July 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

Such a Quiet Place
A Novel
by Megan Miranda
(Simon & Schuster)
“Everyone in this neighborhood of Hollow’s Edge is supposed to be a safe, private place where the neighbors all know each other. But secrets lie behind every door. Miranda creates a vivid setting where the characters develop quickly, and the twisty plot will keep readers guessing until the end. For fans of psychological thrillers like The Other Mrs.; Into the Water; and Every Secret Thing.”
—Leslie Hagel, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT

NoveList read-alike: A Good Marriage by Kimberly McCreight

All the Little Hopes
A Novel
by Leah Weis
(Sourcebooks Landmark)
“In WW II-era North Carolina, two best friends use their love of Nancy Drew mysteries to help find a missing man, while tending honeybees for the war effort and working on the family’s tobacco farm alongside Nazi POWs. This coming of age story is heartfelt, mystical, and full of love and family. Reminiscent of Summer of My German Soldier and The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.”
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ

NovelList read-alike: The Cherry Harvest by Lucy Sanna

The Bone Code
A Temperance Brennan Novel by Kathy Reichs
(Scribner)
“Set in 2021, with some references to Covid, this thrilling read has a very contemporary feel, combining current scientific and forensic terminology with a sinister plot. A waste container turns up with two bodies, similar to an old unsolved case of Brennan’s. For fans of fast-paced, suspenseful mysteries like Prime Suspect and Carved in Bone.”
—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI

NovelList read-alike: Nikki Heat mysteries by Richard Castle

Devil in Disguise
by Lisa Kleypas
(Avon)
“DEAL. In this addition to the Ravenels series, Merritt, a young London widow, shares an instant attraction with a Scottish whisk(e)y distiller named Keir, and they begin a steamy and passionate romance. But someone wants him dead. And Sebastian, aka Lord St. Vincent, is also in the picture. For fans of the Brides of Redemption and the Hellions of Havisham series.”
—Leah Cummings, Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale, IA

NovelList read-alike: Seduction Diaries series by Jennifer McQuiston

A Psalm for the Wild-Built
by Becky Chambers
(Tordotcom)
“The quiet life of a tea monk is interrupted when a robot arrives after centuries to honor a promise to check in. The robot cannot return to the wilderness until the question of ‘what do people need?’ is answered. This is a book I will be recommending to everyone! For readers who enjoyed The Bear and The House in the Cerulean Sea.”
—Liz Aleshunas, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO

NovelList read-alike: The Sol Majestic by Ferrett Steinmetz

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