

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

FICTION

Fantasy, Horror & Science Fiction

A Trade of Blood – Robert Jackson Bennett. Detective Ana Dolabra must prove a condemned man's innocence and confront a terrifying magical technology in this fantasy-mystery from the bestselling author of *The Tainted Cup*, winner of the Hugo and World Fantasy awards.

Daggerbound – T. Kingfisher. Learned Edmund, a disillusioned scholar, is transporting yet another precious relic from one stuffy temple to a different stuffy temple. Another great adventure for the ages... But when Edmund is set upon by bandits, in desperation, he breaks the cardinal rule and grabs for the relic, an ancient sword. To his surprise, instead of unsheathing a rusty, ancient weapon, an alarmingly handsome man appears, wielding daggers of blue steel and cutting the thieves down. This man is the Dervish, an immortal warrior who's been trapped for centuries in a sword of enchanted steel, and is angry as hell about it. He hates the curse that put him there, and he wants to hate Edmund, just as he has hated every wielder before him. But the damned scholar is just so sweet and clever and *kind*. And while the Dervish may be able to protect Edmund from bandits, cultists, dragons, and strange inhuman diplomats, he may find it much harder to protect his own heart.

Stay Buried – Jennifer McMahon. Some towns stay isolated for a reason. 1919: Frankie O'Massey has always been the black sheep of isolated Boone's Ferry, Vermont. Her uncle, Dr. Thomas Endicott, has been training her in the science of medicine, something the townspeople are wary of. When a mysterious illness strikes the town, and the community suspects supernatural forces, the two desperately search for a logical explanation. Patient zero seems to be the town's knackerman--a recluse who collects dead and dying farm animals to make use of their parts. 2016: Siblings Ashley and Malcolm lost their mother two years ago. When their grandmother dies, they inherit a property in Boone's Ferry--a place they've heard of but their grandmother has always refused to talk about--and embark on a trip to their ancestral home. The idyllic town is full of autumnal décor, picturesque farmland, and small-town charm. But some of the townspeople aren't very welcoming--and they have some unsettling traditions, like leaving offerings to a vengeful spirit four times a year.

The Unknown – Riley Sager. In 1926, five women disappeared from a remote island in Vermont. Now, one hundred years later, it's happening again.

General Fiction

A Real Animal – Emeline Atwood. (*July release*) In this unforgettable debut, a moment of metaphysical transformation launches a woman's beautiful and terrifying journey through her twenties, through loneliness and complicated love that takes her from the depths of the Pacific Ocean to the plains of Texas.

Life of M – Rachel Cusk. A thrilling investigation of who we are, and who we pretend to be, at this late stage of modern life when we are mesmerized more than ever by the images we see everywhere. It cuts through a world of noise and spectacle to bring us an eerie music of immense power and beauty.

Meet Me in the Garden – Nina Lacour. Profound and expansive, a story of love and longing, art and motherhood, friendship and desire, *Meet Me in the Garden* is a decades-spanning tour de force, inspired by the author's family and tracing the history of the Great Migration.

The Mortons – Justine Larbalestier. (*July release*) The Mortons are a modern-day, old-money dynasty with impeccable taste, from their exquisitely crafted cocktails to their expertly tailored vintage garments. They are also stone-cold killers. For the Mortons, homicide is heritage. They, along with the other crime families, send their progeny to Helshire College, where legacy students learn to exercise control over their wealthy peers. Jessica Morton has always excelled at Helshire, secure in the knowledge that she is the prodigy of her generation. Now, having committed her first kill, it should be Jessica's moment, her honor. But that kill will cut more ways than one, unknotting a series of revelations spanning the Mortons' country estate, the New York City art world, and Helshire itself.

A Tender Age – Chang-Rae Lee. Korean-American Jeon-Gi is torn between competing ideas of himself. At home, his working-class parents dote on him. Outside, he is part of a roving pack of kids with dominion over a derelict baseball field, weedy parking lot, and rusty jungle gym. Getting into and out of trouble is all-consuming. But the summer he turns eleven, he becomes embroiled in a staggering series of events reverberating far beyond himself and his family. Devastating in its emotional precision, *A Tender Age* captures a family and community in striking distance of the American dream, and a young person on the precipice of adult knowledge, looking at his own culpability and looking away--then thinking about it for the rest of his life.

Sunlight Finds You – Laura Moriarty. A forbidden love blows open the world of a teenage girl, altering the trajectory of her life--from the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Chaperone*.

Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt – Ben Reeves. (*July release*) A timeless and ultimately uplifting story about appreciating life, accepting its end, and finding our place in the universe--especially when it feels most impossible--that will resonate with anyone who has ever loved and lost or worried about time's passing.

The Great Wherever – Shannon Sanders. (*July release*) An impulsive and heartbroken woman inherits her father's share of a Tennessee farm that is rich in family secrets and occupied with busybody ghosts in this sweeping family portrait.

