

# **Montgomery City-County Public Library**

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# New Releases in June

Annotations from Baker & Taylor  
Booking Ahead

## Biography

**Almost Brown: A Memoir** by Charlotte Gill

The writer traces the complexities of her life within a multicultural household and her unconscious bias favoring one parent over the other.

**Art Thief, The** by Michael Finkel

This true story of art, crime, love and a hunger to possess beauty at any cost, draws us into the strange world of prolific art thief, Stephane Breitwieser, who stole and kept more than 300 objects of art.

**Better Living Through Birding** by Christian Cooper

The Central Park birder at the center of a racially-charged viral video reflects on his lifetime journey towards self-acceptance, while offering insights into the world of birds and what they can teach us about life.

**In-Between, The** by Hadley Vlahos

A hospice nurse shows that end-of-life care can teach us just as much about how to live as it does about how we die, sharing stories of joy, wisdom and redemption from her patients' final moments.

**My Friend Anne Frank** by Hannah Pick-Goslar and Dina Kraft

A Holocaust survivor shares an intimate look into her life and friendship with Anne Frank.

**Pageboy** by Elliot Page

The star who, after the success of *Juno*, became one of the world's most beloved actors, reveals how his career turned into a nightmare as he navigated criticism and abuse in Hollywood.

**Why Fathers Cry at Night** by Kwame Alexander

The author offers a memoir with poetry, letters, recipes and other personal artifacts that provide an intimate look into his life and the loved ones he shares it with.

**Young and Restless** by Mattie Kahn

The writer uncovers how teenage girls have leveraged their unique strengths to organize and lay serious political groundwork for movements that often sidelined them.

## Fantasy and Science Fiction

**Archive Undying, The No. 1** by Emma Mieko Candon

War machines and AI gods run amok in the first book in a new science fiction series.

**Demons of Good and Evil, No. 17** by Kim Harrison

A witch-born demon struggling to protect the paranormal citizens of Cincinnati becomes the target of The Mage, a mysterious and avenging former associate of Hodin.

**First Bright Thing, The** by J.R. Dawson

Ringmaster-Rin can jump to different moments in time as easily as her wife Odette soars from bar to bar on the trapeze; and the circus they lead is a rare home and safe haven for magical misfits and outcasts.

## General Fiction

**Drowning Woman, The** by Robyn Harding

A homeless woman flees a dangerous past— and in the process saves a wealthy society.

**Five-Star Weekend, The** by Elin Hilderbrand

Inviting her best friend from each phase of her life, widow Hollis Shaw hosts a weekend on Nantucket during which things don't go as planned as each woman deals with heartbreak, infidelity, scandal and secrets.

**Happiness Plan, The** by Susan Mallery

Three best friends navigate the joy, and heartache, of letting people into their hearts for the very first time.

**History of a Difficult Child, The** by Mihret Sibhat

The child of a scorned, former land-owning family must grow up in the wake of Ethiopia's socialist revolution.

**Lucky Dogs** by Helen Schulman

The paths of two women on opposite ends of a high-profile sexual abuse scandal sets them on a devastating collision course.

**Memory of Animals, The** by Claire Fuller

From the author comes a novel of memory, love, survival—and octopuses.

**My Murder** by Katie Williams

Having been murdered by a serial killer and subsequently resurrected, Lou must solve her own slaying.

**Nightbloom** by Peace Adzo Medie

A novel about the unbreakable power of female friendship follows two estranged women as they reconnect.

**Welcome to Beach Town** by Susan Wiggs

Compelled to return to Alara Cove, the place where an accusation she made years ago sent her into exile, competitive surfer Nikki Graziola finds old friendships, rivalries and an unexpected romance drawing her back into the life of the beach town she's never quite forgotten.

**You Were Always Mine** by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza

When Cinnamon Haynes, a black woman, takes an abandoned white baby into her home, she struggles to keep her own past hidden while dealing with the judgements from friends and strangers alike.

