City, building a high-stakes case while racing against time to prevent a deadly attack at the United Nations.

South of Nowhere – Jeffery Deaver. When a levee collapses in Northern California, Colter Shaw and his disaster response specialist sister, Dorion, race to locate a missing family and uncover whether sabotage, not nature, threatens the town's survival.

Going Home in the Dark – Dean Koontz. Three childhood friends reunite in their hometown after a fourth falls into a coma and uncover a dark, forgotten past that threatens to consume them all in the new novel by the New York Times best-selling author of Odd Thomas.

Never Flinch – Stephen King. With a killer on a revenge mission, Buckeye City Police Detective Izzy Jaynes turns to friend Holly Gibney for help; meanwhile, a vigilante targets controversial feminist activist Kate McKay, and Holly is hired as bodyguard.

The Tenant – Freida McFadden. Blake Porter, desperate to keep his life afloat after losing his job, rents a room to the seemingly perfect Whitney, but as strange occurrences escalate and secrets unravel, he realizes too late that she's woven a deadly trap within his own home.

The Doorman – Chris Pavone. In a new novel from the bestselling author of Two Nights in Lisbon, a New York City doorman is drawn into a web of intrigue, robbery and murder.

Into the Gray Zone – Brad Taylor. (*April release*) A taskforce operator discovers a terror plot to destabilize India and other global powers, sparking a race against time to rescue hostages and prevent catastrophic conflict, in the latest addition to the series following Dead Man's Hand.

Tom Clancy Line of Demarcation – M. P. Woodward. In Guyana to secure a business deal, Jack Ryan Jr. is thrust into a deadly conflict involving Russia's Wagner Group and Venezuelan narco-terrorists after a U.S. Coast Guard cutter is destroyed, forcing him to unravel shifting alliances to stop a potential war.

NONFICTION

The Greatest Nobodies of History: Minor Characters from Major Moments – Adrian Bliss. (*October 2024 release*) Equal parts fascinating and hilarious, *The Greatest Nobodies of History* is a surreal love letter to life's forgotten heroes, featuring hitherto undocumented accounts from Ancient Greece to the front lines of the Great Emu War.

A Change of Habit: Leaving Behind My Husband, Career, and Everything I Owned to Become a Nun – Sister Monica Clare. (*April release*) A witty and heartfelt memoir of a people pleaser who left her high-stress career and marriage to join a convent, discovering unexpected joys challenges and personal growth while embracing simplicity, community and her true self.

I Know I Should Exercise, But...: 44 Reasons We Don't Move & How to Get Over Them – Diana Hill. (*March release*) Break down the common everyday mental blocks to moving your body, and turn your mind from an adversary into an ally in the quest to feel better in your body.

The Fairbanks Four: Murder, Injustice, and the Birth of a Movement – Brian Patrick O'Donoghue. (*April release*) The Central Park Five meets Killers of the Flower Moon in this true but untold story of four young indigenous men in Fairbanks, Alaska who were wrongly convicted of murdering a white teenager, and the journalist determined to rally the community and undo the damage done by a broken justice system.

Miracles and Wonder: the Historical Mystery of Jesus – Elaine Pagels. A renowned National Book Award-winning scholar presents an extraordinary new account of the life of Jesus that explores the mystery of how a poor young man inspired a religion that reshaped the world.

No New Things: a Radically Simple 30-Day Guide to Saving Money, the Planet, and Your Sanity – Ashlee Piper. From award-winning sustainability expert Ashlee Piper, a witty, no-nonsense guide to regaining control over your time, consumerist impulses, and financial and mental wellness.

Thirty Below: the Harrowing and Heroic Story of the First All-Women's Ascent of Denali – Cassidy Randall. (*March release*) Cassidy Randall draws on extensive archival research and original interviews to tell an engrossing, edge-of-the-seat adventure story about a forgotten group of climbers who had the audacity to believe that women could walk alone in extraordinary and treacherous heights.

Parenting in a Climate Crisis: a Handbook for Turning Fear Into Action – Bridget Shirvell. (*February release*) In this urgent parenting guide, learn how to navigate the uncertainty of the climate crisis and keep your kids informed, accountable, and hopeful?—with simple actions you can take as a family to help the earth.

Taking Manhattan: the Extraordinary Events That Created New York and Shaped America – Russ Shorto. (*March release*) Examines the 1664 English takeover of Dutch-controlled New Amsterdam, exploring how negotiations shaped New York's foundation as a diverse, capitalist hub while also examining the dispossession of Native Americans and the entrenchment of slavery, reflecting the enduring contradictions of America's origins.

Ghosts of Iron Mountain: the Hoax of the Century, Its Enduring Impact, and What It Reveals About America Today – Phil Tinline. (*March release*) The story of a how a 1966 satirical hoax portraying a secret government study claiming war's end would be disastrous sparked media frenzy and evolved into a cautionary tale about the enduring power of deception to shape public beliefs.

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