Yellow Pine – Claire Vaye Watkins. (*July release*) In her homestead deep in the Mojave, Rose has found a way to live "on the other side of the portal," with an intentionality that's brought her hard-won peace and freedom. She's navigating single parenthood, and she's found a community out at Yellow Pine, where a group of spirited misfits have mounted a stand against the "green energy gold rush" Rose is certain will destroy her beloved desert. Enlisting her on-again-off-again lover, her fellow activists, and her oddball neighbors, she embarks upon an unorthodox scheme to recover from her rugged individualism, embrace love in all its pain and grace, and come home to the divine.

Etna – Paul Yoon. Beloved author and winner of The Story Prize, Paul Yoon, is back with the unforgettable story of a working dog, Etna, who, after a devastating war, embarks on

an odyssey in the hopes of returning home. This is a novel about the power of an idea, about never giving up, and ultimately a novel about finding hope in the most dire of times.

Graphic Novels

Escape, volume 1 – Rick Remender. (*June release*) Set in a brutal, fully painted world of anthropomorphic animals--equal parts *Inglourious Basterds* and *Watership Down*--ESCAPE is a gritty, bullet-riddled journey through war's scorched aftermath. It's about the violence we inflict, the souls we try to save, and the courage it takes to crawl out of fire.

Historical Fiction

What the Trees Remember – Abigail Cutter. (*July release*) Deeply researched and perfect for fans of Jayne Anne Phillips's *Night Watch*, this action-packed coming-of-age tale, set in post-Civil War Appalachia, is part suspenseful mystery, part incisive examination of this nation's history of racial violence.

Sunrise – Tea Obreht. Three lives, one hundred years, one ghost town: an explosive novel about a mysterious place called Sunrise, where the secrets of the past refuse to stay buried, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Tiger's Wife*.

Mystery & Detective Fiction

The Amateur – Chris Bohjalian. When a young woman, a golf prodigy, kills a caddy with a stray ball at the country club, the investigation of this freak accident reveals a dark and shocking tale of secret affairs, predatory men, and a teenager on trial.

You'll Be Sorry – Lisa Gardner. A newlywed couple each with their own secrets. An abandoned lodge with a horrific decades-old mystery. And a small mountain town where everyone believes they know their neighbors, in this thriller from a master storyteller.

God's Country – William Kent Krueger. Cork O'Connor, preparing for a family trip into the Boundary Waters, is troubled by ominous visions about his future. Ignoring the warnings, he uncovers signs of violence while searching for his missing friend, Cordell Bishop. Soon, he is forced to negotiate with dangerous criminals, the Kennedy brothers, who are seeking their late father's hidden stash. Facing escalating danger and difficult choices, Cork grapples with his darkest instincts as he helps others escape and eventually takes justice into his own hands.

Romance

The True Meaning of Love – Danielle Steel. This powerful novel by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle Steel is a stirring story of the lives of ordinary people during wartime.

Suspense

The Talking Bone – Rene Denfield. (*July release*) From the revered bestselling author, a compulsive, page-turning thriller inspired by her real life work exonerating innocents, a novel that asks how far we'll go in our pursuit of the truth--an emotionally rich, luminously written book about evil and people trying to do good in the world.

The Shadow Friends – Tess Gerritsen. From *New York Times* bestselling author Tess Gerritsen comes a harrowing and emotional thriller where ghosts of the Cold War return with a vengeance--and cannot be outrun.

Time to Burn – Ellery Lloyd. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Club* comes a gripping mystery about time travel tourism and the dangerous consequences which ensue when the privileged make the past their playground.

That Night – Gillian McAllister. On vacation in Europe, Frannie makes two urgent phone calls. One to her sister, and one to her brother. The siblings come running, and they find their sister covered in blood, kneeling over an unmoving body. There's been an accident: Frannie has hit a man with her car, and she needs their help. They bury the body, and they make a promise. They'll never tell anyone. But when the police come calling, the siblings' lies start to spiral. They begin to doubt their trust in each other. Because what really happened that night? And who will be the first to crack?

Big Little Truths – Liane Moriarty. In this highly anticipated sequel, Liane Moriarty examines the complexities of modern women's lives, shining light on family dynamics and long-hidden truths with wit and compassion.

Delusional: a Michael Bennett Thriller – James Patterson. Detective Michael Bennett and army-sniper-turned-NYPD-officer Rob Trilling travel to Montana to investigate a case that crosses state borders and family lines in this thriller from the world's bestselling author.

The Secrets We Hide – Karin Slaughter. 1601 Iris Drive looks like any other house on the quiet, residential street. But rumors are rampant about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors. When gunshots ring out, Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer, discover a devastating crime scene. Allison Vickery has been murdered in her own kitchen, and her teenage daughter is bleeding upstairs, left for dead. Everyone thinks they know what happened. But secrets are buried everywhere in this small town. And it's up to Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth...