## General Nonfiction

**100 Places to See After You Die: A Travel Guide to the Afterlife** by Ken Jennings

A humorous travel guide to the afterlife explores destinations to die for from literature, mythology, and pop culture ranging from Dante's Inferno to NBC's The Good Place.

**Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law** by Leah Rothstein and Richard Rothstein

The authors describe activities readers and supports can do in their communities to challenge residential segregation and help remedy America's unconstitutional past.

**Kiss Me in the Coral Lounge** by Helen Ellis

In this collection of sexy and comically candid essays, the author invites readers into the Coral Lounge, a room in her apartment where all the parties happen until it becomes a place of refuge during the pandemic.

**Whitelash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress** by Wesley Lowery

The journalist charts the return of the American cycle of racial progress and white backlash and how the federal government has failed to intervene.

## Historical Fiction

**Crow Mary** by Kathleen Grissom

A saga inspired by the true story of Crow Mary—an indigenous woman torn between two worlds in 19th century North America.

**First Ladies, The** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality.

**Wind Knows My Name, The** by Isabel Allende, translated by Frances Riddle

Traces the ripple effects of war and immigration on two children—five-year-old Samuel, whose mother puts him on a Kindertransport train out of Nazi occupied Austria to England in 1938, and seven-year-old Anita, who boards another train eight decades later to the U.S. where she's separated from her mother.

## History

### **272, The** by Rachel L. Swarns

This account illustrates how the Catholic Church relied on slave labor and slave sales to help finance its expansion.

### **Black Folk** by Blair Kelley

The historian shows how the experiences of the black working class, from the earliest days of the republic to the essential worker of the COVID pandemic, is essential to a full understanding of the American story.

### **Sleeping With the Ancestors** by Joseph McGill Jr. and Herb Frazier

The personal account of one man's groundbreaking project to sleep overnight in the countless oft-overlooked former slave dwellings that still stand across the country.

## Mystery and Detective

### **Death Knells and Wedding Bells, No. 10** by Eva Gates

Librarian Lucy's wedding is nearly perfect—aside from a missing guest and the strangled body she finds.

### **Hiss Me Deadly, No. 15** by Miranda James

When a former classmate returns to Athena to work with local college music students, Charlie and her cat Diesel investigate after a band member is murdered.

### **Last Drop of Hemlock, The, No. 2** by Katharine Schellman

While working in a 1924 speakeasy, Vivian Kelly navigates a nighttime world where anything goes, but any drink could be your last.

### **Newlywed's Guide to Fortune and Murder, A, No. 6** by Dianne Freeman

American-born newlywed Frances Hazelton finds her honeymoon plans derailed by a murder among the upper crust of English society.

### **Robert B. Parker's Bad Influence, No. 11** by Alison Gaylin

When her new client, Blake, an Instagram influencer, is targeted by a killer, PI Sunny Randall investigates the dark side of social media as she is drawn into a world rife with lies and schemes and ties to a criminal scene.

### **Stolen Child, A, No. 4** by Sarah Stewart Taylor

When Maggie D'arcy, an American detective in Ireland, and her partner find a former model and reality tv star murdered, they also discover Jade's toddler daughter missing.

## Romance

### **Little Ray of Sunshine, A** by Kristan Higgins

A young man shocks his adoptive mother by flying to Cape Cod and walking into the bookstore owned by his birth mother and her grandfather and surprising them, forcing both women into addressing their assumptions about motherhood.

### **Palazzo** by Danielle Steel

The head of her family's haute couture Italian leather brand, Cosima Saverio, partnering with France's most successful handbag company, must make an impossible choice when her brother loses a hefty sum at the casino and his debt must be repaid with money or his life.

### **Queen Charlotte** by Julia Quinn

In 1761, German Princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz marries King George III, and in her new role, she navigates the intricate politics of the court while guarding her heart as she fights for herself, her husband and for all her new subjects who look to her for guidance and grace.

### **Sound of Sleighbells, The, No. 6** by Janet Dailey

When fate brings the man she once loved together with the son he never knew he had, Ruth McCoy knows it's only a matter of time before Judd Rankin learns the truth and wonders if the revelation will shatter the tender feelings between them—or be her family's greatest gift.

