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

**The Improbability of Love**
by Hannah Rothschild
(Knopf)
"The engaging, totally unexpected story of Annie, a lonely woman who wanders into a junk shop and buys a painting. The painting turns out to have a long and storied past, with powerful people searching high and low for it. Unpredictable and fascinating; I loved the peek into the cutthroat art world and watching Annie blossom as she discovers her true calling."
—Heather Bistyga, Anderson County Library, Anderson, SC

**Little Victories**
Perfect Rules for Imperfect Living
by Jason Gay
( Doubleday)
"This was a quick, enjoyable read that offers a refreshing perspective on some of the trivialities we all find ourselves caught up in. I enjoyed the tone and humor throughout. A standout for me was Gay's list of recommendations for his child's future baseball team."
—Lindley Home, Chesterfield County Public Library, Chesterfield, VA

**The Muralist**
A Novel
by B.A. Shapiro
(Algonquin)
"This art-filled story following the young life and disappearance of Alizee Benoit is heart-breaking and thoughtful. Not only does the novel give an entertaining education on the WPA and abstract artists, but it also gives eerily relevant commentary on refugees and the cold-heartedness of government. Alizee's story will pull you along as you try to grasp how this bright light of the art community vanished."
—Amanda Monson, Bartow County Library System, Cartersville, GA

**The Girl with Ghost Eyes**
A Novel
by M.H. Boroson
(Talos Press)
"In San Francisco during the late 1800s, a young Chinese widow tries to keep her father alive, and win a place in his heart she doesn’t realize she already owns. This story is filled with wonderful detail from Chinese folklore and mythology, and plenty of action as two tongz battle to control Chinatown. The very best fantasy employs strong characters who are real people with real problems. I enjoyed every page."
—Janet Martin, Southern Pines Public Library, Southern Pines, NC

**A Likely Story**
A Library Lover’s Mystery
by Jenn McKinlay
(Berkeley)
"A Likely Story is just as addictive as the rest of the Library Lover’s mysteries! McKinlay has written some of the most authentic library characters that I’ve come across in the cozy mystery genre. I can’t wait to find out what the employees and patrons of Briar Creek Public Library (especially Sully) are up to next!"
—Michelle Ross, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston, WV

**Dear Mr. You**
by Mary-Louise Parker
(Scribner)
"Parker has created a unique and poetic memoir through a series of letters—some of appreciation, some of apology, some of acknowledgement—to the men in her life. Ranging from a taxi driver to a grandfather she never knew, each man has left an imprint and shaped her into the person she has become. Full of feeling, growth, and self-discovery, Parker’s book has left me longing to write my own letters."
—PJ Gardiner, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC

**Crimson Shore**
A Novel
by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
"In the latest installment in the Special Agent Pendergast series, Pendergast and Constance Greene investigate a theft of a wine cellar in an ancient village on the coast north of Salem, only to discover during their investigation the entombed remains of a tortured man. “I always thoroughly enjoy the Pendergast novels, and the interaction between Pendergast and Constance in this book was very intriguing.”
—Shari Brophy, Timberland Regional Library, Turnwater, WA

**Along the Infinite Sea**
A Novel
by Beatriz Williams
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons)
“When Pepper Schuyler—on the run from a powerful politician and desperate to protect her unborn child—sells her newly restored classic car to an enigmatic and very wealthy woman, she not only finds unexpected refuge but also tantalizing hints of a mystery. With vivid European settings, colorful characters and intricate plotting that skillfully weaves past and present together, Along The Infinite Sea is a treat for fans of Beatriz Williams.”
—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

**The Japanese Lover**
A Novel
by Isabel Allende
(Atria Books)
“Irina is a young Moldavian immigrant with a troubled past. She works at an assisted living home where she meets Alma, a Holocaust survivor. Alma falls in love with Ichi, a young Japanese gardener, who survived Topaz, the Japanese internment camp. Despite man’s inhumanity to man, love, art and beauty can exist, as evidenced in their beautiful love story.”
—Ellen Ferir, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY

**A Wild Swan**
And Other Tales
by Michael Cunningham and Yuko Shimizu (Illustrator)
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
“These are fairy tales that have slightly more insight, for the discerning adult. “The Wild Swans” was actually my favorite when I was young, next to “The Little Mermaid.” These are a continuation of what happens after those stories end and are set, in some instances, in the modern world. Packed with humor, this is an easy gift for those who like to be read to at night or feel too old for idealistic fairy tales.”
—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, Azusa, CA

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