

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

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Children – Melissa Albert. The estranged adult children of a legendary author, written into their dead mother's beloved fantasy series, must contend with the vine-like creep of legacy, memory, and magic.

The Unicorn Hunters – Katherine Arden. In a desperate gamble to save her throne, a young monarch conceals a secret marriage in the shadows of an enchanted forest--and unknowingly alters the fate of her world.

Sublimation – Isabel Kim. When you immigrate, you leave a copy of yourself behind, an instance. One person enters their new country; the other stays trapped at home. Some instances keep in touch, call each other daily, keep their lives and minds in sync in the hopes of reintegrating and resuming a life as one person. Others, like Soyoung Rose Kang, leave home at ten years old and never speak to their other selves again. Rose, in America, never imagined going back to Korea until her grandfather died and her Korean instance called her home for the funeral. She doesn't know that Soyoung plans to steal her body and her life. How far would you go to live the choice you didn't make?

Dead But Dreaming of Electric Sheep – Paul Tremblay. Philip K. Dick meets the Coen Brothers in this genre-bending near-future tech nightmare that is as biting funny as it is horrifically believable.

General Fiction

Mount Verity – Therese Bohman. (*April release*) On the night of Easter Eve 1989, 12-year-old Hanna's older brother Erik and some friends go to the infamous Mount Verity, where there is a cave that, according to legend, was used in the witch trials in Östergötland during the 17th century. Rumor has it that whoever does not tell the truth and goes down into the cave will disappear into the mountain. Erik never comes home that night. What justice decided that Hanna was allowed to live while Erik vanished? What is there left to believe in when the worst has happened? And can the story of Mount Verity be more than a fable? This is an atmospheric, naturalistic tale of survivor's guilt told in prose at once dreamy, almost magical, and yet realistic and rife with slowly building suspense.

Contrapposto – Dave Eggers. A wild and beautiful examination of the rules and market forces of the art world, but chiefly it's about two friends who believe they can change that world, and bring new meaning to it, if only they can start their own movement, dodge charlatans, remain open-eyed and open-hearted, avoid going mad, avoid dying young of rare cancers, stay true to their ideals, and never tire of beauty. Not easy, but not impossible, either.

Rasputin Swims the Potomac – Ben Fountain. From the award-winning, bestselling author of Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk comes a biting satire of American politics and a searingly intelligent novel about the cruel absurdities of contemporary life, centering on a world champion professional wrestler with presidential ambitions.

Villa Coco – Andrew Sean Greer. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Less* showcases his wit, sophistication, and deep knowledge of focaccia in this tale of a young man who takes an unspecified job with a charismatic elderly Baronessa at her crumbling villa in the Tuscan hills.

The Shampoo Effect – Jenny Jackson. An ambitious young woman insinuates herself into a tight-knit social set, shaking up friendships and marriages in a small seaside town. Jackson rotates the point of view around the set of friends, deftly depicting the practices and pressures of modern parents. This easy read combines a literary rom-com with an acute portrait of midlife among millennials.

Whistler – Ann Patchett. When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Meeting again, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both, and now that they are reunited, they have no intention of ever being separated again.

When You Loved Me – Beatriz Williams. A young widow returns to her late father's New England estate, only to be drawn into the hunt for the rumored pirate treasure that consumed his life.

Historical Fiction

The Windsor Affair – Melanie Benjamin. A scandalous affair. A power struggle for the throne. A sensational rivalry between an English queen and an American social climber. In this electrifying novel, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* tells the story of the Abdication of Edward VIII--and the two women at the center of it all.

A Founding Mother: a Novel of Abigail Adams – Stephanie Dray. (*May release*) In time for the 250th Anniversary of the birth of the United States comes a sweeping, intimate portrayal of Abigail Adams--wife of one president and mother to another--whose wit, willpower, and wisdom helped shape the fledgling republic. A stunning historical novel with modern-day implications.

The Foursome – Christina Baker Kline. (*May release*) A boldly original reimagining of the astonishing true story of two sisters in nineteenth-century North Carolina -- Kline's own distant relatives -- who married world-famous conjoined twins from Siam.

Beheading Game – Rebecca Lehmann. (*March release*) We all know what happened to Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn. But what if she woke up the day after her execution and took it upon herself to seek justice?

Land – Maggie O'Farrell. A soaring historical novel set in Ireland in the years before and after the Great Hunger. A novel about separation and reunion, tragedy and recovery, colonization and rebellion. It is a story of buried treasure, overlapping lives, ancient woodland, persistent ghosts, a particularly loyal dog, and how, when it comes to both land and history, nothing ever goes away. As spellbinding and varied as the landscape that inspired it is, above all, a story of survival, for our times and for all time.

