

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

FICTION

Fantasy, Horror, & Science Fiction

The Sleeping Sisters – Jennifer Givhan. (*August release*) A threatened mother and a relentless detective collide when a series of murders awaken something long buried in the New Mexican desert in this mesmerizing novel of literary horror, perfect for fans of Carmen Maria Machado and Stephen Graham Jones.

The Wolves of War – John Gwynne. King of heroic fantasy and *New York Times* bestselling author John Gwynne returns with a blockbuster epic fantasy inspired by Slavic mythology and packed with ancient magic, heroic sacrifice, and thrilling adventure.

Birth of the Witch – Nora Roberts. Neve learns that her aunts' abilities go beyond simple kitchen magic and the potions they sell in their shop. Their tales of past lives aren't just whimsical fantasies. They are witches, and so is she. Their lives-past and present-are bound together by that pivotal day centuries ago. Now Neve has been tasked with stopping a growing darkness. To prepare for the dangerous enemy that awaits, Neve hones her skills and searches for clues to aid her in her quest. And at night, she dreams of a young man from Ireland whose eyes met with hers for a fateful moment, centuries ago.

Public Access Afterworld – Jane Schoenbrun. (*October release*) A mysterious realm on the other side of our screens. A dark force that draws victims into its static. The unlikely hero called to save them and herself from this electric hell. Spanning decades and realities, with an unforgettable ensemble of outcasts and nerds, this novel will have you reading through the night and rooting for its characters to survive. A mesmerizing mash-up of speculative fiction, horror, and conspiracy, it marks the arrival of a major new force in contemporary fiction by a groundbreaking filmmaker who's been compared to David Lynch and Paul Thomas Anderson.

General Fiction

The Occidental Book of the Dead – Geronimo T. Johnson. (*October release*) An audacious and darkly funny literary crime masterpiece centered on a Black cop in an Atlanta precinct, whose façade of white alliance begins to crumble after a highly publicized murder.

Stations – Louise Kennedy. A woman is haunted by the unsettled boy who befriended her as an outcast teenager, long after he drifts out of reach.

Stitched – Eli McCann. (*September release*) Betty Lou Dearden has been a member of the Ogden Quilters Association for more than twenty years when it is announced that the biggest quilting competition in the country is coming to Utah. With the clock ticking and a chance to finally beat their long-time rival quilting circle, the women welcome two young gay men to their group as they bicker their way to an award-worthy entry. With disarming humor and extraordinary heart, Eli McCann takes readers deep into the cozy but cutthroat world of competitive quilting and the sometimes-messy friendships that shape our lives.

Luna, Phoenix, Queen – Julie Orringer. (*October release*) In a narrative that spans four decades and four thousand miles, *Luna, Phoenix, Queen* illuminates the power of storytelling and explores the terror of losing the ability to make sense of our world. It is a cry of rage against our vulnerability and helplessness; an acknowledgment of the mysteries

beneath the familiar surface of our world; and ultimately, if unexpectedly, a radical testament to love in its many forms.

The Names of the New World – Kawai Strong Washburn. (*October release*) Washburn turns his remarkable gift of mythic sight to the oceans and landscapes we so often overlook in the name of progress. Spanning two decades and ranging from the American Midwest to the nation's halls of power to islands across the Pacific, this is a startling, energetic, and optimistic vision of how to live in this era of overwhelming change.

Graphic Novels

In the Time of the Butterflies – Julia Alvarez. (*September release*) This magnificently illustrated edition of the 1994 novel reintroduces readers to the Mirabal sisters and renders these historical figures as they've never been seen before. A longtime reader of Alvarez, illustrator Krystal Quiles has honored the literary icon's portrayal of the sisters' teenage years, their resistance against Trujillo's rule, and their terror as their involvement in the revolution is revealed. This is a stunning rendition of a beloved classic, sure to captivate a new generation of readers.

Historical Fiction

Until the Last Day – Cynthia Ellingsen. (*September release*) In 1961, Maryann Linnegan can't see beyond her narrow future as a traditional wife and Florida socialite. Then she falls unexpectedly, deeply in love with Elio, a construction worker and Cuban immigrant. Their forbidden love couldn't possibly survive beneath the weight of expectations. But when the Cuban Missile Crisis threatens to end the world as they know it, will they choose each other in spite of it all?

