

**** HOT TITLES COMING TO KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2026 ****
(adult print titles only, includes some titles from past months)

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

To Ride a Rising Storm – Monique Blackgoose. A young indigenous woman and her dragon fight for the independence of their homeland in this epic sequel to the bestselling and multi-award-winning *To Shape a Dragon's Breath*, "a remarkable novel that is bound to be a staple of fantasy shelves for years to come."

George Falls Through Time – Ryan Collett. *Less* meets the year 1300 in this exhilarating and thoughtfully genre-defying literary novel about a man transported through time in a moment of extreme stress, whose modern anxieties are replaced by medieval brutalities.

General Fiction

Lost Lambs – Madeline Cash. Follows a suburban family of five unspooling at the seams, navigating a disastrous open marriage, teenage rebellion, and an unexpected human trafficking/body-hacking crime conspiracy.

The Rest of Our Lives – Ben Markovits. (*December release*) When Tom Layward's wife had an affair twelve years ago, he resolved to leave her as soon as his youngest child left the nest. Now, while driving his college-bound daughter to Pittsburgh, he remembers his promise to himself. He is also on the run from his own health issues and a forced leave from work. So, rather than returning to his wife in Westchester, Tom keeps driving west, with the vague plan of visiting people from his past en route, maybe, to California. He's moving towards a future he hasn't even envisioned yet while he considers his past and the choices he's made that have brought him to this particular present. Pitch-perfect, tender, and keenly observed, this is a story about what to do when the rest of your life is only just the beginning of your story.

This is Where the Serpent Lives – Daniyal Mueenuddin. Moving from Pakistan's sophisticated cities to its most rural farmlands, this novel captures the extraordinary proximity of extreme wealth to extreme poverty in a land where fate is determined by class and social station. It paints a powerful portrait of contemporary feudal Pakistan, and a farm on which the destinies of a dozen unforgettable characters are linked through violence and love, resilience, and tragedy.

Things That Are Funny on a Submarine But Not Really – Yannick Murphy. (*November release*) A deeply funny and achingly honest coming-of-age story surfacing from the pressures of Navy life and the weight of what comes after.

The Devil's Daughter – Danielle Steel. Two diametrically different sisters--one calculating and egotistical, the other honorable, kind, and compassionate--clash in this compelling novel.

Vigil – George Saunders. An electric novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*, taking place at the bedside of an oil company CEO in the twilight hours of his life as he is ferried from this world into the next.

Crux – Gabriel Tallent. In this story of intense friendship and grit, two down-and-out teens escape their lives and chase a different future through rock-climbing.

Just Watch Me – Lior Torenberg. A bold debut about a charismatic misfit who livestreams her life for seven days and nights to raise money to save her comatose sister--a poignant and darkly funny exploration of grief, forgiveness, and redemption.

Historical Fiction

The Last of Earth – Deepa Anappara. A stunning historical novel set in nineteenth-century Tibet that follows two outsiders--an Indian schoolteacher spying for the British Empire and an English "lady" explorer--as they venture into a forbidden kingdom.

The Friend of the Family – Dean Koontz. A girl liberated from a carnival sideshow discovers her mysterious purpose in a moving novel about family, sacrifice, and transcendent love.

This House Will Feed – Maria Tureaud. Amidst the devastation of Ireland's Great Famine, a young woman is salvaged from certain death when offered a mysterious position at a remote manor house haunted by a strange power and the horror of her own memories in this chillingly evocative historical novel braided with gothic horror and supernatural suspense.

Mystery & Detective

The Bookbinder's Secret – A. D. Bell. A young bookbinder begins a hunt for the truth when a confession hidden beneath the binding of a burned book reveals a story of forbidden love, lost fortune, and murder.

Inside Man – John McMahon. In this sequel to McMahon's electrifying series debut, *Head Cases*, Gardner Camden and the PAR team return to investigate potentially connected cases.

Romance

Woman Down – Colleen Hoover. In this twisty thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Colleen Hoover, a frustrated author looks for her muse in a remote hideaway, but what she finds defies all expectations...and reality.

Suspense

The First Time I Saw Him – Laura Dave. A gripping, rich, and deeply moving novel about the power of forgiveness, which picks up right where the epilogue for *The Last Thing He Told Me* left off, giving readers the eagerly awaited and absolutely exhilarating sequel to Dave's global blockbuster.

Anatomy of an Alibi – Ashley Elston. A tense, feverish thriller about two women's lives that are forever intertwined when a murder threatens to expose them both.

My Husband's Wife – Alice Feeney. Eden Fox, an artist on the brink of her big break, sets off for a run before her first exhibition. When she returns to the home she recently moved into, Spyglass, an enchanting old house in Hope Falls, nothing is as it should be. Her key

doesn't fit. A woman, eerily similar to her, answers the door. And her husband insists that the stranger is his wife. One house. One husband. Two women. Someone is lying.

The Storm – Rachel Hawkins. A thrilling new gothic suspense about a Gulf Coast beach motel that has survived a century of hurricanes-and has also been the site of multiple mysterious deaths.

Dear Debbie – Freida McFadden. A biting, subversive thriller about what happens when women finally choose to take justice into their own hands - with killer results.

