

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Homebound – Portia Elan. It's 1983 and Becks can't wait to get the hell out of Cincinnati. She's nineteen, blasting her Walkman, and hiding from the fact that her beloved uncle, the only person who understood her, is dead. But she has work to do: he left her a half-finished game to complete--one last collaboration to find her way out of loneliness. Little does she know, what Becks is making will echo far into the future and shape the lives of a scientist, a sentient automaton, and a flinty sea captain in ways she cannot imagine. All are bound together by their search for connection--and by a futuristic traveler on a mysterious mission through space.

I Hear a New World – Alan Moore. It's 1958 and Dennis Knuckleyard has decided to leave his adventures in the Great When in the past where they belong. For nine years, he's avoided so much as thinking about the magical version of London, until he rediscovers an unpleasant reminder of his last adventure--a key that he'd secretly brought into his own world from the other for safekeeping. But while Dennis may believe he's done with the Great When, it's far from done with him. When Dennis gives the key to a friend, its magical properties reawaken, bringing creatures from the other world into Dennis's and sparking riots in Notting Hill.

Seek the Traitor's Son – Veronica Roth. Elegy Ahn did not ask for destiny to find her. She is happy with her life as a soldier, defending her small country from the Talusar, a powerful nation who worships a deadly Fever. A fever that blesses half of its victims with mysterious gifts. But then she's summoned to hear a prophecy--her, and the most ruthless of Talusar generals, Rava Vidar. Brought face to face, they learn that one of them will lead their people to victory over the other...but they don't know which. And at the center of both of their fates: a man. A man that, Elegy is told, she will fall in love with. In just one day, Elegy's old life--her job, her purpose, and her future--is over. She and Rava are destined to collide, with the fate of their nations hanging in the balance. And when they do, only one will be left standing. Elegy intends to make sure it's her.

General Fiction

Leave Your Mess at Home – Tolani Akinola. (*April release*) Sola Longe, eldest daughter, estranged from the family, is secretly back home in Chicago for the first time in a decade; Anjola is in love with her best friend, who just got engaged to someone else; Karen, a college junior and the baby of the family, is grappling with her sexuality and self-image; and Ola, the golden child with a baby of his own on the way, is questioning his marriage and how to raise a Black son in America. Sola's unexpected return sets them on a crash course towards each other, and when the four siblings find themselves together again at their Nigerian immigrant parents' Thanksgiving table, a decade's worth of secrets and a lifetime of resentments explode to the fore. In the wreckage of their fateful reunion, each Longe is forced to reckon with the past, take stock of what really matters, and find a way back to each other.

Enormous Wings – Laurie Frankel. At seventy-seven, Pepper Mills is too old to be a stranger in a strange land. She didn't choose the Vista View Retirement Community of Austin, Texas--that would be her three grown children--but when she grudgingly moves in, she not only makes new friends, she falls in love. Then the exhaustion, vomiting, and confusion start. She fears it's cancer, dementia, a stroke. But a raft of tests later, the news is even more shocking: She's pregnant. As word gets out, everyone wants a piece of her: the press and paparazzi, activists and medical researchers, belly-rubbers and rubber-neckers all descending on Vista View while Pepper struggles to determine her next move. Soon she has some hard decisions to make--and some she's not allowed to make.

Babylon, South Dakota – Tom Lin. A tantalizing, American West saga about a Chinese American family trying to survive on their Dakota farm as a powerful, mysterious, and morally dubious military secret shapes their lives.

A Good Animal – Sara Maurer. (*February release*) Tense, lyrical, and deeply felt, Sara Maurer's unforgettable debut breathtakingly captures the ache of first love, the beauty and brutality of rural life, and how one decision can echo through generations and shape who we become.

Take Me With You – Steven Rowley. A tender and thoughtful story about the bonds of romance and family, about the inevitability of bereavement and grief, about the strangeness and beauty of being alive. And of course *Take Me With You* is funny; it's a book by Steven Rowley.

The Things We Never Say – Elizabeth Strout. Tells the story of a chance incident that sparks a powerful realization in a beloved teacher's life--a poignant meditation on loneliness, friendship, parenthood, and the importance of truth in a capsizing world.

John of John – Douglas Stuart. From the Booker Prize-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shuggie Bain* and *Young Mungo* comes a vivid, moving novel following a young man returning to his Hebridean island home, a portrait of a father's expectations and a son's desires.

All the World Can Hold – Jung Yun. (*March release*) *Let the Great World Spin* meets *My Name Is Lucy Barton* in this novel set aboard an aging cruise ship bound for Bermuda, where growing tensions lead three strangers to confront their past regrets and imagine different futures.

Historical Fiction

Frida's Cook – Florencia Etcheves. (*March release*) This colorful, emotive historical debut whisks us to the home of Frida Kahlo, where food, art, and love weave together an unforgettable story of friendship and loyalty, with a bright Coyoacán as a vivid background.

