

New Releases to the Elwood Public Library
November 19, 2007

“The Almost Moon” by Alice Sebold

Having set aside her own life in her support of her parents, husband, and children, Helen Knightly confronts the realities of the choices that were imposed upon her during a harrowing twenty-four-hour period of death and revelation.

“Amazing Grace” by Danielle Steel

In the wake of an earthquake that interrupts a celebrity-studded charity dinner dance at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco, the lives of four strangers--Sarah Sloane, wife of a financial whiz; Grammy-winning singer Melanie Free; photographer Everett Carson; and Sister Maggie Kent, a nun working with the homeless--are transformed forever by the tragedy.

“Candy Cane Murder” by Joanne Fluke

A collection of three holiday mysteries includes stories by Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine, and Leslie Meyer, and features fourteen Christmas recipes.

“The Chase” by Clive Cussler

The 1950 discovery of four bodies inside a sunken steam locomotive in a Montana lake gives way to the story of a murderous 1906 bank robber whose ruthlessness challenged Isaac Bell, a talented detective whose struggle to identify and capture the killer had been complicated by the great San Francisco earthquake.

“A Christmas Beginning” by Anne Perry

Spending his Christmas holidays on the remote island of Anglesey, off the north coast of Wales, a lonely Superintendent Runcorn is called in to investigate when the sister of the local vicar is found murdered and draped over a gravestone in her brother's churchyard, joining forces with the elegant Melisande to find the killer.

“Creation in Death” by J. D. Robb

Reopening an unsolved case from years earlier when the body of a torture victim is discovered in East River Park, NYPSD lieutenant Eve Dallas becomes increasingly worried when clues reveal links between the killing and her billionaire husband's store that suggest Eve herself is being targeted.

“Dark of the Moon” by John Sandford

Virgil Flowers is sent to Bluestem, a small town where everyone knows everyone else, to investigate the murders of a man burned to death in his home and a doctor and his wife, unaware that he is tracking a murderer who may be targeting Virgil as his next victim.

“Double Cross” by James Patterson

Rejoining the police force in the wake of a series of elaborate murders in Washington, D.C., detective Alex Cross, teaming up with his girlfriend and colleague, Brianna Stone, finds himself also working to outmaneuver the attention-seeking killer's penchant for inducing hysteria with increasingly sensational killings.

“Everlasting” by Kathleen Woodiwiss

A passionate tale that follows the relationship between Abrielle, who is forced into marriage with a nefarious squire, and her beloved Raven, a Scottish soldier determined to save her from an evil fate.

“The Gift” by Richard Paul Evans

An uplifting tale of hope and faith celebrates the joy of the holiday season and follows a theme of the redemptive power of love.

“The Heir” by Barbara Taylor Bradford

In the aftermath of World War I, new company head Edward Deravenel struggles between his loyal brother Richard and treacherous brother George while navigating the brutal politics of inheritance, an effort that is challenged by the scion of a family he had ousted from power years earlier.

“Hide and Seek” by Fern Michaels

The Sisterhood, a group of seven fearless and wickedly cunning friends, finds itself on the run from the FBI when their latest mission of revenge gets them in trouble with the law.

“Home to Holly Springs” by Jan Karon

Anticipating a relaxing retirement, Father Tim returns to his hometown for the first time in decades when he receives an anonymous summons, an event that leads to his discovery of long-buried secrets and new people.

“An Ice Cold Grave” by Charlaine Harris

Heading for Doraville, North Carolina, to investigate the disappearance of a young boy, Harper Connelly and her brother Tolliver are stunned to discover that he is one of several teens who had vanished over the previous five years, but when she uses her talent to communicate with the dead to find the missing boy, she discovers that her knowledge has placed her in the sights of a killer.

“Kissing Christmas Goodbye” by M. C. Beaton

Bored with the routine cases coming her way, Agatha Raisin finally gets an intriguing case after the poisoning death of a wealthy widow, Mrs. Tamworthy, who had sent Agatha a letter warning that she believed that someone in her family intended to kill her.

“The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen” by Syrie James

Austen's short life is well documented by her surviving letters—except for the period 1809 through 1812. The author re-imagines this time in the form of a "lost memoir" discovered in an attic chest, along with a gold-and-ruby ring. These "missing years" are emotionally and financially fraught for Jane.

“Mark’s Story” by Tim LaHaye

Overhearing Jesus' prophecies of events to come and witnessing such events as Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and the Resurrection, Mark becomes a devoted disciple of Christianity and urges Peter to recount to him the story of Jesus' life on earth.

“Murder on K Street” by Margaret Truman

When Illinois senator Lyle Simmons returns from a political fundraiser to find his wife brutally murdered, Detective Charles Chang is assigned to the investigation, in a case that draws him into the scandalous and dangerous world of political lobbyists with whom the senator has a close relationship to find a killer.

“The New Year’s Quilt” by Jennifer Chiaverini

A seasonally themed Elm's Creek Quilts tale finds master quilter Sylvia Bergstrom Compton tackling a new quilt for her reluctant daughter-in-law that depicts holiday memories of Elm Creek Manor.

“Now and Then” by Robert B. Parker

Investigating a new client's unfaithful wife, Boston private eye Spenser finds himself in a web of trouble when the seemingly open-and-shut case goes terribly wrong and three people wind up dead, a situation that reveals the wife's lover's ties to a terrorist organization.

“Pandora’s Daughter” by Iris Johansen

Building a successful practice on her ability to empathize with her patients, physician Megan Blair is haunted by the mysterious loss in childhood of her mother, from whom she inherited emerging psychic powers that others would exploit for murderous purposes.

“Protect and Defend” by Vince Flynn

In the aftermath of an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities, CIA director Irene Kennedy and operative Mitch Kelly are dispatched to the Middle East to diffuse Iran's sworn retaliation against the United States but are unaware that a Lebanese terrorist is working with Iran's Supreme Council to sabotage their efforts.

“Shoot Him if He Runs” by Stuart Woods

Sent by the CIA to a beautiful Caribbean island where they are to track down murderous rogue agent Teddy Fay, the team of Stone Barrington, Holly Barker, and Dino Baldachetti finds their mission thwarted by corrupt local politicians and secretive American expatriates.

“Stone Cold” by David Baldacci

Protecting a con artist from vengeful casino king Jerry Bagger, Oliver Stone and his colleagues at the Camel Club find their efforts further challenged by a ruthless killer who targets Stone by threatening to reveal his mysterious past.

“Unwrapping Christmas” by Lori Copeland

When things do not go as planned during the holiday season, which should be a time of togetherness and family tradition, Rose, during her weakest moment, discovers the true meaning of giving and what Christmas is really about.

“Where Angels Go” by Debbie Macomber

Three well-intentioned angels with a penchant for trouble bring some much-needed Christmas magic into the lives of three people--an elderly man searching for peace of mind, a young woman afraid of commitment, and a little boy who has a special holiday wish.

“World Without End” by Ken Follett

A sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth* is set two centuries after the building of the elaborate Gothic cathedral in Kingsbridge, where its prior finds himself at the center of a web of ambition and revenge that places the city at a crossroad of commerce, medicine, and architecture.