

# **Montgomery City-County Public Library**

**Newly Released Titles  
Scheduled for  
April 2025**

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# New Releases in April

## Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

### Biography

**Acid Queen, The** by Susannah Cahalan

Explores the life of the pioneer who challenged societal norms alongside her famous husband, highlighting her contributions and sacrifices.

**King of the North: Martin Luther King's Freedom Struggle Outside of the South** by Jeanne Theoharis

The historian argues that King's time in Boston, New York, and Los Angeles—outside Dixie—was at the heart of his campaign for racial justice.

**Lollapalooza** by Richard Bienstock & Tom Beaujour

A no-holds-barred history of '90s alt-rock festival, Lollapalooza—told by the musicians and industry insiders who lived it.

**Lucky Loser** by Michael Kostka

This memoir chronicles the author's journey from struggling professional tennis player to successful comedian and co-host of The Daily Show.

**Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus** by Elaine Pagels

A new account of the life of Jesus that explores the mystery of how a poor young man inspired a religion that reshaped the world.

**Next Day, The** by Melinda French Gates

Explores the process of navigating life transitions, such as parenthood, loss, and career change.

**Women of War** by Suzanne Cope

Uncovers the stories of Italian women who, as resistance fighters, spies and saboteurs, defied Nazi occupiers and fascists during World War II.

**Yoko** by David Sheff

An intimate and revelatory biography of Yoko Ono.

### Business and Economics

**Build a Business You Love** by Dave Ramsey

The Ramsey Solutions Founder breaks down the system that took his business from a card table in his living room to a \$250 million operation.

**No More Tears** by Gardiner Harris

The journalist uncovers reams of evidence showing decades of Johnson & Johnson's deceitful and dangerous corporate practices that have threatened the lives of millions.

### Fantasy and Science Fiction

**Another Fine Mess, No. 2** by Linda Ryan

Lenore and Luna Evans, the last of their family line tasked with keeping the undead at bay, uncover a deadly threat in their small Texas town.

**Book That Held Her Heart, The, No. 3** by Mark Lawrence

As an infinite library teeters on destruction, Livira must mend bonds with Evar and reunite allies across time and space to confront a conflict.

**Cat Who Saved the Library, The** by Sosuke Natsukawe, translated by Louise Heal Kawai

Thirteen-year-old Nanami, aided by Tiger, a talking tabby cat, investigates disappearing books and a mysterious man in her school library.

**Cold Eternity** by S.A. Barnes

This novel blends dystopian dread with a catastrophic approach.

**Don't Sleep With the Dead** by Nghi Vo

Years after the events of *The Great Gatsby*, Nick Carraway finds his past haunting him when Jay Gatsby returns from the dead.

**Fellowship of Bakers & Magic, A, No. 1** by J. Penner

Arela Starstone, a human baker, manages prejudice and competition in the magical land of Adenashire, where she must prove her culinary skills in the prestigious Elven Baking Battle.

**Gifted & Talented** by Olivia Blake

Three telepathic and electrokinetically gifted children of a recently-deceased tech mogul: a biotech fraud, a struggling congressman and a former ballerina, each vie for control of his business empire in a ruthless inheritance war.

**Hero: A Love Story** by Katie Buckley

Hero, a waitress with various mythic identities including a selkie and a siren, writes a long letter about how she is grappling with her own desires and fears when her boyfriend proposes.

**Icarus Code, The, No. 7** by Timothy Zahn

Fugitive Gregory Roarke and his partner Selene, uncover a confused alien with rare abilities, forcing them to protect him.

**One Way Witch, No. 2** by Nnedi Okorafor

When Aro agrees to help, Najeeba is finally ready to forge her future, but first she must confront her past.

**Polybius** by Collin Armstrong

A novel based on the urban legend about a video game created by the government for psychological warfare.