The Birdwatcher – Jacquelyn Mitchard. (*December release*) When she is convicted of a double murder, Felicity Wild, a brilliant grad student turned high-priced escort, declares, 'I may not be innocent, but I'm innocent of this.' Reenie Bigelow never doubted it. A jury may have given Felicity a life sentence, but Reenie knows that her childhood best friend is not capable of murder. And so Reenie, a journalist, decides to use her deep connections to Felicity's past to unravel the truth.

The Invisible Woman – James Patterson. An undercover FBI agent investigates a family with suspected ties to organized crime--by posing as their live-in nanny.

Private Rome – James Patterson. This thrilling addition to the bestselling Private series transports readers inside the halls of the Vatican itself when a priest is murdered--and the new lead agent at Private is the number one suspect.

Pendergast: the Beginning – Douglas Preston. From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling duo Preston and Child comes *the Agent Pendergast* origin story--a golden opportunity for longtime fans and new readers to learn about Agent Pendergast's strange and shocking first case.

NONFICTION

Fly, Wild Swans: My Mother, Myself and China – Jung Chang. Jung's love letter and emotional tribute to her extraordinary mother. Profoundly moving, it is filled with drama, love, curiosity and incredible history--both personal and global. Told in Jung's clear, honest and compelling voice, it is memoir writing at its best.

Captain's Dinner: a Shipwreck, an Act of Cannibalism, and a Murder Trial That Changed Legal History – Adam Cohen. (*November release*) Four men in a lifeboat. Two weeks without food. One impossible choice that would reshape the boundaries between survival and murder. "A perfect enunciation of the classic philosophical conundrum: can you sacrifice one innocent life to save many?"

The Joy of Solitude: How to Reconnect with Yourself in an Overconnected World – Robert J. Coplan. (*November release*) An engaging, practical guide through the promises and paradoxes of solitude, offering science-backed advice for getting the most out of your alone time and deepening your relationship with yourself and others.

A Biography of a Mountain: the Making and Meaning of Mount Rushmore – Matthew Davis. (*November release*) Combines history with reportage, bringing the complicated and nuanced story of Mt. Rushmore to life, from the land's origins as sacred tribal ground; to the expansion of the American West; to the larger-than-life personality of Gutzon Borglum, the

artist who carved the presidential faces into the mountain; and up to the politicized present-day conflict over the site and its future. Exploring issues related to how we memorialize American history, Davis tells an imperative story for our time.

Everybody Loses: the Tumultuous Rise of American Sports Gambling – Danny Funt.

This riveting narrative will captivate sports fans, concerned parents, and anyone intrigued by the intersection of money and morals. *Everybody Loses* is the crucial book for understanding why sports gambling is suddenly everywhere--and why the odds are so great that the problems it's creating will soon spiral out of control.

The Greatest Sentence Ever Written – Walter Isaacson. (*November release*) To

celebrate America's 250th anniversary, Walter Isaacson takes readers on a deep dive into the creation of one of history's most powerful sentences: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.' This line lays the foundation for the American Dream and defines the common ground we share as a nation. Isaacson unpacks its genius, word by word, illuminating the then-radical concepts behind it.

Kin: the Future of Family – Sophie Lucido Johnson. (*November release*) With richly reported stories and insights from psychology and sociology, Lucido Johnson explores the importance of our closest relationships (beyond the nuclear family) and provides the tools to forge kinship: relationships built on emotional support, physical care, and shared resources.

Black Dahlia: Murder, Monsters, and Madness in Midcentury Hollywood – William J.

Mann. The first definitive account of the Black Dahlia murder--the most famous unsolved true crime case in American history--which humanizes the victim and situates the notorious case within an anxious, postwar country grappling with new ideas, demographics, and technologies.

The Sea Captain's Wife: a True Story of Mutiny, Love, and Adventure at the Bottom of the World – Tilar J. Mazzeo. (*December release*) The true story of the first female captain of a merchant ship and her treacherous navigation of Antarctica's deadly waters.

My Mother's Money: a Guide to Financial Caregiving – Beth Pinsker. (*November*

release) A comprehensive, compassionate guide for navigating end-of-life financial decisions for an aging parent or other loved one--from an award-winning journalist who is also a Certified Financial Planner.

Your Last First Date: Secrets from a Hollywood Matchmaker – Jaydi Samuels Kuba. The age-old art of matchmaking meets Hollywood as Jaydi Samuels Kuba, founder of LJMatchmaking, takes us behind the scenes of her work as a matchmaker and date coach for the entertainment industry's most eligible singles. Even the glitziest picture-perfect set-up could flop due to bad dating habits, a frustration that Jaydi specializes in solving. Now, in *Your Last First Date*, she's sharing her incredible stories, along with the exclusive practical wisdom we all need.

Pickleball in 60 Seconds: Everything You Need to Know to Master the World's Hottest Sport – Tanner Tomassi. (*December release*) Learn everything there is to know about the hottest game in town. Whether you're just picking up a paddle or looking to climb from 3.0

to 4.0 and beyond, this book breaks down what actually works on the court--straight from pro player Tanner Tomassi. Broken down into easily digestible tips and tricks, this book will get you on the court (and winning games) in no time.

The American Revolution: an Intimate History – Geoffrey C. Ward. (*November release*)

In this sumptuous volume, historian Geoffrey C. Ward ably steers us through the international forces at play, telling the story not from the top down but from the bottom up--and through the eyes of not only our "Founding Fathers" but also those of ordinary soldiers, as well as underrepresented populations such as women, African Americans, Native Americans, and American Loyalists, asking who exactly was entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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