

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Brigands & Breadknives – Travis Baldree. Burned-out bookseller Fern moves to Thune for a fresh start but ends up on a chaotic road trip with a warrior, a silverware-obsessed goblin and a bounty trailing them in this companion to Legends & Lattes.

Dark Sisters – Kristi Demeester. Three women must chase a curse through the generations to reclaim their power.

Snake-Eater – T. Kingfisher. In an isolated desert town, a young woman seeking a fresh start is confronted by ancient gods, malevolent supernatural forces, and eccentric neighbours. A witty horror-tinged fantasy, perfect for fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Chuck Tingle, and Rachel Harrison.

Tailored Realities – Brandon Sanderson. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Stormlight Archive and the Mistborn saga comes a new short-fiction collection including the never-before-published novella "Moment Zero."

General Fiction

The Heir Apparent – Rebecca Armitage. A modern fairy tale features a British princess who must decide between her duty to her family—or to her own heart.

Helm – Sarah Hall. A modern researcher watches in fear as human pollution threatens to extinguish the ancient force of Helm, the ferocious wind of Northern England who has influenced ancient tribes, inventors and dreamers across history.

When the Fireflies Dance – Aisha Hassan. Haunted by his brother's murder and the brutal labor of bonded servitude near a Lahore brick kiln, Lalloo must find the strength to escape his family's violent past and forge a path toward freedom and redemption.

Before I Forget – Tory Henwood Hoen. When twenty-six-year-old Cricket Campbell returns to her Adirondack hometown to care for her father with Alzheimer's, she discovers his uncanny ability to foresee the future, opening the possibility of confronting her painful past and starting over.

The Silver Book – Olivia Laing. Art, power, desire and illusion collide in a novel set in the months leading up to the murder of Pier Paolo Pasolini in 1975.

Some Bright Nowhere – Ann Packer. A bestselling author returns with her first novel in over a decade, an intimate look at a long marriage and the ways in which a startling request can change a couple's understanding of who they are, together and apart.

House of Day, House of Night – Olga Tokarczuk. Another "constellation novel" from the Booker Prize-winning author of Flights, this tale set in a remote Polish village interweaves history, myth and memory as eccentric characters and haunting stories reveal the boundless imagination of place.

Historical Fiction

Sharpe's Storm – Bernard Cornwell. As Britain prepares to invade France for the first time, the formidable Richard Sharpe and his men brace themselves for a cold, hard winter.

Mystery & Detective

The Quiet Mother – Arnaldur Indridason. A woman is found murdered in her Reykjavík home, her apartment ransacked, and on her desk lies a note with retired detective Konrad's phone number.

Suspense

Everybody Wants to Rule the World – Ace Atkins. In 1985, 14-year-old Peter thinks mom's boyfriend is a Russian agent, so when a woman dies at Scientific Atlanta lab where his mom works, Peter recruits has-been writer Dennis and drag performer buddy Jackie, who become targets of a Russian hitman; FBI agent Sylvia investigates and discovers a nest of Russian spies.

Stuart Woods' Blown Away – Brett Battles. Vacationing in Palm Springs, the suave ex-CIA operative investigates a murder at a celebrity party and uncovers a high-stakes plot to seize control of a futuristic energy firm before innocent lives and critical technology fall into the wrong hands.

Spasm – Robin Cook. Taking a break from city politics, medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton travel to Essex Falls to investigate two extremist deaths, uncovering bizarre symptoms, a town obsessed with the 1950s, and the terrifying possibility of a bioweapon poised to endanger the entire nation.

Cape Fever – Nadia Davids. In 1920, Soraya works as personal maid to eccentric Mrs. Hattingh, whose home is near the Muslim Quarter where Soraya lives with her parents; after Mrs. Hattingh offers to write weekly to Soraya's fiancé Nour on her behalf, their ritual binds the women and threatens their sanity.

White Wolf – Eric Lustbader. As a revolutionary communication technology threatens to upend global power by rendering all encryption obsolete, agent Evan Ryder must outmaneuver the lethal assassin known as White Wolf—each woman locked in a deadly race to control the future of information itself.

False Witness – Phillip Margolin. (*November release*) A lawyer who was set-up, imprisoned, and disbarred, only to be vindicated and reinstated, is determined to find out who set her up and cover their tracks with a trail of dead bodies.

The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe – James Patterson. A true crime thriller follows Marilyn Monroe, a woman who changed Hollywood history and whose indelible image captures our imagination to this day.

The Award – Matthew Pearl. In Cambridge, struggling novelist David Trent lives beneath the tyrannical literary giant Silas Hale, whose hostility shifts to venomous interest after David wins a major award—only for disturbing revelations and a fateful twist to plunge the young writer into perilous choices.