**Their Monstrous Hearts** by Yigit Turhan

Struggling writer Riccardo inherits his grandmother Perihan's decrepit Milan villa and butterfly collection, uncovering a diary, strange friends, and a sinister greenhouse, as he grapples with the mystery surrounding her death.

## General Fiction

**Bad Nature** by Ariel Courage

Armed with a terminal diagnosis, a grudge, and a rental car, Hester sets out to fulfill her lifelong dream of killing her father.

**Bitter Texas Honey** by Ashley Whitaker

An ambitious, young, and conflicted, aspiring writer deals with addiction, family drama and self discovery.

**Boy From the Sea, The** by Garrett Carr

In an Irish fishing village, the arrival of Brendan, a mysterious baby found on the shore, upends the Bonnar family dynamics.

**Fun for the Whole Family** by Jennifer E. Smith

Four estranged siblings reunite at their sister's house and are forced to confront their shared past and hidden truths.

**Griffin Sister's Greatest Hits, The** by Jennifer Weiner

Decades after tragedy ended Cassie and Zoe Grossberg's rise to stardom as "The Griffin Sisters," Zoe's daughter uncovers hidden truths about the sisters' breakup, compelling the family to face old wounds, buried secrets, and the potential for reconciliation.

**Library of Lost Dollhouses, The** by Elise Hooper

Tildy Barrows, a library curator, uncovers hidden dollhouses tied to a century-old mystery, leading her on a journey through forgotten histories.

**Road to Tender Hearts, The** by Annie Hartnett

Sixty-three-year-old lottery winner PJ Halliday sets out on a cross country trip to reunite with his high school sweetheart.

**World's Fair Quilt, The** by Jennifer Chiaverini

As financial struggles threaten Elm Creek Quilts, Sylvia revisits a quilt she and her sister created for the 1933 World's Fair, uncovering its divisive history and an unexpected revelation that may help her preserve her family's legacy and the future of the quilting retreat.

## General Nonfiction

**Gut-Brain Paradox, The** by Steven R. Gundry, M.D.

Explores the connection between gut health and brain function, detailing how imbalances impact mental and neurological health, while offering strategies to heal the gut, reduce inflammation, and restore cognitive and emotional well-being.

**How to Love Better** by Yung Pueblo

The author offers a blueprint for deepening your compassion, kindness, and gratitude so you can truly grow in harmony with another person.

**No New Things: A Radically Simple 30-Day Guide to Saving Money, The Planet, and Your Sanity** by Ashlee Piper

From the sustainability expert comes a witty, no-nonsense guide to regaining control over your time, financial and mental wellness.

**Prose to the People: A Celebration of Black Bookstores** by Katie Mitchell, Nikki Giovanni

Combining narrative prose, eye-catching photography, one-on-one interviews, original essays and poetry, this homage to Black bookstores around the country is a road trip companion to the world of Black books.

**Through Mom's Eyes** by Sheinelle Jones

Combines parenting wisdom from celebrity mothers interviewed on Sheinelle Jones's "Through Mom's Eyes" series with her own experiences, offering practical advice and insights into the challenges and joys of motherhood.

**To Save and to Destroy** by Thanh Viet Nguyen

Examines the concept of the outsider in literature and society through personal, historical, and literary lenses, blending reflections on the author's refugee experience with works by influential authors to explore themes of identity, responsibility, and solidarity.

## Historical Fiction

**Amalfi Curse, The** by Sarah Penner

Nautical archaeologist Haven Ambrose investigates mysterious shipwrecks and a family secret along the Amalfi coast, uncovering the tale of Mari DeLuca, a witch torn between protecting her village and saving her lover.

**Edge of Yesterday, The** by Rita Woods

After a career-ending disorder, dancer Greer Coffey stumbles through a portal to 1925 Detroit, forming a deep bond with a member of the Black aristocracy, as their visits disrupt timelines, forcing them to face love, loss, and irreversible choices.