**Trial** by Richard North Patterson

When Malcolm, a black 18-year-old voting rights worker is arrested for murder, white congressman Chase Brevard finds his life transformed in a single moment by the appearance of Malcolm's photo on the news, enveloping him, Malcolm and Malcolm's mother in a media firestorm that threatens their lives.

**Unfortunately Yours** by Tessa Bailey

To access her trust fund, Natalie Vos must get married, and with no prospects, proposes to a man she wants to kill and kiss in equal measure, but their sham wedding turns into something more due to their unbearable, undeniable attraction.

## Science and Nature

**Experience Machine, The** by Andy Clark

Drawing on new discoveries in neuroscience and psychology, a philosopher and cognitive scientist presents a new theory that the brain is a powerful dynamic prediction engine.

**Many Things Under a Rock: The Mysteries of Octopuses** by David Scheel and Laurel Scheel

A behavioral ecologist chronicles his decades-long obsession with octopuses: his discoveries, adventures and new scientific understanding of their behaviors.

## Suspense

**9th Man** by Steve Berry and Grant Blackwood

Embroided in a war between two determined sides after rescuing an old friend, Luke Daniels confronts a series of shocking truths about JFK's assassination on November 22, 1963, which not only will rewrite history but will forever change his own life as he comes face to face with the ninth man.

**Clive Cussler Fire Strike, No. 17** by Mike Maden

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon narrowly escape death on the high seas while trying to avoid a diplomatic incident.

**Cross Down** by James Patterson and Brendan Dubois

Detectives Alex Cross and John Sampson join forces again to protect the Cross family from a shadow force advancing on the nation's capital.

**Good Family, A** by Matt Goldman

A woman already suspicious that her husband is up to something is further incensed when he allows an old friend harboring a dark secret to live with them.

**Good Ones, The** by Polly Stewart

A novel illuminating the push and pull of female friendship and the costs of being "good" when the rules for women begin to chafe.

**Last Sinner, The** by Lisa Jackson

When a victim surfaces bearing the signature of serial killer Father John, a fake priest who used the sharpened beads of a rosary to strangle prostitutes, Detectives Bentz and Montoya are convinced the monster is back.

**Malibu Burning** by Lee Goldberg

Setting fires as a distraction to pull off a crime and avenge a fallen friend, master thief Danny Cole is pursued by investigator Walter Sharpe, and when they meet face-to-face, they are pitted against an unexpected enemy.

**Near Miss, No. 64** by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles

Stone Barrington faces down a deadly foe.

**Private Moscow** by James Patterson

The founder of Private, the world's biggest and best detective agency, Jack Morgan investigates the murder of his former U.S. Marine comrade, which appears to be linked to another murder in Moscow, and arriving in Russia, begins to uncover a conspiracy that could have global consequences.

**She Started It** by Sian Gilbert

A group of young women's Caribbean bachelorette party takes a sinister turn.

**Survivor, The** by Iris Johansen

Unearthing the perfectly preserved body of a female warrior in Southeast Asia, archeologist Riley Smith and Eve Duncan seek answers about this extraordinary past life, leading Riley to make a discovery that will change history—if she can survive long enough to share it with the world.

**Whispers at Dusk, No. 1** by Heather Graham

Arriving in Norway to find an elusive vampire killer, who is leaving bodies drained of blood across the country, FBI agents Della Hamilton and Mason Carter must use all of their abilities to uncover the killer's identity and put a stop to the terror they've begun to inspire.

**Whispers, The** by Ashley Audrain

When their picture-perfect hostess explodes in fury because her son disobeys her and then he falls from his bedside window in the middle of the night, three women grapple with what led to that terrible night.

**Zero Days** by Ruth Ware

When a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, resulting in her husband's murder, penetration specialist Jack, now the #1 suspect, goes on the run, deciding who she can trust as she races against time to clear her name and find the real killer.

## **True Crime**

**What the Dead Know** by Barbara Butcher

A personal memoir of more than twenty years of death-scene investigations by New York City death investigator Barbara Butcher.