The Moonlight Runner – Karen Robards. (*March release*) In the wake of the Great War, a young woman joins the Irish rebellion and risks everything for her country in this sweeping story of love, bravery and the relentless pursuit of freedom from *New York Times* bestselling author Karen Robards.

Nonesuch – Francis Spufford. (*March release*) A spellbinding tale about an ambitious young woman who must thwart an occult plot by time-traveling fascists during the chaos of the London Blitz.

The Calamity Club – Kathryn Stockett. A bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women in 1933 Mississippi, fighting for what's rightfully theirs--and the power of friendship to change everything.

Mists Over the Channel Islands – Sarah Sundin. (*February release*) The German invasion of the British Channel Islands shatters Dr. Ivy Picot's peaceful world, and she risks her life treating escapees from labor camps. Dutch engineer Gerrit van der Zee crosses paths with Ivy while building enemy fortifications. As their missions grow increasingly dangerous, they must decide if love can survive the cost of defiance?

Mystery & Detective

The Brothers McKay – Craig Johnson. When Pepper McKay, one of the most hated men in Absaroka County, is found murdered on his ranch in Crazy Woman Canyon, suspects aren't in short supply. But Sheriff Walt Longmire's attention is on those who had gathered for a family meeting that evening, McKay's very different sons. Then the case takes a sharp turn: a second body surfaces, and a wildfire tears through the canyon, trapping Walt and forcing him into a fight for his life as both the killer and the elements close in.

Cat on a Hot Tin Woof – Spencer Quinn. (*April release*) Join Chet the dog, the most lovable narrator in all of fiction, and his human partner Bernie as they scramble to solve a case exposing the dark side of internet fame.

Everyone in This Bank is a Thief – Benjamin Stevenson. (*March release*) Ten heists. Ten suspects. A murder mystery only Ernest Cunningham can solve in this delightfully clever and twisty new novel in Benjamin Stevenson's bestselling series--perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Anthony Horowitz.

Romance

Shippers – Katherine Center. Shipboard antics abound in this witty, heart-tugging, childhood-friends-to-lovers romance, as JoJo and Cooper team up, fake flirt, slow dance, share a cabin, sing duets, get jealous, answer long-held questions, and finally, at last, discover truths about each other that will change everything.

Our Perfect Storm – Carley Fortune. Best friends have one week in paradise to fix their friendship or fall apart in this heart-stopping, utterly romantic new novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Every Summer After* and *One Golden Summer*.

The Midnight Train – Matt Haig. When your life flashes before your eyes, where would you stop? No one can change the past, but the Midnight Train can take you there. The chance to re-live the moments that meant most. To see what kind of person you really were. For Wilbur his best days were with Maggie, the love of his life. On his honeymoon in Venice. Before he gave it all away. He wishes he could go back and live differently. But to do so risks everything. A magical, time-travelling love story, from the world of *The Midnight Library*.

Suspense

The Fourth Option – Jack Carr. In the tradition of the great "stranger comes to town" Westerns of the past comes a modern interpretation of the mysterious vigilante gunslinger. Get ready for a new kind of hero. Justice is coming.

Red Verdict – James Comey. Federal prosecutor Nora Carleton is drawn into international intrigue as she investigates the assassination of a weapons manufacturer in this latest thriller from the former director of the FBI.

Ironwood – Michael Connelly. Sworn to protect a scenic island meant to be far from the evils of the mainland, Detective Sergeant Stilwell can feel danger closing in. Page-turning, packed with intrigue, and bringing together an unstoppable investigative team, *Ironwood* continues the Catalina series with all of Michael Connelly's signature relentless narrative drive...evocative atmosphere, realistic dialogue, and well-developed characters.

Murder Mindfully – Karsten Dusse. (*April release*) Criminal defense lawyer Bjorn Diemel has been given an ultimatum: repair his work-life balance, or his wife will leave him-and take their daughter. He reluctantly starts a mindfulness course, and to his surprise, it's a revelation. He becomes calmer, happier, and more focused as he starts to understand what's really important in life. When his worst client, brutal kingpin Dragan Sergowicz, tries to interfere with his precious family time, Bjorn will stop at nothing-not even killing-to protect his peace.

Robert B. Parker's Booked – Alison Gaylin. Boston PI Sunny Randall investigates a popular book critic on a mean streak... only for her to wind up dead, in the latest thriller in Robert B. Parker's bestselling series.

Tom Clancy Rules of Engagement – Ward Larsen. When a member of his Cabinet is killed in a plane President Jack Ryan suspects that the "accident" is anything but in this latest shocking entry in this #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

26 Beauties – James Patterson. From the world's #1 bestselling author, the Women's Murder Club goes searching for 26 Beauties--young women missing in San Francisco.

