June 2022 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

The Dead Romantics by Ashley Poston (Berkley)

"What would you do if your editor demands that you deliver a finished romance novel tomorrow, but you think romance is dead? And what if he turns up as a ghost on your doorstep the next day? An unputdownable romance that is also about family and death, reconciliation and creativity, stress and the supernatural. For fans of The Love Hypothesis and Go Hex Yourself!"

—Rebecca Whalen, Lakeland Public Library, Lakeland, FL

NoveList read-alike: The Ghost and Mrs. Muir by R.A. Dick

Fake It Till You Bake It A Novel by Jamie Wesley (St. Martin’s Griffin)

“When fashionable, privileged Jada is cut off by her parents, her NFL-team-owning grandmother suggests that she work at a cupcake shop—one that happens to be owned by player Donovan Dell, the sexy but stick-up guy Jada insulted previously. Neither of them counted on the sweet and spicy vibes that grow between them. A frothy, fun read perfect for fans of Ten Rules for Faking It and The Dating Plan.”

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH

NoveList read-alike: A Proposal They Can’t Refuse by Natalie Cane

Iona Iverson’s Rules for Commuting A Novel by Clare Pooley (Pamela Dorman Books)

“Iona is a bold woman of a certain age who navigates life without hesitation. When she breaks one of her rules, and speaks with her fellow train passengers, it leads to all sorts of wonderful connections. Iona strives to fix the lives of others, never suspecting that she might be the one in need of friendship, support, and advice. For fans of Oona Out of Order and Anxious People.”

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY

NoveList read-alike: The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

The Lies I Tell A Novel by Julie Clark (Sourcebooks Landmark)

“Journalist Kat befriends con artist Meg in hopes of exposing her in revenge for a past wrong. As they get close, the shifting points of view reveal layers of deception between two masterful manipulators. For fans of fast-paced thrillers in the vein of Mary Kubica and Jessica Knoll!”

—Sonia Peppe, Stickney-Forest View Public Library District, Stickney, IL

NoveList read-alike: Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner

The Measure A Novel by Nikki Erlick (William Morrow)

“Imagine receiving a mysterious string that tells you exactly how long you’ll live. Now imagine everyone in the world getting their own string. This is the type of book that changes your thoughts on life and lingers for a long time. Perfect for book clubs who loved The Immortals of Melrose and The Age of Miracles.”

—Karen Troutman, Walton Tipton Township Library, Walton IN

NoveList read-alike: Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Nora Goes Off Script by Annabel Monaghan (G.P. Putnam’s Sons)

“Nora Hamilton is a TV writer who pens a script based on her disaster of a broken marriage. Next thing she knows, a film crew arrives at her country home with two famous actors in tow. What follows is one of the funniest, endearing stories you will ever read. For fans of Jasmine Guillory and Emily Henry.”

—Stephanie Piro, Rochester Public Library, Rochester, NH

NoveList read-alike: Spoiler Alert by Olivia Dade

The Perfect Crimes of Marian Hayes A Novel by Cat Sebastian (Avon)

“Marian, Duchess of Clare, just shot her husband. (He deserved it.) The only person who can help her now is highwayman, con artist, and all-around heel Toshikazu Kawaguchi.

—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS

NoveList read-alike: Everything Is Just Fine by Brett Passel

Flying Solo A Novel by Linda Holmes (Ballantine Books)

“Laurie faces a crossroads. She has just canceled a seemingly perfect wedding and flown across the country to deal with a beloved aunt’s estate. Among her aunt’s things, she finds a recipe that sends her on a journey to discover its origins, and in the process, herself. A terrific follow up to Evvie Drake: Starts Over and great for fans of The Two Lives of Lydia Bloom.”

—Ron Block, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH

NoveList read-alike: Early Morning Riser by Katherine Heiny

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