

It's always exciting when a box of new books arrives at the library. Here's a sampling of what was in the latest one; four fiction and four non-fiction titles. Hopefully you will find one or two that peak your interest!

FICTION

“What You Wish For” by Katherine Center

The latest from the author of “Things You Save in a Fire” and “How to Walk Away.”

Samantha Casey is a school librarian who loves her job and has a joy for living. But she wasn't always that way. Duncan Carpenter is the new principal who lives by rules, guided by the knowledge that bad things can happen. But he wasn't always that way.

As the school community spirals into chaos, and danger from all corners looms large, Sam and Duncan must find their way to who they really are, what it means to be brave, and how to take a chance on love. (book jacket)

“Exit Strategy” by Jen Danna

In this new suspense series featuring NYPD detective Gemma Capello, a heavily armed gunman has taken hostages at City Hall. With time running out and a mastermind who has proven he'll do whatever it takes to get what he wants, Gemma risks it all—her career and her life—in a last-ditch effort to save the hostages. Now, she needs to figure out how to save herself. (book jacket)

“Out of Time” by David Klass

From acclaimed screenwriter David Klass (Desperate Measures, Kiss the Girls, Walking Tall) comes “a devastatingly timely and action-packed thriller in which an idealistic serial bomber and a morally conflicted young FBI agent face off in a head-to-head battle - and the fate of humanity may hang in the balance.” (book jacket)

Publishers Weekly describes this book as “exciting...the topic is timely, the pacing is pedal-to-the-metal,” and the Wall Street Journal calls it “a top-notch thriller.”

“The Safe Place” by Anna Downes

A debut novel described as “the perfect summer suspense read, superbly tense and oozing with atmosphere.”

Scott offers Emily a summer job as a housekeeper on his remote, beautiful French estate. Enchanted by his lovely wife Nina, and his eccentric young daughter, Aurelia, Emily falls headlong into this oasis of wine-soaked days by the pool. But soon Emily realizes that Scott and Nina are hiding dangerous secrets, and if she doesn't play along, the consequences could be deadly. (book jacket)

NON-FICTION

“A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America’s Hurricanes” by Eric Jay Dolin

Hurricanes menace North America every year, each as powerful as 10,000 nuclear bombs. Best-selling historian Eric Jay Dolin (“Leviathan,” “Black Flags, Blue Waters”) has created a vivid account of our encounters with hurricanes, showing how these tempests frequently helped determine the nation’s course. As he moves through the centuries, he also traces the corresponding development of hurricane science. Yet there are limits on our ability to predict where hurricanes will strike, and we remain terribly vulnerable to the greatest storms on earth (book jacket)

“A Furious Sky” received a starred review from *Booklist* and *Kirkus*. *Library Journal* states it “deftly (weaves) together tales of tragedy, heroism and scientific progress.”

“Entangled Life: How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds and Shape our Futures” by Merlin Sheldrake

When we think of fungi, we likely think of mushrooms. But most fungi live out of sight, making up a massively diverse kingdom of organisms that sustain nearly all living systems. Sheldrake’s exploration takes us from yeast to psychedelics, to the fungi that range for miles underground and are the largest organisms on the planet, to those that link plants together in complex networks known as the “Wood Wide Web.” By examining fungi on their own terms, Sheldrake reveals how these extraordinary organisms are changing our understanding of how life works. (book jacket)

“The Kidnap Years: The Astonishing True History of the Forgotten Kidnapping Epidemic That Shook Depression-Era America” by David Stout

The Great Depression was a time of desperation—parents struggled to feed their children, unemployment was at a record high, and thugs with submachine guns and corrupt law-enforcement officers ran rampant. But there was one sure-fire way to make money: kidnapping. Edgar Award-winning author David Stout explores the horrifying details of these abduction cases, from the methods used and the investigative processes to the personal histories of the culprits and victims. A gritty, visceral, thoughtfully reported page-turner. (book jacket)

"A thrilling account that puts the 1932 Lindbergh baby kidnapping case in the context of the thousands of other kidnappings that occurred in the U.S. during the Prohibition and Depression eras...will enthrall true crime fans."—*Publishers Weekly*, STARRED review

“My Life as a Villainess: Essays: by Laura Lippman

“In this collection of new and previously published essays, *New York Times* bestselling author Laura Lippman offers her take on a woman's life across the decades. Her childhood and school years, her newspaper career, her experiences as a novelist—Lippman finds universal touchstones in an unusual life that has as many twists as her award-winning crime fiction. These candid essays offer

long-time readers insight into the experiences that helped Lippman become one of the most successful crime novelists of her generation.” (book jacket)

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