The top ten books that librarians across the country loved recommending this year.

**THE RADIIUM GIRLS**
The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women
by Kate Moore
(Sourcebooks)
“This is the story of hundreds of young, vibrant women who were sentenced to death by their employers. The so-called “Radium Girls” painted luminous faces on clock and watch dials using a paint mixture that contained radium. Instructed to “lip-point” their brushes as they painted, they absorbed high doses of radium into their bodies. When the effects of the radium led to horrific disfigurement and pain, the company refused to take responsibility. This heartrending book was one I could not put down.”
—Catherine Coyne, Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield, MA

**ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE**
A Novel
by Gail Honeyman
(Pamela Dorman Books)
“I loved this book about the quirky Eleanor, who struggles to relate to other people and lives a very solitary life. When she and the new boy IT guy happen to be walking down the street together, they witness an elderly man collapse on the sidewalk and suddenly Eleanor’s orderly routines are disrupted. This is a lovely novel about loneliness and how a little bit of kindness can change a person forever. Highly recommended for fans of A Man Called Ove and The Rosie Project — this would make a great book club read.”
—Hale Eisenman, Beaufort County Library, Bluffton, SC

**SMALL GREAT THINGS**
by Jodi Picoult
(Ballantine Books)
“A black neonatal nurse is charged with causing the death of a white supremacists newborn baby. The story is told from the points of view of the nurse, her attorney, and the baby’s heartbroken father. As always, Picoult’s attention to legal, organizational, and medical details help the tale ring true. What sets this book apart, though, are the uncomfortable points it makes about racism. The novel is both absorbing and thought-provoking, and will surely spark conversations among friends, families and book clubs.”
—Laurie Van Court, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, CO

**GLASS HOUSES**
A Novel
by Louise Penny
(Minotaur Books)
“Québec back to what it was before it was corrupted under the company refused to take responsibility. This vividly realized Texas frontier setting to the characters is beautifully crafted, right up to the moving conclusion. Both the Captain and Joanna have very distinctive voices. Wonderful storytelling.”
—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

**KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON**
The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
by David Grann
(Doubleday)
“In the 1920s, a string of unsolved murders rocked the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. Made rich by oil rights, the Osage were already victimized by unscrupulous businessmen and societal prejudice, but these murders were so egregious, the newly formed FBI was brought in to investigate. Immensely readable, this book brings a shameful part of U.S. history alive and will keep readers thinking long after they have finished the book.”
—Jenna Persick, Chester County Library, Exton, PA

**THE DRY**
by Jane Harper
(Flatiron Books)
“Luke lied. You lied. Be at the funeral!” These eight words will change everything for Agent Aaron Falk, summoned by the father or his former best friend. It appears Luke went on a rampage, murdering his wife, son, and then himself. At Luke’s father’s request, Aaron agrees to look into the murders/suicide and learns that the small town has long held grudges and secrets that may be best kept hidden in this atmospheric, chilling complex tale of anger and revenge.”
—Jennifer Weisberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ

**BEARTOWN**
by Fredrik Backman
(Atria Books)
“Backman’s most complex novel to date takes place in the small, hockey-crazed village of Beartown. He deftly weaves together the stories of the players, the coaches, the parents, and the fans as Beartown’s hockey team chases its dream of winning a championship. Weighty themes are explored. How high a price is too high for success? How deadly is silence? Who can you trust with your secrets? How far will you compromise your beliefs in the name of friendship? There are no easy answers. A great book club choice.”
—Janet Lockhart, Wake County Public Library, Cary, NC

**NEWS OF THE WORLD**
A Novel
by Paulette Jiles
(William Morrow)
“Readers fortunate enough to meet Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an old ex-soldier who makes a living reading the news to townspeople in 1870’s Texas, and Joanna, the Indian captive he is charged with returning to her relatives, will not soon forget everything. From esfksdsfb the vividly realized Texas frontier setting to the characters is beautifully crafted, right up to the moving conclusion. Both the Captain and Joanna have very distinctive voices. Wonderful storytelling.”
—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

**LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE**
by Celeste Ng
(Penguin Press)
“Little Fires Everywhere delves into family relationships and what parenthood, either biological or by adoption, means. We follow the members of two families living in the idyllic, perfectly-planned suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio: Mia and Pearl, a mother and daughter living a less traditional lifestyle, moving from town to town every few months, and the rich Richardsons, the perfect nuclear family in the perfect suburb. Until Izzy Richardson burns her family home down. Ng’s superpower is her ability to pull you into her books from the very first sentence!”
—Emma DeLooze-Klein, Kirkwood Public Library, Kirkwood, MO

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