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

FICTION

Fantasy / Science Fiction

Cello's Gate – Maurice Africh. *(November release)* A rollicking sci-fi fantasy epic about a ragtag crew of rogues on the hunt for mythic treasure. They did not, however, sign up to save the world.

Dungeon Crawler Carl – Matt Dinniman. You know what's worse than breaking up with your girlfriend? Being stuck with her prize-winning show cat. And you know what's worse than *that*? An alien invasion, the destruction of all man-made structures on Earth, and the systematic exploitation of all the survivors for a sadistic intergalactic game show. That's what.

Quaint Folk – Bitter Karella. *(October release)* Imagine a cozy *Wicker Man* with shades of *Twin Peaks*, told in the barbed voice of a horny Mary Poppins, and suffused with a high *Donnie Darko* creep factor, and you might just come close to envisioning the wonder that is this horrific, witchy, jiggery jam of a book.

Call Me Traitor – Everina Maxwell. A thrilling and romantic fantasy adventure from the bestselling author of *Winter's Orbit*. "There are five of them, all with an exile brand on the back of their hand, and every single one of them should be dead. We don't understand why they're not."

Wickhills – Premee Mohamed. *(September release)* In the dangerous magical city of Wickhills, a streetwise secret agent is tasked with protecting a foreign defector from his pursuers... even at the threat of war.

Monsters of Ohio – John Scalzi. *(November release)* Welcome to Richland, Ohio. Things aren't great. The town's biggest employer is closing shop, and Richland's on the brink. It's where Mike Boyd, with his own set of problems, finds himself returning to after decades away. He's not planning to stay. But Richland has other plans for Mike, his old friend Dave, and a newcomer Andi. They're caught in a swirl of local troubles, private equity, executive theft... and something extremely weird involving Jeremy Keller's prize cow. Welcome to Richland. Leave your expectations behind. Bring a tarp.

General Fiction

The First House – Avni Doshi. *(November release)* From the Booker Prize finalist author of *Burnt Sugar* comes a riveting and lyrical novel of rupture and rebirth, of one woman's journey to understand the fault lines in her marriage, her home, and her family.

The Me I Used to Be – Kristan Higgins. *(September release)* At their twenty-fifth high school reunion, four former best friends discover that growing up is way messier than anticipated--and the past isn't nearly as finished as they thought.

Wild Aster – Anna Hogeland. For readers of Alice McDermott, Anita Diamant, and Maggie Shipstead, *Wild Aster* explores the price of security, the drive to be a different mother than your own, and the daily gains and losses that define who we become. Ultimately, Mae's

story challenges us to confront the choices we make for personal fulfillment and family obligation and the perseverance that even a seemingly ordinary life demands.

Hungered – Amanda Rizkalla. *(October release)* A riveting new novel from first-time author Amanda Rizkalla compassionately tackles the difficult subject of families who live outside the margins, living unhoused, and makes us see not only their struggles, but their hopes, dreams, and the perseverance it takes to face another day.

The Bridge – Colm Toibin. Deep sorrow mingles with illicit desire in this potent novella about an isolated family in the Catalan mountains. This is a memorable short work in which Tóibín's unsentimental prose is flawlessly matched to the austere worlds of people enduring, in their different ways, lives stripped back to the bone.

The Left and the Lucky – Willy Vlautin. *(April release)* A gem of a story filled with quiet misfits, miscreants, and the misunderstood, each, in their own way, keeping hope alive and the small wins counted. Vlautin's understanding of masculinity, grief, and the bonds found families forge is palpable. Deeply forgiving and memorable, Vlautin is a true chronicler of the human heart.

Graphic Novel

The Two Saddest Kitchens: a Comics Conversation – Roz Chast. *(October release)* The kitchen is the "heart of the home," or at least it's supposed to be. But wait! What's that lurking under the sink? Behind the cabinets? In the back of the refrigerator?! When celebrated *New Yorker* cartoonists Roz Chast and Jason Adam Katzenstein confessed to each other that their kitchens were far from Martha Stewart perfect, they knew they couldn't be the only ones cracking under the pressure of their pressure cookers.