Daughters of the Sun and Moon – Lisa See. The story of three Chinese women whose unexpected friendship helps them survive and, despite the odds, thrive, in the turmoil of post-Civil War Los Angeles.

Mystery & Detective Fiction

Storm Tide – Paul Doiron. Game Warden Mike Bowditch investigates a series of brutal killings during a life-changing year in this harrowing new thriller from an Edgar Award-nominated author.

Romance

Road Trip – Mary Kay Andrews. Pack your bags for a summer journey shaped by family secrets, long-buried history, and charming men with Irish accents. Maeve and Therese Dunigan haven't spoken in years. Raised under the same roof in Savannah, the two sisters could not be more opposite--Maeve the rule follower, Therese the unapologetic rebel. But when their mother's death pulls them back together, they inherit more than just grief: a mysterious painting that may be worth millions...if it's real.

Weddings – Danielle Steel. When a wedding dress designer's daughter becomes engaged, it raises issues of love, safety, and second chances for all the women in her family.

Suspense

The Fine Art of Lying – Alexandra Andrews. (*May release*) A riveting new novel about a young wife and mother thrust into a world of wealth and privilege, whose rash mistake sets off a domino effect of murder and betrayal.

Clive Cussler: Cold Fire – Graham Brown. When a NATO weapon that could ensure peace or start World War Three vanishes in the Arctic, Kurt Austin and NUMA race to recover it before it falls into enemy hands.

It Could Have Been Her – Lisa Jewell. Another top-notch thriller, featuring the most endearing protagonist – a nosy middle-aged woman who stumbles across the story of a missing girl and decides to investigate it herself. Alternately cozy and harrowing, superbly written with wit and class, Lisa Jewell remains at the top of her game with this entertaining and twisty thriller.

Wait and See – Iris Johansen. Investigator Kendra Michaels--formerly blind and now with uniquely insightful observational skills in the tradition of Sherlock Holmes--returns in this action-packed novel.

The Divorce – Freida McFadden. (*May release*) Recently-divorced Naomi fixates on her husband's new girlfriend. What begins as cynical curiosity soon twists into obsession--and then into something far darker. As Naomi uncovers secrets she never imagined, she realizes her own life may be in danger. But if it keeps her perfect family intact, isn't it worth it?

Rocket's Red Glare – James Patterson. Nat Phillips leads an elite roster of special operators. They are ex-Special Forces, communications specialists, and intelligence officers. Phillips is a brilliant strategist and battle-tested leader who inspires total loyalty in his team. Now these decorated veterans of international warfare are at home and on stand-by--until a presidential campaign is interrupted by murder. Suddenly, the plan is no longer the stuff of

Mission: Impossible. Emergency operations happening not overseas but in the centers of American power, from Nantucket to Washington, DC. This national crisis is real.

Choke Point – Brad Thor. A devastating series of bombings tears through Bangkok. Scores of American citizens are dead. The attacks send shock waves around the world. As Scot Harvath closes in on the bomber, a devastating truth begins to emerge. China has quietly deployed its most elite intelligence unit to Thailand. Their objective: to ignite chaos, trigger a military coup, and seize control of a narrow but critical piece of land, one that could give Beijing a decisive advantage. If the plan succeeds, Beijing will secure a key gateway between two oceans, eroding American naval dominance and tipping the balance in any war between the world's great powers. China will control the ultimate geopolitical choke point.

Stuart Woods' Deep Water – Brett Battles. When Stone Barrington meets one of his clients, Trenton Sidney, for a sunset drink on Trenton's new yacht, the last thing he expects is to be a victim of a shipwreck. As one of the four survivors of the incident but with little memory of the sinking, Stone finds himself diving straight back into work. His first task? To reach out to the beneficiaries in Trenton's will. But when new evidence that points to foul play comes to light, Stone must probe the tragedy in more ways than one in order to uncover the identity of the perpetrator . . . before they find another lethal way to get themselves out of deep water.

NONFICTION

Labor: One Woman's Work – Mary Fariba Afsari. (*April release*) A powerful memoir of medicine, identity, and family secrets from an esteemed ob-gyn as she unravels her grandmother's mysterious death while reimagining women's health care from a mobile clinic.

The British are Coming: the Graphic Novel Edition – Rick Atkinson. From the battles at Lexington and Concord in the spring of 1775 through the Siege of Boston in 1776, American militiamen and the newly created Continental Army take on the world's most formidable adversary: the British Empire. The gripping saga is alive with astonishing characters: Henry Knox, the former bookseller with an uncanny understanding of artillery; Nathanael Greene, the blue-eyed bumpkin who becomes a brilliant battle captain; Benjamin Franklin, the self-made man who proves to be the wiliest of diplomats; and George Washington, the commander in chief who learns the difficult art of leadership when the war seems all but lost. The story is also told from the British perspective, making the mortal conflict between redcoats and rebels all the more compelling.