NONFICTION

The Wreck of the Mentor: a True Story of Death, Despair, and Deliverance in the Age of Sail – Eric Jay Dolin. (*June 2026*) From the best-selling author of *Black Flags, Blue Waters* comes the story of the American whaleship *Mentor*, wrecked in 1832 on a remote reef in the western Pacific. With supplies dwindling, the eleven surviving crewmen face not only the miseries of shipwreck in unfamiliar territory but also the profound uncertainty of contact with the Indigenous people of the Micronesian archipelago of Palau, who within days approach the deserted men brandishing axes, clubs, and spears. In this gripping saga of cultural collision, tribal wars, and dashed hopes, award-winning historian Eric Jay Dolin vividly reconstructs the *Mentor's* doomed voyage, the years of perilous captivity, and the delicate negotiations and fraught naval rescue mission that followed.

The Nerd Reich: Silicon Valley Fascism and the War on Democracy – Gil Duran. A fearless and urgent chronicle of the tech-authoritarian movement from its early days in San Francisco politics to its current moment on the international stage, exploring the wild and dystopian ambition of the technocrats at its center, and offering a road map to resistance.

A Guide to Open Water Lifesaving: Lessons on Love, Care, and Survival: a Memoir – Virginia Eubanks. Disarmingly funny and quietly wise, this is a story--heart-wrenching and all too relatable--of how one woman tried to rescue her beloved and learned that she would also have to rescue herself. Built from both loss and connection, it is a moving, hopeful love story about two people caught in their own kind of wilderness, trying not just to survive but to truly care for each other. It asks that we reconsider the ways in which we tend to our loved ones and ourselves, and remember the communities of care that sustain us. It reminds us: no one survives the wilderness alone.

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: a Lively and Entertaining Guide to Understanding Literature – Thomas C. Foster. (2024 release) Thoroughly revised and expanded for a new generation of readers, this classic guide to enjoying literature to its fullest--a lively, enlightening, and entertaining introduction to the tools of literary analysis, covering a diverse range of writing and literary devices, including symbols, themes, and contexts--teaches you how to improve your reading comprehension and make your everyday reading experience richer and more rewarding.

Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump – Maggie Haberman. (June release) From the two reporters who have covered him more closely than perhaps anyone else over the past decade comes this definitive portrait of Donald Trump in the White House. *Regime Change* covers the first year of Trump's second presidency--a term liberated from every constraint that defined his first. The generals who once told him "no" are gone, and the lawyers who remain have learned to pick their battles. His administration has flouted court orders and he has claimed powers that Congress once checked. What remains is a President willing to take enormous risks that have upended global markets and toppled heads of state; an imperial President operating almost entirely on instinct alone.

Obstinate Daughters: the Rebels, Writers, and Renegade Women Who Ignited the American Revolution – Denise Kiernan. (June release) Readers will meet women who armed themselves and took matters into their own hands to defend their town. A Cherokee leader who warned patriot settlements of looming attacks, risking the lives of her own people in the process. A British spy at the center of a plot to assassinate George Washington. Enslaved women who risked their lives while fighting a parallel battle for their own freedom, embodying the very ideals the revolution claimed to uphold. The only woman to have her name on the Declaration of Independence. And many more.

Cleanup on Aisle Five: Essential Work, Poverty Wages, and the View from Behind the Supermarket Register – Ann Larson. (June release) In the tradition of bestselling classics such as Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nickel and Dimed* and Benjamin Lorr's *The Secret Life of Groceries* comes a character-driven exploration of the modern supermarket, unpacking what works and what doesn't, and delivering a blueprint for a better way to shop.

The Book of Birds: a Field Guide to Wonder and Loss – Robert MacFarlane. (June release) A field guide with a difference: It shows readers not just how to identify birds, but also how to identify *with* them. Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris conjure the unique spirit of nearly fifty once-common species: avocet to yellowhammer, kestrel to kingfisher, skylark to nightingale. In lyrical and incantatory essays, Macfarlane describes each bird's habits and habitats, their patterns of flight and patterns of song, how they hunt or fish or

scavenge or gather, how they nest and raise their chicks, the myths that attend them, the threats that shadow them--and how their lives intersect with our own.

[Don't Be Evil: Bad Bosses, Fake Promises, and My Escape from Big Tech](#) – Claire Stapleton. A whip-smart, darkly funny, and timely memoir of one woman's twelve years inside Google and her transformation from insider to dissenter as the company's ideals begin to unravel from within.

[An Illustrated Guide to Tacos and Burritos: a Comic Book with Stories, Recipes, and More](#) – Mauricio Velazquez de Leon. It's time to have fun in the kitchen with this innovative comic book format that makes cooking immersive, intuitive, and fun. Step-by-step illustrations walk you through every recipe--from classic Tacos Al Pastor to Mission-Style Burritos and tons of delicious salsas and condiments, plus dedicated sections with engaging culinary storytelling.

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