April 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

**A Bad Day for Sunshine**
A Novel by Darynda Jones
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Jones follows up her Charley Davidson series in a spectacular fashion with a new series featuring police chief Sunshine Vicram. A fun, UN-PUT-DOWN-ABLE read with a large cast of lovable, diverse characters, several mysteries to solve, and laugh-out-loud humor. Perfect for fans of Janet Evanovich and J.A. Jance.”

—Pamela Steinker, Mott Public Library, Mott, ND
NoveList read-alike: The Dime by Kathleen Kent

**The Book of Longings**
A Novel by Sue Monk Kidd
(Viking)

“A girl is Jesus’s wife and a force in her own right. Monk does not sensationalize her writing about a fictional marriage for Jesus, but rather goes into great historical detail and imagines what it would be like to be a woman in that time. If you have been waiting for a book like The Red Tent for the past 20 years, this is it. Give to fans of Anita Diamant and Marilynne Robinson.”

—Claudia Silk, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NoveList read-alike: The Liars’ Gospel by Naomi Alderman

**Chosen Ones**
A Novel by Veronica Roth
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

“Some years back, five teens were picked, after they fulfilled a prophecy, to fight the Dark One. Now, on the tenth anniversary of that battle, they find out that the Dark One is still alive in a parallel universe. Do the young heroes have what it takes to fight him again? Packed with action, suspense, and breath-taking twists and turns. A good choice for fans of Lev Grossman and N.K. Jemisin.”

—Trisha Perry, Oldham County Public Library, LaGrange, KY
NoveList read-alike: Vicious by Victoria Schwab

**Girl Gone Viral**
A Novel by Alisha Rai
(Avon)

“When a random guy sits at Katrina’s cafe table, a nearby woman shares the exchange on social media with her own interpretation that soon goes viral. Katrina can’t care less because she’s been crushing on her bodyguard, Jas, for years. Now to save her from the media blitz, Jas needs to hide her away somewhere—maybe his house in Northern California? For fans of The Right Swipe and Christina Lauren.”

—Jessica C. Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, OH
NoveList read-alike: Revealed to Him by Jen Frederick

**He Started It**
A Novel by Samantha Downing
(Berkley)

“A funny, twisted, scary story about Beth, Eddie, and Portia, siblings who are required to recreate a fateful road trip in order to claim their inheritance. For readers who enjoyed The Kill Club and Eight Perfect Murders.”

—Carla Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NoveList read-alike: The Better Lie by Tanen Jones

**Little Secrets**
A Novel by Jennifer Hillier
(Minotaur Books)

“This fast-paced thriller opens on the kidnapping of a young boy. More than a year after her son’s disappearance, Marin discovers her husband is having an affair and begins down a path of secrets and betrayal. For readers who enjoyed Lady in the Lake and Lock Every Door.”

—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL
NoveList read-alike: Something She’s Not Telling Us by Danehy Bell

**The Stranger Beside Me**
by Ann Rule
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Naomi realizes she is only 18% in love with Nicholas, but doesn’t want to be the one to break it off, so she devises a plan to force him to break up with her. For readers who liked The Wedding Party and Well Met.”

—Douglas Beatty, Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD
NoveList read-alike: To Have and To Hoax by Martha Waters

**The Book of Lost Friends**
A Novel by Lisa Wingate
(Ballantine Books)

“Another fantastic, hard-to-put-down book by Wingate. The story moves back and forth from the post Civil War era where freed slaves are searching for lost family to the modern day South where a struggling new teacher is trying to engage her students. A must read for those who enjoyed Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi or On Agate Hill by Lee Smith.”

—Cindy Ritter, Hamilton North Public Library, Cicero IN
NoveList read-alike: Cane River by Lalita Tademy

**The Happy Ever After Playlist**
by Abby Jimenez
(Unexpected Love)

“Sloan, still recovering from the sudden death of her fiance, finds a stray dog and brings him home. She calls the number on his tag but there is no response. Once she has fallen for the dog, the owner shows up and Sloan gets a second chance at love. For lovers of romantic comedies like Less by Sean Andrew Geer and Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld.”

—Theresa Bond, Middlesex Public Library, Middlesex, NJ
NoveList read-alike: About a Dog by Jenn McKinlay

**The Right Swipe**
by Sarah Hogle
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons)

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