The Last Mandarin – Louise Penny. *A mother and a daughter race against time in this all-too-real thriller that reaches from Tiananmen Square all the way to the White House.* An electrifying study of absolute power and voracious greed, political terror and personal conviction. But it is also an intimate examination of choice, of sacrifice, of memory and myths, both cultural and personal. It is the story of a mother and daughter, as well as a compelling international thriller about the precarious balance of power across the world, and within a family. And what happens when both break down. In a world ruled by power, even family can be a weapon.

The Final Target – Nora Roberts. A young author becomes the object of a fan's desire--and rage--in the gripping thriller by the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author.

NONFICTION

Through the Seasons: a Botanical Odyssey of the Native Plants of the Northeast – Michael Adamovic. (*December 2025 release*) Organized by habitat and season, this guide offers a visual record of native plants in their natural environments, serving as both a

phenological reference and an encyclopedia of species. Beyond field use, this guidebook provides valuable insights for improving landscaping conditions and understanding which plants can thrive in cultivation. Adamovic also underscores the importance of preserving native plants, detailing for readers how they support wildlife and insects that are essential for ecosystem balance. By fostering an appreciation for these species and their seasonal roles, *Through the Seasons* encourages more sustainable practices for a healthier natural environment.

Pope Leo XIV: the Biography – Elise Ann Allen. (*April release*) A deeply personal biography of Pope Leo XIV, featuring his first-ever public interview as pope, from Elise Ann Allen, journalist and Rome correspondent for *Crux*. Essential reading for anyone who wishes to understand the Church's pastor--his priorities, convictions, and vision for the future of faith.

Stay Alive: Berlin, 1939-1945 – Ian Buruma. (*March release*) Buruma gives tender attention to the Jewish experience in Berlin during the war, weaving its thread into the broader fabric of this marvelously rich and vivid mosaic of urban life. The distillation of a broad-gauged reckoning with a vast trove of primary sources, including a surprising number of interviews with living survivors, the book is a study in extremes--depravity and resilience, moral blindness and moral courage, pious bigotry and unchecked hedonism.

The High-Protein Plate: 100 Satisfying Everyday Recipes – Rachael Devaux. (*March release*) Real-life practicality meets science-backed nutrition in Rachael's approach. She embraces better-for-you swaps over strict food rules and shares alternatives to packaged foods so you can build balanced protein-forward plates that are satisfying and simple. From Buffalo Chicken Baked Tacos and Honey Blackberry Overnight Oats to Creamy Tomato Basil Chicken Pasta, these meals are made for everyday life.

Keeper of My Kin: Memoir of an Immigrant Daughter – Ada Ferrer. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Cuba: An American History* comes a heartbreaking yet redemptive memoir about migration, separation, and the love of one family forcing its way through the fissures of history. Using a treasure trove of letters written across the gulf of family separation and found after the death of Ada's parents, as well as government documents acquired through Freedom of Information Act requests, Ferrer offers us a profound reflection on belonging, memory, and the lasting imprint of history.

Monster of a Land: On the Road in Search of Modern America – Lauren Hough. (*June release*) From *The New York Times* bestselling author of *Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing* comes an update of John Steinbeck's trip in *Travels with Charley*, a cross-country journey exploring modern America with Lauren Hough's signature observational wit, searing social commentary, and perspective as someone who knows what it's like to truly exist on the margins in this country.

In the Days of My Youth I Was Told What it Means to Be a Man: a Memoir – Tom Junod. (*March release*) From two-time National Magazine Award winner Tom Junod, a searching, brilliantly stylized memoir about a charismatic, philandering father who tried to mold his son in his image, the many secrets he hid, the son's obsessive quest to uncover them, and ultimately, the true meaning of manhood.

Thirty-Two Words for Field: Lost Words of the Irish Landscape – Manchan Magan.

(February release) In this lyrical exploration of the Irish language's deep-rooted connection to nature, myth and memory, bestselling Irish author Manchán Magan offers readers a fresh way of seeing the world through words shaped by wind, water, ancestors, and the ancient rhythms of the land.

Checkmate: Genius, Lies, Ambition, and the Biggest Scandal in Chess – Ben Mezrich.

(June release) In September 2022, the unthinkable happened: nineteen-year-old American chess prodigy Hans Niemann defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen in a stunning face-to-face match. Within days, Carlsen accused Niemann of cheating--a bombshell allegation that rocked the chess world. As the scandal spiraled, Chess.com--the dominant force in online chess--launched a high-stakes investigation igniting a global media firestorm. With exclusive access to the central figures, Ben Mezrich takes readers deep inside the weird, wild, and cutthroat world of competitive chess--where genius meets ambition, and every move could be your last.

True Color: the Strange and Spectacular Quest to Define Color – from Azure to Zinc Pink – Kory Stamper. *(March release)*

A kaleidoscopic journey through the secret history of hues--and the story of the obsessive genius behind the definitions of colors we use today. Filled with captivating facts about color words and colors themselves, and fueled by Stamper's inexhaustible curiosity, *True Color* will transform the way you see the world, from black-and-white to Technicolor.

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