January 2023 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

**Georgie, All Along**
by Kate Clayborn
(Kensington)

“When Georgie suddenly loses her job as a personal assistant, she heads home to her parents to regroup. While there, she comes across a teenage diary and uses it to explore her life. This is a sweet, fun novel about a genuine, competent person trying to discover her true self. For fans of The Authenticity Project.”

—Julie Heckert, Orem Public Library, Orem, UT

NoveList read-alike: Evvie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes

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**All the Dangerous Things**
by Stacy Willingham
(Minotaur Books)

“One year after Isabelle’s son was taken from his bedroom in the middle of the night, the police still have no suspects or any idea of what became of her boy. The only thing Izzy knows for certain haunts her: because she’s a chronic sleepwalker, did she have something to do with her child’s disappearance? For fans of Gilly Macmillan and Lisa Jewell.”

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT

NoveList read-alike: Stay Awake by Megan Goldin

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**Back in a Spell**
by Lana Harper
(Berkley)

“Witch Nina Blackmoore must decide who she is and what matters most when her rocky date with ‘normie’ Morty Gutierrez results in a magical bond between the two. With solid pacing, tremendous feats of magic, and a sweet and passionate romance, this third installment of the Thistle Grove series will knock your socks off. For fans of Ann Aguirre.”

—Shannon Collins, Upper Dublin Public Library, Fort Washington, PA

NoveList read-alike: A Letter to Three Witches by Elizabeth Bass

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**The Bandit Queens: A Novel**
by Parini Shroff
(Ballantine)

“An amazing debut novel about a group of women who are part of a micro-loan community in an Indian village. Everyone thinks Geeta has killed her no-good, rotten, abusive husband, so the other women want her to kill their husbands too. A story full of humor, pathos, and suspense.”

—Ariel Zeitlin, Montclair Public Library, Montclair, NJ

NoveList read-alike: My Sister the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

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**The Duke Gets Even: A Novel**
by Joanna Shupe
(Avon)

“The Duke of Lockwood is visiting America to find the perfect bride—rich and scandal-free. Nellie is a wealthy heiress who purposefully ruined her reputation long ago. She uses her wealth to discreetly distribute contraceptives to women. The chemistry between Nellie and Lockwood is present from page one.”

—Katie Curry, Guyandotte Branch of Cabell County Public Library, Huntington, WV

NoveList read-alike: A Letter to Three Witches by Elizabeth Bass

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**Emily Wilde’s Encyclopaedia of Faeries**
by Heather Fawcett
(Del Rey)

“Grumpy professor Emily Wilde wishes that she did not have to ‘people’ while researching the first complete encyclopaedia of faeries. However, a handsome rival and some quirky townsfolk conspire to crack open Emily’s well-guarded heart. Readers will be enchanted with the Faer and cantankerous narrator found in this fantasy tale, like a cozy version of the Lady Trent series.”

—Jenna Zarzycki, King County Library System, Covington, WA

NoveList read-alike: A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness

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**The House in the Pines: A Novel**
by Ana Reyes
(Dutton)

“Maysa sees a viral video of a woman in a diner dropping dead while seated across from her boyfriend. Maya knows this man, as years ago her friend also died suddenly in front of him. Reyes keeps readers guessing, creating a wonderfully sinister undertone while enriching the suspense by incorporating elements of Guatemala’s history. For fans of Behind Her Eyes.”

—Blim Sheffield, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, Greenwood, MS

NoveList read-alike: The Sundown Motel by Simone St. James

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**Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: A Novel**
by Benjamin Stevenson
(Mariner Books)

“Ernie Cunningham writes books on how to write mystery novels for a living and is part of a family where everyone has killed someone. But the story of how and why is unravelled in the pages, and there’s another murderer in the midst. The narration is perfect—a retrospective that includes lots of misdirection and breaking the fourth wall. A must-read for mystery fans.”

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH

NoveList read-alike: Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts by Kate Racculia

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**Exes and O’s**
by Amy Lea
(Berkley)

“Tara Chen believes one of her 10 exes must be her true love, so she enlists new roommate Trevor to help her reconnect with all of them. Cleverly written with all the tropes found in romance novels, but especially second-chance romance. Recommended for anyone wanting a feel-good story with a delightful heroine and handsome love interest! For Jayci Lee and Jackee Lau fans.”

—Elizabeth Qualls, Blackwater Regional Library, Courtland, VA

NoveList read-alike: The Singles’ Table by Sara Desai