Historical Fiction

The Castle in the Glen – Rhys Bowen. *(August release)* A ghostwriter plunges into danger as she unravels the dark secrets of a powerful Scottish family in a thrilling novel of romance and mystery.

Peregrine Hill – Nina de Gramont. *(November release)* From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Christie Affair* comes a sweeping novel set in Gilded Age New York where a forced marriage, family secrets, and the fight for freedom collide in an unforgettable story about a desperate mother and headstrong daughter navigating a world built on men's appetites and women's silence.

The Bureau of Unknown Fates – Gaelle Nohant. A powerful novel of loss and restitution in and after wartime, like a detective novel in reverse. Weaving together the trajectories of individual lives with the collective memory of Europe, this devastatingly beautiful novel is suffused with wisdom and compassion.

Mystery & Detective

The Parkwood Murders – Chris Chibnall. A killing at a Dorset resort animates *Broadchurch* creator Chibnall's excellent sequel to *Death at the White Hart*. With distinctive supporting characters, brilliant pacing, and a deliciously complex plot that never loses its footing, this proves that Chibnall's just as good on the page as he is on-screen.

Sherlock Short Story Anthology: Ten New Cases, Ten Master Storytellers, One Immortal Detective – Conan Doyle Estate. Featuring original stories by Anthony Horowitz, Kate Mosse, Joe Hill, Sarah Perry, Janice Hallett, S. A. Cosby, Steve Cavanagh, Vaseem Khan, Abir Mukherjee, and G. T. Karber, and with an introduction by Stephen Fry, this is Sherlock Holmes as you've never read him before--and everything you have always loved him for.

The Mystic and the Missing Girl – Vikki Vansickle. *(September release)* Small town secrets, a reluctant psychic, and a cold case that could expose them all. Drew Benson can read tarot cards and get impressions from objects--she just never expected to use her gifts to investigate an infamous cold case.

The Oxford Guide to Scandal and Lies – Kate Westbury. *(September release)* Set against the backdrop of post-WWII Oxford University, this is the irresistible debut from Kate Westbury that seamlessly layers mystery, romance, and a dash of academia to introduce the Crown's newest undercover operatives.

Romance

You & Me and You & Me and You & Me – Josie Lloyd. *(February release)* A grown-up love story that captures the beauty of not only finding your person but holding on to them. Throw in some time travel, great music, and '90s nostalgia, and you have an unforgettable read.

Suspense

Bleed – Robin Cook. From the "master of the medical thriller" (*The New York Times*) Robin Cook, fan favorites Jack and Laurie return in a gripping new novel of greed, corruption, and the lethal cost of private equity in healthcare.

Face Last Seen – Jeffery Deaver. When a dangerous AI weapon disappears, all hell breaks loose in a high-stakes thriller by *New York Times* bestselling author Jeffery Deaver and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Isabella Maldonado.

The Windowman – Christopher Goffard. An accused LA serial killer disappears after being released on appeal, triggering a nationwide manhunt and descent into obsession that will thrill fans of Elmore Leonard and James Ellroy.

Split Screen – Lee Goldberg. *(October release)* Reality and fiction collide in shocking violence for Detective Eve Ronin in a propulsive thriller by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Goldberg.

Untamed Coast – Kevin C. Morris. *(September release)* A late-night mayday call drives a grieving man to embark on an unexpected journey along the wild Alaskan coast, unraveling a decades-old mystery of stolen gold, missing women, and murder in this atmospheric and propulsive debut novel, perfect for fans of William Kent Krueger and Peter Heller.

Private Monaco – James Patterson. From the world's #1 bestselling author, the Private series travels to Monaco, where elite investigator Jack Morgan must risk big--or lose it all.

Until Midnight – Luanne Rice. *(June release)* When lies and betrayals are exposed, the perfect wedding becomes a nightmare in a gripping novel of psychological suspense.

Fruit Fly – Josh Silver. *(August release)* A washed-up author will stop at nothing to claw her way back to relevancy--even if it means appropriating a young gay man's tragic story.