Unsayable: a Life in Writing – Michael Cunningham. (*July release*) An intimate memoir portraying a life spent trying to describe the indescribable, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Hours* and *Day*.

The Reverse Centaur's Guide to Life After AI: How To Think About Artificial Intelligence – Before It's Too Late – Cory Doctorow. A short, provocative guide to what's good, bad, and stupid about AI and the discourse around AI, by the author of *Enshittification*.

American Rambler: Walking the Trail of Johnny Appleseed – Isaac Fitzgerald. (*May release*) Fitzgerald sets out on a year-long journey to follow Appleseed's path, walking (okay, sometimes driving, and at one point, even floating downstream) from Massachusetts to Indiana. On this journey, he turns a childhood fascination into a profound reckoning of

loss and grief, ritual and faith, grimy gas station bathrooms and scenic apple picking. He is followed by a mysterious creature, camps in hostile environments, trespasses more than once, and is warmed by the generosity of strangers at every turn. A moving blend of memoir, history, and travelogue, the book is at once an ode to the American heartland, a meditation on escaping the breakneck pace of modern life, and a clear-eyed look at the myths--often violent, sometimes hopeful, frequently romanticized--at the very core of American identity and history.

This Land is Your Land: a Road Trip Through U.S. History – Beverly Gage. (*April release*) Ride along with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Beverly Gage as she travels the country to see the museums, historic sites, roadside attractions, reenactments, and souvenir shops where Americans learn--and fight--about our history. From the birth of the nation in Philadelphia to Disneyland and the California dream, this book offers a guided tour of thirteen places and thirteen key moments that define America's greatest successes and challenges.

How Flowers Made Our World: the Story of Nature's Revolutionaries – David George Haskell. (*March 2026*) Without flowers, human beings would not exist. We are a floral species. Flowers catalyzed our evolution, and we now depend on them for food and a healthy planet. When we perfume ourselves, give a loved one a bouquet, or use blooms in gardens and religious ceremonies, we honor the special bond between people and flowers. The study of flowers also shaped modern science and horticulture in ways both marvelous and, sometimes, unjust. Looking to the future, flowers offer us lessons on resilience and creativity in the face of rapid environmental change. We need floral creativity, beauty, and joy more than ever. *How Flowers Made Our World* combines lyrical writing, sensual exploration, and the latest in scientific research to explore some of the most consequential life forms ever to have evolved, showing how our planet came to be and how it thrives today.

The Oracle's Daughter: the Rise and Fall of an American Cult – Harrison Hill. (*April release*) A gripping chronicle of the rise and fall of a woman-led cult--and the enduring allure of extremism across America's turbulent religious history.

King Arthur Baking Company's Book of Pizza: Recipes for Every Pizza Maker – King Arthur Baking Company. (*April release*) Comprehensive yet accessible, the book is packed with innovative topping suggestions to match each crust style (don't sleep on the Prosciutto and Hot Honey Neapolitan pie). But it also empowers bakers to mix and match sauces and toppings, allowing them to customize pizzas exactly to their liking. Rounding out the pizza recipes are four quintessential pizza night salads and an entire chapter of desserts, including Spumoni Semifreddo, an array of Italian-inspired cookies, and simple cakes, like Olive Oil Cake with Chocolate Ganache, to end pizza night with a bang.

Dark Frontier: Unlocking the Secrets of the Deep Sea – Jeffrey Marlow. (*April release*) An engaging narrative journey grounded in Marlow's research and wide-ranging knowledge, together with insights from hundreds of experts, from deep-sea scientists to conservationists and UN diplomats. The book considers the twinned forces of exploration and exploitation, shining a light on deep-sea drilling and mining as well as the complexity of governing the high seas and their precious resources.

The Wilder Way: a Memoir of Adventure, Freedom, and an Uncharted Life – Eva Zu Beck. From the internationally beloved YouTube adventurer and National Geographic TV host, a singular and fearless new travel memoir packed with inspiration for leading a more vibrant, wild, and authentic life.

Freedom From Panic: Evidence-Based Techniques to End Avoidance and Stop Panic Before It Stops You – Bonnie Zucker. (May 2026) People who have panic attacks often live in constant fear of having another episode. They may avoid triggering situations and environments--such as crowded restaurants, busy freeways, or airplanes--and they may become hypervigilant about bodily sensations that signal another attack. Based in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)--the gold standard for treating anxiety disorders--this friendly, go-to guide offers powerful skills to help readers break the cycle of fear and anxiety that drives their panic, so they can prevent future episodes and take back their life.

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