

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Invasive Species – Ellery Adams. Takes the familiar landscape of 1980s suburbia and infuses it with genuine dread, weaving together Greek legend, Icelandic folklore, and the everyday monsters of patriarchal expectations. Adams turns myth into menace with a story that's as sharp as it is strange, where every page hums with unease.

After the Fall – Edward Ashton. (*February release*) Part alien invasion story, part buddy comedy, and part workplace satire, *After The Fall* asks an important question: would humans really make great pets?

Japanese Gothic – Kylie Lee Baker. A rare gem of a time-slip novel, in which an NYU student hiding a terrible secret from his father crosses paths with an 1870s female samurai--raised by her own father's inflexible code--in a deliciously appealing and ancient house. Baker effortlessly takes in Japanese mythology, puts her own spin on history, and weaves it all together into an incredible finale.

The Subtle Art of Folding Space – John Chu. A wildly imaginative ride following people who maintain the universe as they navigate conspiracies, change and profound grief. Effortless, brimming with ideas and with deep heart – not to mention mouth-watering food.

The Faith of Beasts – James S. A. Corey. In this sequel to *The Mercy of Gods*, human captives spread through the battlefronts of empire as the awesome power of the Carryx becomes clear. And with it, a desperate plan for their destruction. But empires hide secrets, and even the deathless enemy may not be what it appears ...

We Burned So Bright – T. J. Klune. This is classic Klune, a warm and cozy story even in the face of overwhelming grief, with complex family dynamics at the heart of it. Readers can't get enough of Klune's brand of emotionally satisfying storytelling.

When the Museum is Closed – Emi Yagi. (*January release*) Rika Horauchi's new part-time job is to converse with a statue of Venus - in Latin - every Monday, when the museum is closed. Initially reluctant, Rika starts to enjoy her strange new job. Recommended by her old university professor for her exemplary language skills, Rika leads an otherwise unassuming life, working the rest of the week in a frozen-food warehouse. As Venus comes to life in the quiet of the museum, they talk about everything. Venus opens up new worlds for Rika, both intellectually and emotionally. They soon fall in love. But when the museum's curator, Hashibami, makes it clear he wants to keep Venus for himself, what will Rika do?

General Fiction

Small Boat – Vincent Delecroix. A brutally fearless exploration of migration and our complicity in the face of tragedy. Not only does this thorny, firecracker of a novel ask large, provocative questions about the plight of migrants, it is expertly crafted to take every reader beyond the headlines and sensationalism that plague one of the defining human rights issues of our time.

Love By the Book – Jessica George. Reads like a rom com for platonic friendship, a charming and nuanced take on contemporary friendships, putting the spotlight on the value of different kinds of love in people's lives. A celebration of women's friendships and families, in various configurations.

Transcription – Ben Lerner. A lightning flash of a novel that is at once a gripping emotional drama and a brilliant examination of the devices, digital and literary, we use to store--or to erase--our memories.

Theo of Golden Allen Levi. (*October 2025 release*) A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club – Susan Patterson. The Mother-Daughter Book Club is Susan and James Patterson's new novel, the follow-up to *Things I Wish I Told My Mother*--the New York Times bestselling, book club favorite praised novel.

Ghost Town – Tom Perrotta. A gripping and darkly nostalgic tale about a tumultuous summer in 1970s suburban New Jersey, from the perspective of a middle-aged writer looking back on a series of events that changed his life--and the story he finally has the courage to tell.

American Fantasy – Emma Straub. In a smart and incisive book packed with laugh-out-loud reflections on fame, aging, marriage, and middle age, Emma Straub delivers a richly textured story that shows us real passion is never truly lost, that what we love makes us who we are, and that deep meaning can sometimes be found in a sea of screaming fans.

Ms. Mebel Goes Back to the Chopping Block – Jesse Q. Sutanto. A nearly divorced trophy wife enrolls in culinary school to win back her husband, only to find a fresh start in the unlikeliest of places.

Graphic Novel

All the Cameras in My Room – Michael Deforge. Deforge's stories break down how we consume pop culture, interrogate our relationship to star power and recontextualize our nostalgia into a shared mythology, cementing his place as the most consistent and beguiling cartoonist working today.

Everything in Color: a Love Story – Stephanie Stalvey. Interrogating her own upbringing in an evangelical community, Stephanie Stalvey weaves a story of faith, alienation, romance and acceptance, in this beautifully painted graphic memoir.

