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

**THROUGH THE EVIL DAYS:** A Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne Mystery by Julia Spencer-Fleming
(Minotaur Books) 9780312306848 | 11/5/2013

“Reverend Clare Fergusson and Police Chief Russ Van Alstyne’s honeymoon retreat to the Adirondacks is interrupted by a brutal winter storm and a complicated police investigation involving a kidnapping, a drug ring and the murder of federal agents. Spencer-Fleming’s suspenseful and engrossing procedural introduces a fun, new character (Oscar the German Shepherd) and ends with a signature clifhanger.”

—Leslie DeLooze, Richmond Memorial Library, Batavia, NY

**THE DEATH OF SANTINI:** The Story of a Father and His Son by Pat Conroy
(William Morrow) 9780385530903 | 10/29/2013

“Pat Conroy’s amazing voice is back and makes me realize how much I have missed hearing it. The Death of Santini takes a hard look at what has been the most obvious influence on Conroy’s work—his family. Happily, this is not anything close to a pity party, but rather a lesson about how redemptive the powers of love and humor can be.”

—Jennifer Dayton, Darien Library, Darien, CT

**THE VALLEY OF AMAZEMENT:** A Novel by Amy Tan
(Ecco) 9780062310732 | 11/5/2013

“A new Amy Tan novel is an event. Under her sharp-eyed observations of mothers and daughters and their inexplicable bonds, is a powerful story of love, family, courage, and history.”

—Kaité Stover, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO

**LIES YOU WANTED TO HEAR:** A Novel by James Whitfield Thomson
(Sourcebooks Landmark) 9781402284281 | 11/5/2013

“What causes a person to make bad choices, and to remain on a path so disastrous it could destroy a family? Thomson’s first novel raises these questions and explores the course of a failed marriage. The story is bitter and painful, but you’ll want to stick with it for the surprising turn that makes you wonder who is most to blame.”

—Nancy Russell, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH

**THE RAVEN’S EYE:** A Brock and Kolla Mystery by Barry Maitland
(Minotaur Books) 9781250028969 | 11/12/2013

“The latest Brock/Kolla mystery begins with a sudden death on a London houseboat. Unusual setting, great plot, wonderful writing. This fabulous series is yet to be discovered by many American lovers of British police procedurals. Great recommendation for fans of Ruth Rendell, Elizabeth George, early Martha Grimes and Deborah Crombie.”

—Janet Lockhart, Wake County Public Libraries, Cary, NC

**DEATH OF A NIGHTINGALE (NINA BORG #3):** A Novel by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnete Friis
(Soho Crime) 9781616953041 | 11/5/2013

“Compulsive do-gooder Nina Borg is now involved with Ukrainian detainees seeking asylum in Denmark who are pursued by a mysterious, powerful Ukrainian woman and Danish security forces. Two plots gradually merge in a dramatic climax. Recommended for fans of Karin Fossum, Arnaldur Indridsson, Colin Cotterill and mystery lovers who prefer plots that explore social justice and morality.”

—Margaret Donovan, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, MA

**THE CARTOGRApher OF NO MAN’S LAND:** A Novel by P.S. Duffy
(Liveright) 9780871403766 | 10/28/2013

“Angus enlists in World War I with the promise of a safe cartographer’s job, but finds himself thrust on the front lines of battle in France. The emotional havoc is palpable. Life changes in the blink of an eye and Duffy does a masterful job of setting the reader watch everyone desperately trying to catch up.”

—Jennifer Hendzlik, Anythink Libraries Thornton, CO

**PARASITE:** by Mira Grant
(Orbit) 9780316212953 | 11/19/2013

“Mira Grant’s first outing is back and makes me realize how much I have missed hearing it. The Death of Santini takes a hard look at what has been the most obvious influence on Conroy’s work—his family. Happily, this is not anything close to a pity party, but rather a lesson about how redemptive the powers of love and humor can be.”

—Jennifer Dayton, Darien Library, Darien, CT

**BELLMAN & BLACK** by Diane Setterfield
(Atria/Emily Bestler Books) 9781476711959 | 11/5/2013

“William Bellman is a happily married father with a promising future, until an event from his childhood comes to haunt him and everyone he loves. Beautifully written with a vividly enticing setting, Bellman & Black is a truly gothic tale that will make you entwined in its arms until the very end.”

—Scott Lencki, Whitefish Bay Public Library, Whitefish Bay, WI

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