Unspeakable Things – Elizabeth Hand. (*October release*) A chance meeting on a windswept English moor sparks an obsessive--and soon deadly--love affair between two lonely young women in this clever inversion of the Gothic classics, with a fresh spin that could only come from the award-winning author of *A Haunting on the Hill*.

Whale Harbor – Mary Beth Keane. (*October release*) 1960s, Ireland. In the wake of tragedy, a father makes choices for his eleven grieving sons. The older brothers will emigrate to England for work, while the younger ones will stay behind. The second eldest, Macdara, is offered a job on a Montana cattle ranch and sets off. His spirited younger brother Rian begs to come along and Mac promises to bring Rian to America as soon as he's old enough. But then one day Mac gets a call that Rian has gone missing. His disappearance will haunt Mac and his family across decades.

Mystery & Detective Novels

To Crown It All – Rhys Bowen. Lady Georgiana Rannoch never expected to be more than a guest at the coronation of King George VI but murder and some international intrigue make for a change of plans...

The Collateral Heart – Jeffery Deaver. Deaver returns with a propulsive new thriller featuring forensic criminalist Lincoln Rhyme and detective Amelia Sachs (from *The Bone Collector*) as they investigate a series of arsons in New York City.

Split Second: Thirty-Two Switcheroo – Janet Evanovich. The clock is ticking for Stephanie to find bail-jumper Greb Tusi and the invisible stalker who is sending her increasingly menacing messages. If she lets her guard down for even a split second, her time will be up.

Promised Land – Henry Wise. (*September release*) From the Edgar Award-winning author comes a decisive sequel to *Holy City* in which a missing person case forces deputy sheriff Will Seems to confront the way history anchors, corrupts, and defines the present.

Romance

Love Felt Like This – Julie Olivia. (*September release*) A grumpy rock star and a joyful children's show creator revive television magic in this standalone, cozy small-town romance.

Celebration – Danielle Steel. In this tender and nuanced novel, Danielle Steel invites us to celebrate love at any age, despite what life may hurl our way, and remember that it's never too late if we are brave enough to stay open to new opportunities.

Peculiar Stars – Rebecca Yarros. A slow-burn romance about love, family, and what it means to become the truest version of yourself.

Suspense

All In – David Baldacci. In this exciting thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci, the 6:20 Man is leaving U.S. soil--this time drawn into a storm of billion-dollar secrets and international power plays that could shatter the world order.

Stuart Woods' Hostile Intent – Brett Battles. In this new thrilling adventure in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series, Stone Barrington is confronted by a new enemy who will go to dangerous lengths to get what he wants.

Robert B. Parker's Framed – Mike Lupica. There has never been a more admired figure in the history of the Boston Police Department than Martin Quirk, Spenser's friend. Now an unknown adversary has devised an elaborate plan to ruin his reputation -- and his life. His bosses believe the lie. So does the whole city. The BPD won't allow Quirk to defend himself, and clear his name. That's Spenser's job.

American Nightmare – Kelly McWilliams. (*September release*) Inspired by the life of civil rights activist Walter White, who passed as a white man to expose the brutality of lynchings from the South to the Midwest, this is a gripping historical thriller that reveals the most terrifying monsters aren't those that go bump in the night but those that walk among us.

The Murder Trial – James Patterson. A young woman stands trial for the double murder of her parents in this new thriller.

Tom Clancy: the Coldest War – M. P. Woodward. A Russian plan to open a strategic passage above the Arctic Circle poses a direct threat to the United States and to President Jack Ryan in the latest electrifying entry in this #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

NONFICTION

Promise Me, America – Joe Biden. The story of President Joe Biden's groundbreaking four years in the White House: his campaign, his presidency, his decision to run again--and to withdraw.

Dear Dealer: a Memoir – Nadia Bowers. (*September release*) In the summer of 2015, Nadia Bowers's beloved older sister, Sasha--a social worker and Ivy League graduate--was found in her car in a restaurant parking lot in their hometown outside New Haven, Connecticut, dead from a fentanyl overdose. Plunged into grief, equipped with Sasha's phone, and just weeks from giving birth to her first child, Nadia began to investigate her

sister's shadow life. Rooted in unflinching honesty and poetic prose, *Dear Dealer* is a richly compelling account of one woman's search for meaning, forgiveness, and hope in the aftermath of tragedy.

Take My Word For It: a Memoir – LeVar Burton. The legendary actor behind *Roots*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and *Reading Rainbow* shares never-before-told stories from a life that has shaped generations--told at last on his own terms.