Historical Fiction

The Mountains We Call Home: the Book Woman's Legacy – Kim Michele Richardson. In this standalone and companion novel to the *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* series, Cussy Lovett returns home. A powerful testament of strength, survival, and the magic of the printed word, the story is wrapped into a vivid portrait of Kentucky life: examining incarceration and criminalization, exploring the effects on the poor and powerless, and tracing the societal consequences of fractured family bonds, along with

nostalgic glimpses of a bustling, multifaceted Louisville, and heartwarming portraits of reading efforts in every facet of life.

[A Woman's Place](#) – Danielle Steel. A bold young woman defies society's expectations in the early 1900s to love and lead in this gripping novel by #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel.

Mystery & Detective Fiction

[To Kill a Cook](#) – W. M. Akers. (*February release*) A hilarious, fast-paced mystery about a feisty food critic in 1970s NY who finds her chef friend murdered and realizes she might be the only one to find the killer.

[Clawed and Dangerous](#) – Rita Mae Brown. When a series of suspiciously similar deaths begin to pop up across Crozet, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen must connect the dots with the help of her beloved cats and dogs in the latest mystery from Rita Mae Brown and her feline co-author Sneaky Pie Brown.

[The Ending Writes Itself](#) – Evelyn Clarke. Six writers are brought to a remote Scottish island to finish a beloved mystery novelist's final book--but not all is what it seems! And there's a ticking clock! The premise alone sounds delightful but when you learn that Evelyn Clarke is the pen-name for the duo of V.E. Schwab and Cat Clarke, you're more or less guaranteed a page-turning treat.

[A Deadly Episode](#) – Anthony Horowitz. They're making a major feature film of the first Hawthorne/Horowitz mystery novel. Except--they're behind schedule, they've run out of money and . . . oh! The star has just been murdered.

Romance

[One & Only](#) – Maureen Goo. (*February release*) For ten years, Cass has been searching for her fated, a man named Daniel Nam. But he's still nowhere to be found. And so, on the eve of her 40th birthday, Cass decides to do something for herself. She impulsively has a fling with Ellis. He's twenty-eight, indecently handsome, and not destined to be the love of her life. But she's surprised by their connection and their fling feels like something more--up to the moment he introduces her to his boss... Daniel Nam. As she battles between fate and chance, head and heart, a family secret is revealed that will make her question everything she's ever known. Cassia will have to decide if she'll follow her fate...or make her own.

[Chasing the Clouds Away](#) – Debbie Macomber. An uplifting story of an unforgettable chance encounter between a successful yet jaded businessman and a woman who sees--but also expects--the best in everyone, sparking an unlikely romance that challenges their assumptions about generosity, trust, and the gifts of unforeseen love.

Short Stories

[My Dear You: Stories](#) – Rachel Khong. Playful, profane, and yet enveloped with profound compassion for life, however you define it, My Dear You takes on dating, marriage, and the pressures of having or not having children; intimacy, memory, race, and capitalism; living, dying, and being dead. At their very core, they are tales of love in its many forms: being in love when you're not supposed to be, or not being in love but wishing you were; failing at dating apps or finding yourself in weird but wonderful lifelong friendships; struggling in

heaven to remember your loved ones. Ranging from the sinister to the tender, these witty and expertly paced stories will have you laughing out loud one minute and reaching for your best friend the next.

Suspense

Hope Rises – David Baldacci. Walter Nash began a journey down a dark path of seemingly no return, and now he finds himself questioning everything that got him there in this thrilling sequel to Nash Falls.

Yesteryear – Caro Claire Burke. A traditional American woman, a beautiful wife and mother who sells her pioneer lifestyle of raw milk and farm-fresh eggs to her millions of social media followers, suddenly awakens cold, filthy, and terrified in the brutal reality of 1855--where she must unravel whether this living nightmare is an elaborate hoax, a twisted reality show, or something far more sinister.

Mad Mabel – Sally Hepworth. A twist-filled, darkly funny mystery about the two kinds of people no one ever expects to be murderers: little girls and old ladies.

The Caretaker – Marcus Kliever. A supernatural horror about a young woman who accepts a caretaking job from Craigslist, only to discover the position has consequences far greater--and more dangerous--than she ever could have imagined.

Revenge Prey – John Sandford. Lucas Davenport must track down a ruthless Russian hit team, in this latest thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author John Sandford.

Shadow Strike – Brad Taylor. A dynamic political thriller featuring Pike Logan as he goes head-to-head with an old enemy – and renowned assassin.

