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

**The Dead Romantics** by Ashley Poston
(Berkley)

“The question of romance is dead? And what if he turns up as a ghost on your doorstep the next day? An unexpected romance that is also about family and death, reconciliation and creativity, friendship, and the supernatural. For fans of The Love Hypothesis and Go Hex Yourself!”

—Rebecca Whatley, Lakeland Public Library, Lakeland, FL

NoveList read-alike: The Ghost and Mrs. Muir by Katherine Faulkner

**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 stuck-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 Cana

**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 postcard 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 Marks and The Age of Miracles.”

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

NoveList read-alike: The Girl in the Library by Sulari Gentill

**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: Commuting by Ashley Poston

**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 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 most heartbreaking and most 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 charming villain, Rob Brooks. Rob and Marian have madcap escapades and hijinks as they try to stay alive in this Georgian romance that’s absolute perfection. For readers of KJ Charles and Evie Dunmore.”

—Lindsey Bray, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, NE

NoveList read-alike: Phyllida and the Brotherhood of Philander: A Biexual Regency Romance by Ann Herendeen

**Tracy Flick Can’t Win**
A Novel
by Tom Perrotta
(Scribner)

“Tracy Flick is back and better than ever. Or, at least, she would be if she could just nab that job as high school principal. With wry commentary on the education scene and the politics of “having it all,” this sequel to Election will entrance Gen X readers and a whole new generation, too. For fans of Gary Shteyngart and Curtis Sittenfeld.”

—Erin Downey, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS

NoveList read-alike: Everything Is Fine by Brett Pasie

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The renovated Hotel Nantucket is haunted and Lizbet Keaton and staff must improve the hotel’s reputation. This book has everything: sumptuously described food, a charming heroine, and a character-driven story. There is enough mystery that makes you guess and the story moves at a pleasant pace.

—Jessica Olson, Westport Public Library, Westport, CT

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The Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand
(Little, Brown and Company)

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The House Across the Lake by Riley Sager
(Dutton)

“An alcoholic starlet’s husband dies at the family lake house. She returns and meets her new neighbors: a famous model, who almost drowned in the lake, and her rich techie husband. But do they have as great a marriage as it seems? To say anymore would be giving too much of the fun away. A must-read thriller for those who liked Getaway and The Return.”

—Blair Bartley, Grand Prairie Public Library, Grand Prairie, TX

The Locked Room by Elly Griffiths
(Mariner Books)

“A new neighbor moves in next door to Ruth Galloway, while Nelson and his team investigate a string of suicides that may be murders. However, England goes into COVID lockdowns. This book integrates the pandemic in a way that is both familiar and terrible. There is less archaeology than in Griffith’s other books, but it doesn’t suffer for it. Highly recommended for mystery lovers.”

—Amy Gray, Avon Lake Public Library, Avon Lake, OH

Wicked Beauty by Katee Robert
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)

“In this spicy, triad-romance set in modern-day Olympus, warriors battle for the coveted role of Ares in a gladiator style competition. Will Helen, Achilles, and Patroclus be able to put their feelings aside to defeat the competition and each other? For fans of Greek mythology retellings and enemies to lovers.”

—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS

NoveList read-alike: Sunset Beach by Mary Kay Andrews

NoveList read-alike: The Woman in the Window by AJ Finn

NoveList read-alike: Gideon Oliver mysteries by Aaron J. Elkins

NoveList read-alike: Lore Olympus series by Rachel Smythe

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