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## What's new in July

Before we dive into some highlights of brand new books now ready for patrons to check out, let's catch up on a couple library issues. **We are, like last week, at Phase 2 of re-opening.** We have prepared many books that patrons have ordered and picked up in our lobby already. Staff are working the extended hours per Phase 2. For all those details, please check our website at [www.wicksonlibrary.org](http://www.wicksonlibrary.org). Of course, we encourage you to call us during open hours, too, for services and information. And last, we are closed Friday and Saturday July 3 and 4 for the holiday weekend.

As to new books, here's a list with one little blurb next to each so that I can emphasize quantity over detail this week. It still isn't close to an exhaustive list of all our new books.

Sue Monk Kidd's **The Book of Longings** is historical fiction having a protagonist, Ana, who lives in Galilee in the first century. This book is listed in a few places as a "most anticipated book" of 2020. What if Jesus had a feminist wife? Yes, Kidd goes there.

Suzanne Collins' **The Battle of Song Birds and Snakes** is a prequel to her Hunger Games trilogy, a sure hit.

Marcia Clark's **Final Judgment** is the fourth Samantha Brinkman book, a fictional courtroom series. The first, if you're wondering, is **Blood Defense**.

Iris Johansen's **The Persuasion** is Eve Duncan book 27. Eve's daughter Jane and Jane's love interest Seth team up with a madman who wants to murder Jane.

Elin Hildebrand's **28 Summers** has a similar premise as **Same Time Next Year**, about a couple, each having their own families, who meet once a year to continue their long-time romance.

Abbi Waxman's **I Was Told It Would Get Easier** is the fictional story about an ambitious mother/daughter duo and a college admissions plot. Waxman is the author of **The Bookish Life of Nina Hill** which automatically puts this book on my list.

Fern Michaels's **Truth and Justice** is the newest book in the Sisterhood series, this one focusing on stopping a con artist with a wide reach.

Rita Mae Brown along with her cat co-author, Sneaky Pie Brown, returns with **Furmidable Foes**, the 29<sup>th</sup> book in the Mrs. Murphy series. For cozy mystery fans, this series has a lot of appeal.

For all of our Amish mystery fans, Wanda Brunstetter's **The Crow's Call** awaits you, the first in what will be the Amish Greenhouse series. You can be in on the start.

John Hedland's **The Runaway Bride** is the second in the Bride Ships series.

For fans of the **Temperance Brennan Bones series**, Kathy Reichs is back with **A Conspiracy of Bones**.

Scott Turow's newest legal thriller is **The Last Trial** about a retiring lawyer in his 80's taking on the cause of his close friend, a Nobel Prize winning scientist.

Max Brooks brings us a horror novel in **Devolution** about a mass murder by a Big Foot creature after a volcanic eruption.

Speaking of horror, Stephen King's **If It Bleeds** is a collection of four new novellas from him. This one I will add some detail on because I've finished the first two novellas. These are fast reads and light on horror (although it's there), light on the supernatural (although it is very lightly and ambiguously there), but heavy on suspense and character development, King strengths. This was my first library book pick-up which was easy. I could see from the library's website that the library owns this in digital, regular print, and large print. At least two of you are faster than me, and the only one not checked out was the large print – so I can even keep it three weeks.

I'm especially taken with the second story in King's book, **The Life of Chuck**, for the expert way he left me thinking I was reading about one thing, but I really was reading about something else. Sort of. I know that's horribly vague, but I'm afraid to say more because this story's artful construction left me so happy, I don't want to deprive anyone.

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