

New Books for Spring and Summer by Laura Stoll, Assistant to the Director

I recently had the fun task of shopping for new books for the Kirkland Town Library. I got to think about what our patrons are interested in reading while simultaneously adding some titles to my own “to read” list. Here’s a sneak peek of some new titles coming to our shelves in the next few months. If any of these pique your interest, it’s not too soon to join the waiting list. Who knows? You might even be the first person to check it out!

“The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece” by Tom Hanks. From the publisher, “From the legendary actor and best-selling author: a novel about the making of a star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film...and the humble comic books that inspired it. Funny, touching, and wonderfully thought-provoking, while also capturing the changes in America and American culture since World War II.” Released on May 9.

“Same Time Next Summer” by Annabel Monaghan. From the publisher, “Sam’s life is on track. She has the perfect doctor fiancé, Jack (his strict routines are a good thing, really), a great job in Manhattan (unless they fire her), and is about to tour a wedding venue near her family’s Long Island beach house. Everything should go to plan, yet the minute she arrives, Sam senses something is off. Wyatt is here. Her Wyatt. But there’s no reason for a thirty-year-old engaged woman to feel panicked around the guy who broke her heart when she was seventeen. Right?” Releases on June 6.

“Crook Manifesto” by Colson Whitehead. From the publisher, “[This is] a darkly funny tale of a city under siege, but also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family. Colson Whitehead’s kaleidoscopic portrait of Harlem is sure to stand as one of the all-time great evocations of a place and a time.” Releases on July 18.

“Learned By Heart” by Emma Donoghue. From the publisher, “Drawing on years of investigation and Anne Lister’s five-million-word secret journal, ‘Learned by Heart’ is the long-buried love story of Eliza Raine, an orphan heiress banished from India to England at age six, and Anne Lister, a brilliant, troublesome tomboy, who meet at the Manor School for young ladies in York in 1805 when they are both fourteen.” Releases on July 29.

“Tom Lake” by Ann Patchett. From the publisher, “In the spring of 2020, Lara’s three daughters return to the family’s orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.” Releases on August 1.

“The Breakaway” by Jennifer Weiner. From the publisher, “Thirty-four-year-old Abby Stern is at peace with her plus-size body—at least, most of the time—and she’s on track to marry her childhood sweetheart. Yet Abby can’t escape the feeling that something isn’t right...or the memories of one mind-blowing night spent with a man named Sebastian two years ago. So when Abby gets a last-minute call to lead a group bike trip from New York City to Niagara Falls, she’s happy to have time away from Mark, and a chance to make up her mind. Over the next two weeks, strangers become confidantes, hidden truths come to light, and a teenage girl with a secret will unite all the riders in surprising ways.” Releases on August 29.

What are you looking forward to reading this summer? Send your recommendations to clinton@midyork.org and we will take a look at it!