**Happy Land** by Dolan Perkins-Valdez

When Nikki visits her estranged grandmother, she uncovers a hidden legacy tied to a forgotten kingdom of freed people, unraveling her family's secrets and her own identity while fighting to protect their endangered heritage.

**Pretender, The** by Jo Harkin

In 1480s England, peasant boy Lambert Simnel is thrust into royal intrigue as he is declared a hidden heir to the throne and must face court politics, rebellion, and an alliance that could shape the fate of the monarchy.

**River Knows Your Name, The** by Kelly Mustian

Nell unravels buried family secrets tied to her sister Evie's mysterious origins.

**Sirens, The** by Emilia Hart

Lucy searches for her missing sister Jess in a town shrouded in eerie legends, uncovering connections to Jess's adolescent past, and twin sisters from 1800 whose haunting ties to the sea ripple across generations.

**Six Days in Bombay** by Alka Joshi

This novel follows nurse Sona as she embarks on a journey from her house in Bombay, through Prague, Florence, Paris, and London, to uncover a mystery and prove her innocence after famous painter Mira Novak dies in her care.

**These Days** by Lucy Caldwell

In 1941 Belfast, sisters Emma and Audrey navigate love, cultural expectations, and secrets as bombings devastate their city, forcing them and their community to confront survival and the pursuit of meaning amidst the chaos of war.

**Tough Luck** by Sandra Dallas

After escaping an orphanage, Haidie Richards and her brother Boots journey to Colorado Territory, encountering challenges, unlikely allies, and the truth about their father.

**Zeal** by Morgan Jerkins

Ardelia and Oliver's engagement in 2019 Harlem sparks revelations of their ancestral histories.

## History

**America, America** by Greg Grandin

A historian re-examines the intertwined destinies of North and South America, challenging traditional narratives and revealing a complex and dynamic relationship shaped by conflict, cooperation and mutual influence.

**Fate of the Day, The** by Rick Atkinson

Chronicles the middle years of the American Revolution, tracing the Continental Army's fight for survival, Benjamin Franklin's diplomacy in Paris, and British attempts to suppress the rebellion in the face of mounting costs.

**Illegals, The** by Shaun Walker

Traces the history of the Soviet Union's "illegals" spy program, revealing how deeply embedded, long-term operatives shaped global espionage.

**Lost at Sea** by Joe Kloc

This nine-year account explores the lives of the "anchor-outs"—an unhoused community living off the California coast on abandoned boats.

**Medicine River** by Annette Mary Pember

Through interviews and historical reporting on Native American boarding schools from the mid-19th century to the 1930s, the author traces the evolution and continued rebirth of a culture whose country has been seemingly intent upon destroying it.

## Mystery and Detective

**Bearer of Bad News** by Elisabeth Dini

A woman accepts a job that takes her through the Italian Dolomites and into an international mystery far greater than she could have expected.

**Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin, No. 8** by Sarah Graves

When a reality TV star plummets to his death, two local bakers who witnessed the fall must help police Chief Snow investigate.

**Death in the Dressing Room, No. 22** by Simon Brett

When her neighbor discovers the leading actor of a new play dead in his dressing room, retiree Carol Seddon is drawn into the investigation.

**Fair Play** by Louise Hegarty

A group of friends gather at an Airbnb on New Year's Eve to celebrate a friend's birthday, only to find him dead the next morning.

**Fashionable French Murder, A, No. 3** by Colleen Cambridge

An aspiring designer must navigate the world of haute couture when a renowned couturier is murdered in Paris.

**Gatsby Gambit, The** by Claire Anderson Wheeler

Greta Gatsby finds her summer shattered by scandal, betrayal, and murder, forcing her to learn the secrets of the world of wealth and deception.

**How to Seal Your Own Fate, No. 2** by Kristen Perrin

Annie Adams investigates the murder of a local fortune teller, revealing dark secrets tied to a tragedy that haunted her late Aunt Frances.

