The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

**THE BEAR AND THE NIGHTINGALE**
A Novel by Katherine Arden (Del Rey)

“We journey to 14th century Russia where the old ways still hold sway in the outlying villages and spirits and magical creatures are real. When Vasya’s stepmother and the new village priest try to end the pagan offerings, it’s up to Vasya to stop the Bear from returning. Can she find the strength to accept who she really is and protect her family and village? This magical story captivated me and pulled me fully into that world. The last third and the pulse-pounding finish had me on the edge of my seat.”
—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH

**THE DRY**
A Novel 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 Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ

**BEHIND HER EYES**
A Novel by Sarah Pinborough (Flatiron Books)

“Louise meets a charming man in a bar and is smitten. The attraction is mutual, but David has tired of her lies. A friendship begins between Adele and Louise. David and Louise are still attracted to each other and the triangle is complete. This is not your average thriller. It is absolutely riveting!”
—Mary Vernau, Tyler Public Library, Tyler, TX

**THE SECOND MRS. HOCKADAY**
A Novel by Susan Rivers (Algonquin)

“Paddicis is seventeen when she marries Major Hockaday, an older man and recent widower with a child. After he is recalled to service in the Civil War, she must manage his farm, take care of his son and all with little help. When he returns, it is to find that she has given birth, and said to have murdered the child. Told in journal entries, letters, and court documents we learn about her life and the answers to this puzzling and horrifically charged event. A dark book that highlights the amazing strength so many of these women had to develop.”
—Diane Scholl, Batavia Public Library, Batavia, IL

**THE FIFTH PETAL**
A Novel by Brunonia Barry (Crown)

“Barry takes her readers back to Salem with a mesmerizing tale filled with familiar characters from her previous works and new ones as well. Towner Whitney and John Rafferty come to the aid of Callie Cahill as they work to piece together the circumstances surrounding the brutal murder of her mother while trying to keep herself from becoming a victim as well. This is a beautifully written story, full of twists and turns. Fans of *The Lace Reader* will love *The Fifth Petal*, though the book stands on its own and can be recommended to all readers.”
—Marianne Colton, Lockport Public Library, Lockport, NY

**THE NIGHTINGALE**
A Novel by Sarah J. Maas (Dungeons & Dragons)

“A fun take on a fantasy setting. Merry and Louise are still attracted to each other and the attraction is mutual, but David has tired of her lies. A friendship begins between Adele and Louise. David and Louise are still attracted to each other and the triangle is complete. This is not your average thriller. It is absolutely riveting!”
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**HER EVERY FEAR**
A Novel by Peter Swanson (William Morrow)

“Kate Priddy is moving to Boston to swap apartments with her cousin. Haunted by an abusive ex, she wants to leave behind her previous life. But when her neighbor, Audrey Marshall, is murdered, Kate is drawn into a web of fear even darker than her past. Varying points of view add new perspectives to the narrative as the book goes on; the mystery of what really happened to Audrey is just a part of the intrigue as we delve into the minds of imperfect, broken people. As a fan of Swanson’s previous work, I was not disappointed.”
—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH

**HEARTSTONE**
by Elle Katharine White (Harper Voyager)

“A fun take on *Pride and Prejudice* in a fantasy setting. Merrybourne Manor has a griffin infestation and has contracted with a band of Riders to kill them. As you can imagine, the main Rider is a little haughty and our heroine has a long memory. Familiar trials and tribulations occur with some detailed world-building, laying the groundwork for a sequel. Good for readers who don’t mind literary re-imaginings, love P&P; and Anne McCaffrey’s Pern novels.”
—Jenna Persick, Chester County Library, Exton, PA

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