Is It Too Late to Make a Run For It? – Judi Dench. As told to Brendan O'Hea, this is Judi Dench's story - funny, honest, intimate, enlightening, surprising, moving, and deeply inspiring. Over ninety years in the making, this is the story of the world's most beloved actor.

Cooking Con Omi: a Love Letter to Puerto Rican Home Cooking – Omi Hopper. (*August release*) For Omi, cooking is not a task or a chore, but a memory-making experience. It's the crush of garlic in a pilón, the scent of sizzling sofrito, the bubbling of the caldero alongside the music and laughter of a full house of loved ones settling down to eat. Each section includes an introduction from Omi, sidebars about the origin of ingredients, headnotes with the stories behind each recipe, vibrant full-color photography, and an overall message of love and unity Omi communicates through her food.

Castles: a Fortified History of the World – Dan Jones. Blending rich storytelling, deep research, and beautiful original illustrations, *Castles* is an epic story of why humans build fortifications and how they powerfully capture our imagination. With Jones's trademark scholarship and flair, he shows how defiance, endurance, and ambition have been carved into the landscapes we've inherited.

You Don't Need a Smartphone: a Practical Guide to Downgrading Your Phone and Upgrading Your Life – August Lamm. (*October release*) Lamm started using a smartphone at age 14, so she knows how it feels to come of age glued to a screen--and how hard it is to break free. Filled with moving stories and practical suggestions, this guide proves that living without a computer in your pocket is not only possible but ideal. Offering guidance on selecting a new phone, navigating without GPS, meeting people offline, and overcoming obstacles like digital tickets and dual-factor authentication, it is as urgent and radical as its title, and a new blueprint for a fulfilling life in the Information Age.

The Time Tax: How the Government Wastes Our Time, and How to Fix It – Annie Lowrey. (*August release*) A powerful investigation into American bureaucracy, how it wastes our time and drives inequality, and how we can make paperwork work for us.

Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel About Our Changing Planet – Kate Marvel. (*June release*) A deeply felt inquiry into our rapidly changing Earth. In each chapter, Marvel uses a different emotion to explore the science and stories behind climate change. As expected, there is anger, fear, and grief--but also wonder, hope, and love. With her singular voice, Marvel takes us on a soaring journey, one filled with mythology, physics, witchcraft, bad movies, volcanoes, Roman emperors, sequoia groves, and the many small miracles of nature we usually take for granted. Hopeful, heartbreaking, and surprisingly funny, this is a vital, wondrous exploration of how it feels to live in a changing world.

The Rush: California Gold, the Civil War, and the Making of the Modern World – Nathaniel Philbrick. (*October release*) Philbrick follows the gold as it moves from riverbed to countinghouse to the halls of power, revealing how vigilantism hardened into law and

how debates over slavery in the West tipped the balance in Washington. The result is a clear, human story of how a scramble for wealth reshaped ideas of freedom, labor, and belonging--and how California's rise helped push a fractured nation toward war. *The Rush* is alive with characters whose choices still reverberate: a searing, panoramic epic that captures both the fury and the promise of America.

Are They Dead Yet?: the Art of the Obit – Sam Roberts. (*August release*) With wit, wisdom, and behind-the-scenes intrigue, Roberts examines the practice of writing advance obituaries, of which there are more than 2,000 on hold and regularly updated at the *New York Times*, America's relationship to death in the wake of 9/11 and the pandemic, classic euphemistic language, and more. Through it all, Roberts brings his humor, shrewdness, and experience to prove what he has learned from a long career in death: There's no such thing as an ordinary life.

Cozy Hobbies: Joyful Activities for Play & Leisure – Kennedy Rose. (*September release*) Highlights more than 45 wide-ranging hobbies that will help you unlock a state of wonder, make new connections, and experience the benefits of play. Through the author's guidance, you'll learn to cast aside the need to be "good" at hobbies, embrace the journey of experimentation, and discover how to pick the right hobbies for yourself.

This Haunted Land: Reckoning with Ghosts and the Stories That Shape America – Betsy Gaines Quammen. (*September release*) Investigates some of America's most enduring legends and uncovers how ghost stories can illuminate some of the most unsettling parts of history. With curiosity, a touch of skepticism, and an open-hearted willingness to learn from the living and the dead, Betsy Gaines Quammen takes readers on a journey into haunted towns, forgotten lives, and abandoned places.

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