**Maid's Secret, The** by Nita Prose

Head maid Molly's discovery of a priceless artifact sparks a media frenzy, a daring heist, and revelations from her grandmother's hidden diary, intertwining a present-day mystery with a long-lost tale of forbidden love and family secrets.

**Murder at Gulls Nest** by Jess Kidd

A former nun searches for answers in a small seaside town after her pen pal mysteriously disappears.

**Museum Detective, The** by Maha Khan Phillips

Archaeologist Dr. Gul Delani discovers a mummy during a drug bust, leading her into a perilous conspiracy as she fights to protect the artifact.

**No Roast for the Weary, No. 21** by Cleo Coyle

Clare, manager of Village Blend coffee shop, starts the Writer's Block Lounge despite owner Madame's concerns, and when the new writer's group turns fatal, Clare must stop a desperate killer.

**Sealed With a Hiss** by Rita Mae Brown

When a car bobs to the surface of a creek in Virginia, with a body in the driver's seat, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen and her animal companions—felines Mrs. Murphy and Pewter, Tee Tucker the Corgi, and Irish Wolfhound Pirate—team up to solve the mystery.

**Season of Death, No. 16** by Will Thomas

In Victorian England, powerful forces are taking over London's criminal underworld, with only Cyrus Barker standing in their way.

**Shadow of the Solstice** by Anne Hillerman

Navajo Nation detectives Bernadette Manuelito and Jim Chee must sort out a save-the-planet meditation group connected to a mysterious death and a nefarious scheme, discovered by Bernie's sister Darleen, targeting indigenous people living with addiction.

**Who Will Remember, No. 20** by C.S. Harris

In 1816 London, as riots loom amid economic and environmental crises, Sebastian St. Cyr investigates a nobleman's ritualistic murder tied to tarot cards, uncovering dark secrets and racing to stop a killer.

**Written in Stone, No. 10** by Paige Shelton

When Delaney attends an exclusive festival at artist Ryory Bennigan's studio in Edinburgh, she becomes entangled in the murder of a man with a shady past and a mysterious Pictish artifact, uncovering dangerous secrets as she investigates his death.

## Romance

**Broken Souls and Bones** by L.J. Andrews

To save her friend, Lyra reveals her magical abilities and is forced to become the King's melder, forging an alliance and unexpected romance with the brooding guard Roark as they uncover a sinister truth and fight their dark destiny.

**Firebird, No. 1** by Juliette Cross

In a universe where dragons rule Rome, General Julianus Dakkia must choose between his duty to the Empire and his forbidden love for a woman prophesied to save them all.

**Flirting Lessons** by Jasmine Guillory

When newly single Avery enlists flirty heartbreaker Taylor for flirting lessons, their arrangement ignites undeniable chemistry, forcing both women to confront their feelings and risk everything for a chance at something real.

**Great Big Beautiful Life** by Emily Henry

Alice Scott is an optimist dreaming of her big writing break; Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-prize winning thundercloud, and they're both on Little Crescent Island for the same reason: to write the biography of a woman no one has seen in years.

**Mind of Her Own, A** by Danielle Steel

Born in 1900s Paris, Alexandra's life is shattered by WWI and the Spanish Flu, leading her to a journalism career where she meets a fellow reporter battling his own losses, sparking a powerful connection.

**Summer Light on Nantucket** by Nancy Thayer

Divorced mother of four Blythe Benedict takes her family to Nantucket, but she must contend with teenage angst, her ex-mother-in-law's poor health, and a secret involving her ex-husband.

## Self Help

**Dear Writer: Pep Talks & Practical Advice for the Creative Life** by Maggie Smith

A noted author and poet distills creativity and the craft of writing with a practical guide.

**Resolute: How We Humans Keep Finding ways to Beat the Toughest Odds** by Benjamin Hall

The author tells the story of his harrowing recovery after surviving a deadly Russian missile attack in Ukraine and shares the most profound lessons he learned about the power of resilience.