How to Kill a Guy in Ten Dates – Shailee Thompson. (*February release*) When Jamie Prescott and her best friend Laurie attend a speed-dating event, Jamie expects to meet a roster of mediocre men and indulge in some street food afterwards. She doesn't expect one of her dates to have his throat slit at their table during a blackout. After the lights come back on and there are more bodies on the floor, it becomes clear that dating can be a very dangerous pastime.

NONFICTION

Monsters in the Archives: My Year of Fear with Stephen King – Caroline Bicks. A fascinating, first-of-its-kind exploration of Stephen King and his most iconic early books, based on groundbreaking research and interviews with King--all conducted by the first scholar to be given extended access to his private archives.

The Regenerative Gardener's Handbook: Essential Techniques for Growing a Garden That Leaves the Land Healthier Than When You Found It – Briana Selstad Bosch. (*January release*) In this comprehensive handbook, Briana Bosch of Blossom and Branch Farm teaches you how to grow flowers, herbs, and vegetables in a way that improves the soil, supports pollinators and birds, and minimizes the use of store-bought products.

Korean Messiah: Kim Il Sung and the Christian Roots of North Korea's Personality Cult – Jonathan Cheng. Illuminates an important but little understood layer of the mystery of North Korea: how the ruling Kim family drew from Christianity to create one of the most

repressive regimes in modern history. This is a fascinating account of the lost community of Presbyterian missionaries from America who transformed Pyongyang into a city known back then as the 'Jerusalem of the East, ' and their lasting impact on North Korea even as the regime seeks to stamp out Christianity from everyday life today.

Meat: How the Next Agricultural Revolution Will Transform Humanity's Favorite Food – and Our Future – Bruce Friedrich. (*February release*) Good Food Institute founder and president Bruce Friedrich offers a hopeful and rigorously researched exploration of how science, policy, and industry can work together to satisfy the world's soaring demand for meat, while building a healthier and more sustainable world.

Vermeer: a Life Lost and Found – Andrew Graham-Dixon. Rich with piercingly direct descriptions of Vermeer's paintings, Graham-Dixon's biography is full of revelations. It upends the master's enigmatic reputation and depicts him instead as a pioneer of the early Enlightenment, a pacifist who was deeply affected by the wars and religious conflicts of the Dutch Republic and allied to a radical movement driven underground by persecution. In *Vermeer: A Life Lost and Found*, Dixon does what countless art historians and scholars before him failed to: he brings Johannes Vermeer, renowned for his use of chiaroscuro, out of the shadows and into the light.

If This Be Magic: the Unlikely Art of Shakespeare in Translation – Daniel Hahn. How does Shakespeare remain Shakespeare when every word is changed? In this playful, meditative exploration of translating the world's most beloved playwright, Daniel Hahn guides us through the magic of bringing the Bard to a global audience.

The Contemporary Cottage Garden: Climate-Friendly, Mindful Methods for Growing Flowers and Food – Pamela Hubbard. (*February release*) Expertly walks the gardener through what it takes to grow in the cottage garden style--where flowers and vegetables are intermingled in a casual display of colorful brilliance--while also meeting the needs of the modern world in an era of increased weather extremes.

Kutchinsky's Egg: a Family's Story of Obsession, Love, and Loss – Serena Kutchinsky. (*March release*) A riveting, heart-stopping family memoir that blends art, obsession, and love as the author searches for the spectacular jeweled egg that consumed her father's dreams--and spelled her family's downfall.

Killers of Roe: My Investigation Into the Mysterious Death of Abortion Rights – Amy Littlefield. (*March release*) A gripping, must-read investigation into the secret architects and unlikely characters behind America's greatest rollback of rights. *Killers of Roe* reads like a political thriller, but one with real material harms and life-and-death consequences.

A World Appears: a Journey Into Consciousness – Michael Pollan. (*February release*) A panoptic exploration of consciousness--what it is, who has it, and why--and a meditation on the essence of our humanity.

The Noma Guide to Building Flavor: Including Recipes and Techniques for Sauces, Butters, Broths, Reductions, Preserves, Vinaigrettes, Flavoured Salts, and Infused Oils – Rene Redzepl. Offers more than 150 recipes for infused oils, vinaigrettes, fudges, spice mixes, rubs, sauces, and other flavor-boosting condiments that professional and home cooks can now make and use to elevate every part of their cooking.

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