Witch Trial – Harriet Tyce. *(September release)* Internationally bestselling author Harriet Tyce returns with a page-turning thriller involving three teenage girls, one murdered classmate, and a chilling modern-day witch trial that will leave readers breathless.

NONFICTION

Penelope: a Love Story – Paul Bochner. *(October release)* The extraordinary true story of an injured, abandoned fawn and the man who nurses her back to health, transforming his understanding of love and erasing the barrier between humans and animals.

You Are the Parent: Move from Overparenting to Balanced Parenting and Become the Leader Your Child Needs – Siggie Cohen. *(September release)* Dr. Siggie Cohen, beloved parenting expert and influencer behind the viral @dr.siggie, shares a profound framework that will empower a new generation of parents to lead with confidence and enjoy less chaotic, more harmonious, happier homes.

One Helluva Ride – Michael Douglas. *(October release)* A boy lost in the shadow of his father's legacy. A gifted artist dismissed as just a "TV actor." A first-time film producer who stunned the world by winning an Oscar at 31. A maverick who changed Hollywood and became a global movie star. Hollywood icon Michael Douglas tells the unfiltered story of his life for the first time.

Ten Things I Wish You Knew about Your Child's Mental Health – Billy Garvey. *(August release)* In this international bestseller, an esteemed developmental pediatrician shares the ten most important tips for helping your child thrive and supporting their mental health.

All That's Unseen: an Appalachian Memoir – Emilee Hackney. *(July release)* In her luminous debut, Emilee Hackney offers both a love letter to and a reckoning of the place that made her--a story of losing her faith, finding her way back to her Appalachian home, and discovering what endures.

The Itallian Job: a Memoir of an American Reporter in Rome – Jason Horowitz. *(October release)* Italy's deep history, stunning landscapes and glorious food have uniquely captured our imagination. Horowitz tells the story of how he too fell under that Tuscan-sun enchantment, before ultimately discovering a more fascinating Italy, a country conducting experiments in populist politics and confronting global challenges like immigration, climate change, and an aging population.

Blockers: Rebels in the Deep State – Michael Lewis. *(October release)* An inside look at the early days of Trump's Department of Government Efficiency, as told by the public servants it targeted and one of America's best storytellers.

Plastic Shaman: the True Story of a Deadly Self-Help Retreat and America's Misguided Quest for Wellness – Annette McGivney. *(September release)* A spiritual quest turns into a fatal disaster in this gripping true crime investigation of the wellness industry. In October 2009, more than fifty people attended a $10,000-per-person wellness retreat led by a celebrity self-help guru. For these enlightenment seekers, their time in Sedona, Arizona,

culminated in a fake Native American sweat lodge ceremony. Three of them would not make it out alive.

The Last Leaf: Reflections on Late-Life Creativity… and My Longest Love Affair – Willie Nelson. *(November release)* Beloved American icon Willie Nelson shares his well-earned wisdom about reaching an astonishing creative flourishing, and not coincidentally, an even deeper union with the love of his life, Annie.

Jolt: My Electric Journey Out of Darkness – Ted Scheinman. *(November release)* Reminiscent of William Styron's *Darkness Visible* but with an appealing vein of humor, a magnificently written memoir of riding the depression roller coaster, choosing electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), and finding the path to happiness--with fascinating side-journeys into the nature of identity and memory.

Swan Song: Diana, My Sister – Charles Spencer. *(September release)* Charles Spencer was there for all this history, indelibly present in one of the most iconic tableaux of the late 20th century, watched round the world by more than two billion people. After holding back for so long, his memoir finally tells us what it was like.

Connecticut Book of the Dead: Graveyard Legends and Lore – Roxie J. Zwicker. *(August release)* From grinning skulls to massive marble mausoleums, Roxie Zwicker takes readers on a tour of the state from shore to hillside, uncovering mysterious tales of people who were thought to be witches in the early 1600s to stories of Revolutionary heroes. From the famous P.T. Barnum to the anonymous numbered dead of the Connecticut Valley Hospital, there are stories that need to be told. Ghost stories linger in many of these gardens of stone, perhaps as a connection to an unquiet past.

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