**Secrets of Adulthood** by Gretchen Rubin

The author shares her key insights into simple truths for living with greater satisfaction, clarity, and happiness.

## Suspense

**Cold Burn, No. 2** by Jon Land; Jeff Ayers, and A.J. Landau

Agent Michael Walker investigates a series of deaths linked to a prehistoric microbe thawed from the Arctic, racing against time to stop the deadly pathogen from being weaponized.

**Death of Us, The** by Abigail Dean

Years after a home invasion shattered their marriage, Edward and Isabel reunite for their attacker's trial, confronting lingering trauma, their enduring connection, and the possibility of closure as they grapple with the impact of their shared past.

**French Honeymoon, The** by Anne-Sophie Jouhanneau

Alone in her Paris suite, awash with stolen cash and bitterness, Taylor Quinn becomes obsessed with newlyweds Cassie and Olivier, but as she uncovers their secrets, she's drawn into a dangerous web.

**Gothictown** by Emily Carpenter

Offered a spacious Victorian home and business grant in a small Georgia town for just \$100, Billie Hope sees a chance for a fresh start after losing her New York Restaurant, but the too-good-to-be-true deal may be a dangerous trap.

**Into the Gray Zone, No. 19** by Brad Taylor

A taskforce operator discovers a terror plot to destabilize global powers, sparking a race against time to rescue hostages and prevent a catastrophe.

**Last Session, The** by Julia Bartz

When a patient with ties to her past vanishes, social worker Thea follows the trail to a New Mexico retreat, uncovering secrets about the program's methods as she races to find the missing woman before it is too late.

**Murder Machine, The** by Heather Graham

FBI agents Jude Mackenzie and Victoria Tenant investigate a series of fatal "accidents" linked to smart home AI systems, racing to expose a hidden perpetrator.

**No Precious Truth, No. 1** by Chris Nickson

Sergeant Cathy Marsden—a female police officer working for the Special Investigative Branch—risks her life everyday to protect the city of Leeds from an escaped German spy.

**Overkill** by J.A. Jance

Chuck Brewster, former business partner of Ali Reynolds's husband B. Simpson, once had an affair with Clarice, B.'s first wife—when Chuck is found murdered with Clarice nearby covered in blood, she swears she's innocent and begs for Ali's help.

**Perfect Divorce, The** by Jeneva Rose

Years after defending her ex-husband, Adam, for murder, Sarah's life spirals again when new evidence reopens the case and her current husband, Bob, becomes embroiled in a missing person investigation.

**Serial Killer Support Group** by Saratoga Schaefer

Determined to avenge her sister's murder, Cyra Griffin infiltrates a secretive serial killer support group, posing as one of them to uncover the truth, but as she delves deeper into their world, she risks losing her morality and herself.

## True Crime

**Home of the Happy: A Murder on the Cajun Prairie** by Jordan LaHaye Fontenot

A blend of true crime and memoir tracing the author's investigation into the kidnapping and murder of her great-grandfather in 1980s Louisiana and the reverberations on her family and community throughout the decades, set against the backdrop of the Cajun prairie.

**Scientist and the Serial Killer, The: The Search for Houston's Lost Boys** by Lise Olsen

Chronicles the case of the "Candy Man" serial killer who murdered over twenty-seven teenage boys in 1970s Houston, highlighting the efforts of forensic anthropologist Sharon Derrick's efforts decades later to identify the victims and restore their dignity.

**Trespassers at the Golden Gate: A True Account of Love, Murder, and Madness in Gilded-age San Francisco** by Gary Krist

Recounts the sensational 1870 trial of Laura D. Fair, who killed her lover in San Francisco, exploring the case's impact on post-Civil War issues, including gender roles and family values, while painting a vivid portrait of the city's transformation from frontier outpost to a metropolis.



