

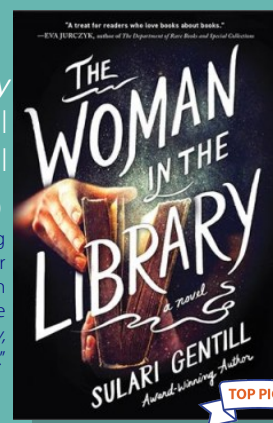


The Woman in the Library A Novel by Sulari Gentill

(Poisoned Pen Press)

"Freddie is at the Boston Public Library when a murder occurs. While waiting for the police, she strikes up a conversation with others at her table. The four become friends, but could one of them be the murderer? Much misdirection and an unreliable narrator make for a tight little thriller that will have you sure you know whodunnit until you don't. For fans of *The Body in the Library*, *Magpie Murders*, and *The Hunting Party*."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *The Eighth Detective* by Alex Pavesi



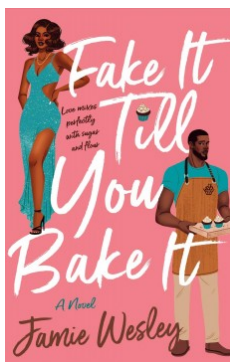
June 2022 – The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



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 Whalon, Lakeland Public Library, Lakeland, FL
NovelList 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 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
NovelList 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 wooden duck decoy 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 Bird*."

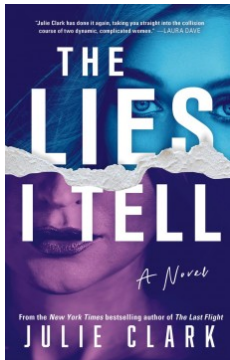
—Ron Block, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny



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
NovelList 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."

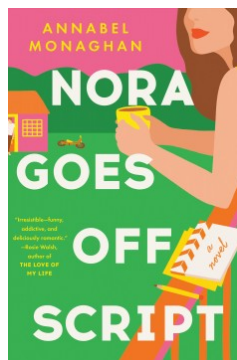
—Sonia Reppe, Stickney-Forest View Public Library District, Stickney, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Greenwich Park* by Katherine Faulkner



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 Immortalists* and *The Age of Miracles*."

—Karen Troutman, Walton Tipton Township Library, Walton IN
NovelList 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, heartbreaking-ist and most endearing stories you will read. For fans of Jasmine Guillory and Emily Henry."

—Stephanie Piro, Rochester Public Library, Rochester, NH
NovelList 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 cheerful villain, Rob Brooks. Rob and Marian have madcap escapades and hijinks as they flee London in this Georgian romance that's absolute perfection. For readers of KJ Charles and Evie Dunmore."

—Lindsey Bray, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, NE
NovelList read-alike: *Phyllida and the Brotherhood of Philander: A Bisexual Regency Romance* by Ann Herenden



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 Howerton, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS
NovelList read-alike: *Everything Is Just Fine* by Brett Passel

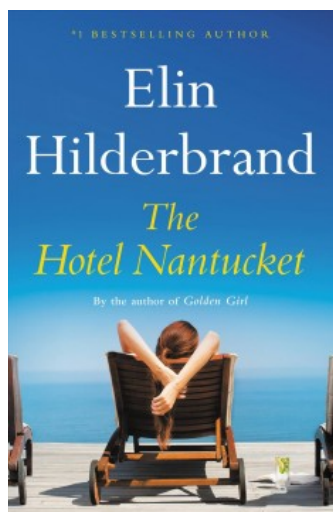
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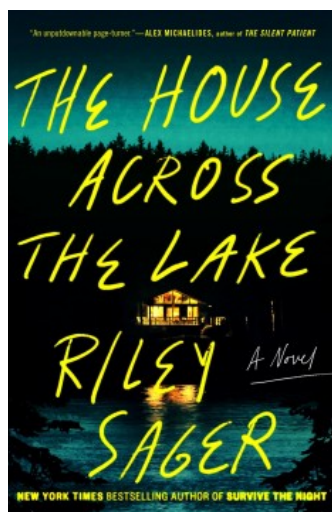


The Hotel Nantucket
by Elin Hilderbrand
(Little, Brown and Company)

"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

NovelList read-alike:
Sunset Beach by Mary Kay Andrews

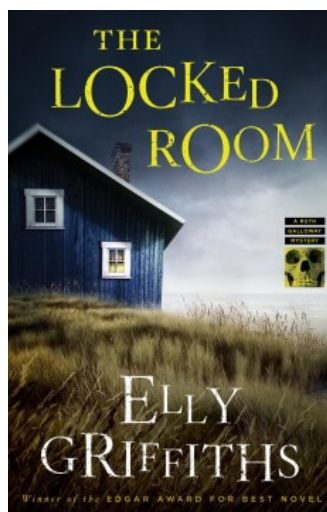


The House Across the Lake
A Novel
by Riley Sager
(Dutton)

"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

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

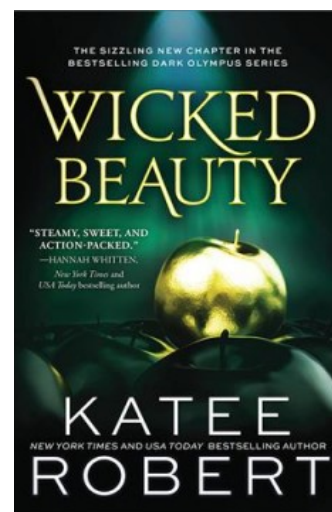


The Locked Room
by Elly Griffiths
(Mariner Books)

"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 Griffiths's other books, but it doesn't suffer for it. Highly recommended for mystery lovers."

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

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



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

NovelList read-alike:
Lore Olympus series by Rachel Smythe