Love on the Brain  
by Ali Hazelwood  
(Berkeley)

“Bee’s worked hard to get her big break leading a NASA project. However, she learns that she’ll be working with Levi, an old acquaintance who detests her. Or does he? Hazelwood’s done it again with another fantastic romance filled with the real-world struggles of being a woman in STEM. For fans of Helen Hoang and Christina Lauren.”

—Brenna Timm, High Plains Library District, Greeley, CO

NoveList read-alike: The Atlas Six by Olivie Blake  
—Danielle Deaver, Montgomery County Public Libraries, Bethesda, MD

NoveList read-alike: Midnight at the Blackbird Café  
—Sara Schettler, Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale, AZ

by Heather S. Webber

NoveList read-alike: How to Fail at Flirting by Denise Williams

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

Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators’ Revolution  
by R. F. Kuang

(St. Martin’s Press)

“Powerful, thought-provoking, and with a masterful narrative voice, Babel is a must-read. Fans of The Testaments will find much to love here.”

—Danielle Deaver, Montgomery County Public Libraries, Bethesda, MD

NoveList read-alike: The Marriage Code  
—Brenna Timm, High Plains Library District, Greeley, CO

The Couple at Number 9  
A Novel  
by Claire Douglas

(Harper Voyager)

“Powerful and gripping, Claire Douglas explores the consequences of a maniacal mind and the impact it has on those closest to her.”

—Amy Mederos, Westport Free Public Library, Westport, MA

NoveList read-alike: The Witch Elm by Tana French

Daisy Darker  
A Novel  
by Alice Feeney

(Fiction Books)

“Daisy isn’t just Daisy’s surname: it’s the mood of this closed-room mystery as Daisy’s family members die one by one at a remote island home. Difftly told, this nod to Agatha Christie’s And Then There Were None mixes suspense and secrets with heartbreakng and poignant observations about family and childhood.”

—Jennifer Oszurek, West Des Moines Public Library, West Des Moines, IA

NoveList read-alike: The Sanatorium by Sarah Pearse

The Hookup Plan  
by Farrah Rochon

(Forever)

“Dedicated pediactric surgeon London looks to de-stress through a no-strings-attached hookup with her former high school nemesis (and current millionaire) Drew. But Drew wants more than a one-night stand. London jumps off the page with her vibrant personality, and it’s fun to see a man pursuing a woman in an enemies to lovers tale. For fans of Abby Jimenez and R. F. Kuang.”

—Hannah Spratt, New York Public Library, New York, NY

NoveList read-alike: How to Fail at Flirting by Denise Williams

Husband Material  
by Alexis Hall

(Sourcebooks Landmark)

“Luc has grown up and feels the pressure to get married. Oliver is still a devoted boyfriend, but his problems are now acknowledged. It’s great to see character development even in minor characters, and how they’ve progressed in the two years since Boyfriend Material.”

—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL

NoveList read-alike: The Witch Elm by Tana French

Shutter  
by Ramona Emerson

(St. Martin’s Press)

“Aぶtifully written and well-developed characters, this is a fabulous book. For readers of Katherine Addison, Zen Cho and N.K. Jemisin.”

—Heather S. Webber, Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale, AZ

NoveList read-alike: True Colors series by Annabeth Albert

The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches  
by Sangu Mandanna

(Berkeley)

“Mika is one of the few witches secretly living in Britain when someone reaches out for help teaching three young witches. S. She becomes entangled in the lives of her pupils and the household, including the handsome but grouchly librarian Jaime. A cozy romance for fans of The House in the Cerulean Sea.”

—Danielle Geiger, Brentwood Public Library, Brentwood, TN

NoveList read-alike: Payback’s a Witch by Lara Harper

Other Birds  
A Novel  
by Sarah Addison Allen

(St. Martin’s Press)

“To keep a connection to her late mother, Zoey moves into her old apartment on Mallow Island. S. C. The complex and its residents are characters, too. This book is a quick and sweet read about the stages of love from the tickle of a sparkle to the longing its absence can bring.”

—Sara Schettler, Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale, AZ

NoveList read-alike: Midnight at the Blackbird Café  
—Heather S. Webber

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NoveList read-alike: The Reckoning Comes by Latanya McQueen

Shay finds answers in her teaching three young pupils and the household, including the handsome but grouchly librarian Jaime. A cozy romance for fans of The House in the Cerulean Sea.”

—Danielle Geiger, Brentwood Public Library, Brentwood, TN

NoveList read-alike: Payback’s a Witch by Lara Harper

The Last Housewife  
A Novel  
by Ashley Winstead

(Sourcebooks Landmark)

“When yet another of her college roommates turns up dead, Shay investigates with the help of her BFF, true crime podcaster. Will Shay find answers in her past, which includes a misogynistic sex cult, or will she be lured back in? Psychological thriller fans, take this to the beach! For fans of I’ll Be You or This Might Hurt.”

—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD

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The Turn  
by Ramona Emerson

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(Soho Crime)

“Rita Todacheene, a crime scene photographer for the Albuquerque PD, can communicate with the dead. Her latest job involves a woman who allegedly killed herself... but she won’t leave Rita alone. A cinematic thriller set on the edge of the Navajo Nation, Emerson’s debut is a must-read.”

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

NoveList read-alike: When the Reckoning Comes by Latanya McQueen

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