NONFICTION

The Body Boundaries Parenting Guide: Eight Essential Body Safety Conversations to Have with Your Kids – Julie Bemerer. (*August release*) Empower your child to understand and communicate their body boundaries with confidence through engaging activities and guided conversations—designed specifically for children ages 3–6.

Tonight in Jungleland: the Making of Born to Run – Peter Ames Carlin. (*August release*) A fascinating behind-the-scenes account of the making of Bruce Springsteen's ground-breaking album, Born to Run—one of the most iconic records in rock history. Combines lush music writing with unprecedented inside access to Springsteen, his bandmates, and the full story behind every song.

100 Rules for Living to 100: an Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life – Dick Van Dyke. (*November release*) On the eve of his 100th birthday, national treasure Dick Van Dyke brings us this autobiographical collection of stories, reflections, and life advice on how he's maintained a zest for life.

Nobody's Girl: a Memoir of Surviving Abuse and Fighting for Justice – Virginia Roberts Giuffre. (*October release*) The world knows Virginia Roberts Giuffre as Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's most outspoken victim: the woman whose decision to speak out helped send both serial abusers to prison, whose photograph with Prince Andrew catalyzed his fall from grace. But her story has never been told in full, in her own words—until now.

The Beast in the Clouds: the Roosevelt Brothers' Deadly Quest to Find the Mythical Giant Panda – Nathalia Holt. (*July release*) For lovers of history, nature, and adventure, the stunning true story of Theodore Roosevelt's sons and their 1929 Himalayan expedition to prove the existence of the beishung, the panda bear, to the western world.

The Boston Way: Radicals Against Slavery and the Civil War – Mark Kurlansky. (*October release*) How do good people find the courage to resist and end the greatest evil in their country? An untold story of the Civil War Era: pacifists in Boston who led the fight to end slavery without violence and war.

This Way Up: When Maps Go Wrong (and Why It Matters) – Map Men. (*November release*) Delve into laugh-out-loud funny, hilarious geographical gaffes. Whether you're an avid map junkie or simply "map-curious," each chapter uncovers a unique tale of adventure, error and unexpected humor – as the Map Men attempt to answer the question: "What on earth happened here?"

Roll for Sandwich Cookbook: for Gaming Enthusiasts and Adventurous Eaters – Jacob A. Pauwels. (*September release*) On TikTok, Jake rolls gaming dice to "let fate decide" what his sandwich will be that day. Within the Roll for Sandwich Cookbook, you'll discover the lip-smacking secrets to recreating some of these most delicious and outrageous sandwich miracles at home — from the Critical Hits to the Epic Fails and everything in between!

Coping with Cancer in Early Adulthood: from Diagnosis to Treatment to Day-to-Day Life Changes, Navigating Your Cancer Journey – Cristina Pozo-Kaderman. (*October release*) Explores the emotional, physical, and practical challenges faced by young adults

aged 18–49 who are navigating a cancer diagnosis during critical life milestones in early adulthood. This guide provides actionable advice for managing emotional struggles, financial concerns, relationship challenges, and physical health changes caused by cancer.

How We Grow Up: Understanding Adolescence – Matt Richtel. (*July release*) Greatly expanding his award-winning New York Times series on the contemporary teen mental-health crisis, Pulitzer Prize-winning science reporter Matt Richtel delivers a groundbreaking investigation into adolescence, the pivotal life stage undergoing profound—and often confounding—transformation.

Unplug: How to Break Up With Your Phone and Reclaim Your Life – Richard Simon. (*June release*) Turn off your phone and turn on your life with step-by-step instructions and success stories from dozens of people who've set healthy boundaries with their devices.

The Handsewn Wardrobe: a Complete Guide to Making Your Own Clothes from Patternmaking to the Finishing Stitches – Louisa Owen Sonstroem. (*August 2025*) Discover the slow, quiet joy of sewing clothes by hand in this one-of-kind guide. Featuring step-by-step, illustrated instructions, this hand-sewing course-in-a-book shows you how to create nine wardrobe staples, including a t-shirt, a button-up, and jeans, using simple hand-sewing and hand-stitching techniques.

The Feather Detective: Mystery, Mayhem, and the Magnificent Life of Roxie Laybourne – Chris Sweeney. (*July release*) The fascinating and remarkable true story of the world's first forensic ornithologist—Roxie Laybourne, who broke down barriers for women, solved murders, and investigated deadly airplane crashes with nothing more than a microscope and a few fragments of feathers.

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