

"Elsa, abandoned by her husband, leaves Texas with her two children to save her young son from dust pneumonia. Beautifully written historical fiction about a mother's love and strength holding a family together as they leave the Dust Bowl and head West to fulfill dreams of green lands, only to find themselves unwelcome and with conditions worse than what they left. For readers who enjoy historical fiction with unforgettable characters, and fans of The Giver of Stars and Cilka's Journey'.

> —Michele Coleman, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, NC NoveList read-alike: I Will Send Rain by Rae Meadows



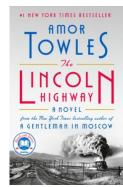
Voter Favorites 2021 - The top ten books published this year that library staff across the country love.



The Final Girl Support Group

"In the horror genre, the final girl is the last one standing at the end. Now imagine a group of them being targeted by a killer on the loose. Who will survive this time? Hendrix scatters plenty of twists and horror references throughout his latest novel."

Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH NoveList read-alike: Final Girls by Riley Sager

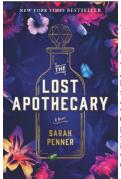


The Lincoln Highway

A Novel by Amor Towles (Viking)

"In 1952, castoffs from a Nebraska juvenile detention camp embark on a road trip that takes them in different directions than initially intended. There's so much genuine sweetness and aching loss in this exuberant book full of characters you'll care about deeply. For fans of John Irving and Ann Patchett."

-Diana Armstrong, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR NoveList read-alike: Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig



The Lost Apothecary A Novel

by Sarah Penner (Park Row)

'Caroline travels alone to London after discovering her husband's betrayal. Looking for a distraction, she finds one while mudlarking along the Thames: a small glass vial. Inspired to research its origins, Caroline uncovers a dark tale of poison and murder in the 1700s. A stellar debut that balances two intriguing storylines and three wonderful characters to create one page-turning story. For fans of The Clockmaker's Daughter.

——Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY NoveList read-alike: *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish



Malibu Rising A Novel

by Taylor Jenkins Reid (Ballantine Books)

Four celebrity children of Mick Riva, a famous singer, throw a massive party that ends in a fire and leaves family secrets exposed. Reid skillfully goes back and forth in time to fill in the background story of the entire Riva family, beautifully bringing each character to life!

-Cathy Branciforte, Ramsey Free Public Library, Ramsey, NJ NoveList read-alike: The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo



People We Meet On Vacation by Emily Henry

(Berkley Jove)

"An aching slow-burn romance focused on chaotic sprite Poppy and buttoned up Alex and their twelve years of summer vacations. Set in present day Palm Springs and interspersed with flashbacks from the previous vacations, this story is full of yearning, friendship, and discussions of what it means to find a home. For fans of This Time Next Year, One Day in December, and Waiting for Tom

-Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI NoveList read-alike: Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating by Christina Lauren

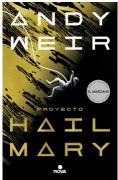


The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict; Victoria Christopher Murray (Berkley)

"Both history and homage to The Morgan Library, one of the world's greatest private libraries. It is also the story of a young African-Américan woman named Belle posing as a white woman of Portuguese descent For fans of Fiona Davis' historical novels."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ NoveList read-alike: An Illuminated Life: Belle da Costa Greene's Journey from Prejudice to Privilege by Heidi Ardizzone

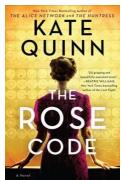


Project Hail Mary

A Novel by Andy Weir (Ballantine Books)

"Ryland Grace wakes up alone on a spaceship with amnesia. Gradually he remembers being on a oneway journey to save Earth from a dying sun. Then he encounters Rocky, an engineer on a similar mission. Hard to put down and impossible to forget, this is ingenious science fiction to celebrate and share."

- Brenda O'Brien, Woodridge Public Library, Woodridge, IL NoveList read-alike: : The Relentless Moon by Mary Robinette Kowal



The Rose Code A Novel by Kate Quinn

(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Sophisticated Osla, ambitious Mab, and timid Beth become friends while working as codebreakers at Bletchley Park during World War II. The secrecy of their work has lasting effects on their lives. Years later, they are forced to forgive one another to unmask

-Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL NoveList read-alike: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr



Under the Whispering Door

by TJ Klune (Tor Books)

"After dying of a heart attack, Wallace ends up in Charon's Crossing Tea and Treats, a shop run by Hugo the ferryman. Wallace learns and grows, becoming better in death than in life. For fans of A Man Called Ove and This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance, and Less'

 Andrea Roberts, Westhampton Free Library Westhampton Beach, NY NoveList read-alike: Daisy Cooper's Rules for Living by Tamsin Keily

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