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

### JUNE 2017

**SILVER SILENCE**  
by Nalini Singh  
(Berkeley)

“Silver Silence is a new chapter in the Psy/Changeling series. As the world tries to adjust after a peace accord, Silver Mercant takes center stage. As head of an aid organization reacting to rampant terrorism, she’s an obvious target. But Alpha Valentin Nikolaev has already decided she’s his to protect.”  
— Jessica Trotter, Capital District Area Libraries, Lansing, MI

**THE WAKING LAND**  
by Callie Bates  
(Del Rey)

“Lady Elanna Voltai flees her adopted homeland when her king who raised her like a daughter, dies under mysterious circumstances and Elanna is accused of murder. Forced to return to the magical homeland of her birth and her estranged father who was branded a traitor for inciting rebellion, Elanna must come to terms with the life she left behind and her destiny. I loved watching Elanna find her voice and her strength, and the rich world of magic around her makes this story even more fantastic!”  
— Jessica Perham, Schaumburg Township Library, Schaumburg, IL

**DOWN AMONG THE STICKS AND BONES**  
by Seanan McGuire  
(Tor.com)

“In Every Heart a Doorway we met Jack and Jill, two sisters bound together yet alienated. In this installment, we learn how these two girls escape their parents when they exit the world we know for a realm of fairy tale horror via a magic stairway, appearing in a trunk in a locked room. This is a story about two young women and the trauma that shapes them; a story about love, hate, and the thin line between. A captivating and emotional novella that irresistibly sweeps the reader along.”  
— Tegan Mannino, Monson Free Library, Monson, MA

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**THE ALICE NETWORK**  
A Novel  
by Kate Quinn  
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

“Outstanding fictional account of the Alice network, women spies in World War I, tough and determined to defeat the Germans. The story centers on Eve Gardiner, aka Marguerite, a young woman trained to spy on the Germans, and Charlie St. Clair, a young woman post WWII, pregnant, lost and finding her direction. The two meet and the story alternates chapters as Charlie is determined to find her cousin, Rose presumed dead after the war, while Eve’s story of the Alice network unfolds. A fantastic book with strong female characters.”  
— Ellen Fiez, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY

**DO NOT BECOME ALARMED**  
A Novel  
by Maile Meloy  
(Riverhead Books)

“Liv and Nora, who are cousins, decide to take their families on a cruise. Both have an eleven-year-old and a younger child as well. At one of the ports, the moms take the children out with another family they met on the ship. All goes well until the children, in a brief moment, aren’t observed and disappear. From here the nightmare begins, and the story alternates between what is happening to the children and the adults. The story is gripping and the characters are well-developed. The book explores family and marital dynamics, race, privilege, guilt, and responsibility.”  
— Mary Bennett, Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel, IN

**THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO**  
A Novel  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
(Atria Books)

“The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo is a delightful tale of old Hollywood, so full of detail, that you’ll swear Evelyn was a real actor. Monique Grant is tasked with writing an article about the famous woman, so she interviews Evelyn who tells us all about her career, starting in the 1950s — and her many marriages. This novel will enchant you, and Evelyn will stay with you long after you finish reading.”  
— Lauren McLaughlin, Wilton Library Association, Wilton, CT

**THE LITTLE FRENCH BISTRO**  
A Novel  
by Nina George  
(Crown)

“Terribly depressed by the emptiness of her long marriage, Marianne finds herself healing through the company of a diverse group of quirky locals. The Little French Bistro is merveilleux. It refreshes like the sea breeze sweeping the Breton coast!”  
— Sarah Nagle, Carver County Library, Chaska, MN

**THE CHILD**  
by Fiona Barton  
(Berkeley)

“When a baby skeleton is unearthed at a construction site, reporter Kate Waters thinks it is a story worth investigating. As she digs into the mystery of the child, she uncovers more than she bargained for. Told from the viewpoints of various characters, Barton tells an intriguing tale about the newborn baby and all the characters involved, leaving it up to readers to put together the connections until the very end.”  
— Faith Miller, Woodbridge Town Library, Woodbridge, CT

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**MIDNIGHT AT THE BRIGHT IDEAS BOOKSTORE**  
A Novel  
by Matthew Sullivan  
(Scribner)

“Lydia Smith is enjoying her comfortable life. She has a job she loves at the Bright Ideas Bookstore. Then one of her favorite “bookfrogs” (code word for eccentric bookstore regulars) commits suicide and leaves her his small horde of books. She discovers tragically methodical defacements which are a kind of code. A delicate spiderweb of connections leading back to a murderous incident in Lydia’s childhood is revealed. This pushed me into reading ‘just one more chapter’ until late into the night.”  
— Joan Hipp, Florham Park Public Library, Florham Park, NJ

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