



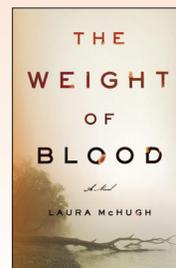
TOP PICK!

**THE WEIGHT OF BLOOD:**

A Novel  
by Laura McHugh  
(Spiegel & Grau)

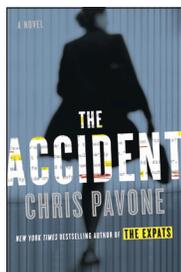
"The Dane family has been keeping secrets in the Ozark town of Henbane for years. An outsider steals the heart of one of the Dane brothers, and the secrets threaten to unravel. When sixteen-year-old Lucy's friend is found murdered after being missing for a year, Lucy begins to ask questions—the answers to which may destroy her family. Atmospheric and visceral, McHugh's story is vividly and effectively told."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ



The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

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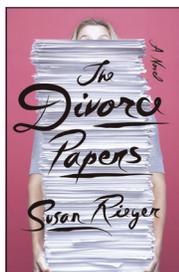
**THE ACCIDENT**

by Chris Pavone

(Crown)

"Kudos to Pavone for coming through with another captivating international suspense novel. How ironic that I couldn't put down a book about Isabel, a literary agent who stays up all night to finish an unsolicited manuscript that's so explosive, some will kill to keep it from being published. During the 24 hours that Isabel is on the run, readers will be on the edge of their seats. Be prepared to lose some sleep!"

—Paulette Brooks, Elm Grove Public Library, Elm Grove, WI



**THE DIVORCE PAPERS:**

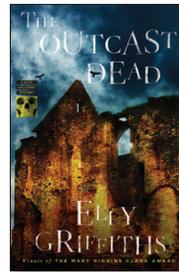
A Novel  
by Susan Rieger

(Crown)

"When Sophie, a loveable 29-year-old lawyer, gets roped into working on a divorce case, her life takes an unexpected turn. Though this gives her a new perspective on life, it also forces her to confront some unresolved childhood issues.

Except for a few tearful, poignant moments, I had a smile on my face for the entire book. Engaging and humorous, this debut epistolary novel has become a favorite read."

—Jennifer Asimakopoulos, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL



**THE OUTCAST DEAD**

by Elly Griffiths

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"After the bones of the notorious Mother Hook are possibly uncovered in Norfolk, forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway finds herself on TV. Was Mother Hook truly guilty of child murder? This is just one strand in a mystery that revolves around children and the people who care for them. One of the most addictive mystery series being written today."

—Janet Lockhart, Wake County Public Libraries, Cary, NC



**PANIC**

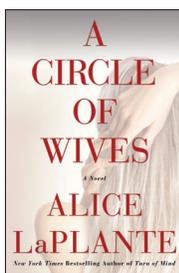
by Lauren Oliver

(HarperCollins Publishers)

"A deadly high-stakes game of Panic takes place in modern-day small town America, and Oliver does a wonderful job making all of it seem real. I loved that the book didn't take place in a post-apocalyptic future like so many titles do nowadays. Oliver is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors. I can't wait to see what she comes up with next!"

—Carol Brumfield, Timberland Regional Library, Tumwater, WA

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**A CIRCLE OF WIVES:**

by Alice LaPlante

(Atlantic Monthly Press)

"When prominent plastic surgeon Dr. John Taylor is found dead, the police investigation uncovers his secret polygamous life. As the narration alternates between Taylor's three wives and a young female detective, the story explores the characters' motivations and relationships.

Part psychological thriller and part literary mystery, the end result is wholly captivating reading."

—Melissa DeWild, Kent District Library, Comstock Park, MI



**GEMINI:**

A Novel  
by Carol Cassella

(Simon & Schuster)

"After an unidentified hit-and-run victim is received in ICU, Dr. Charlotte Reese struggles to keep her alive, questioning how far medical technology should go to do so. Meanwhile, in an alternate story, teens Bo and Raney explore their budding friendship and attraction.

Book groups will devour this compulsively readable novel with thought-provoking themes. Perfect for readers of Jodi Picoult and Chris Bohjalian."

—Robin Beerbower, Salem Public Library, Salem, OR



**PRECIOUS THING:**

A Novel

by Colette McBeth

(Minotaur Books)

"Clara and Rachel have been friends since high school. Life has intervened and they've grown apart, so when Clara invites Rachel for drinks to catch up, it's a chance to reconnect. But before that can happen, Rachel is called to cover a missing girl story, and the missing girl is Clara.

Was she abducted, murdered or did she simply leave on her own? In the vein of *Gone Girl* and *The Husband's Secret*, this is a fast read that is sure to entertain."

—Robin Nesbitt, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH



**KILL FEE:**

A Stevens and Windermere Novel

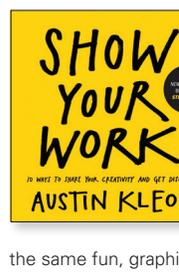
by Owen Laukkanen

(Putnam)

"In the third book in this series, Carla Windermere and Kirk Stevens find themselves reunited when people around the country seem to be dying from contract hits. Young war veterans, under

the influence of a mysterious man, are turning into emotionless killers. Stevens and Windermere try piecing together who's behind the crimes, but keep falling one step behind. Reminiscent of Thomas Perry's novels, and fast-paced."

—Lora Bruggeman, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL



**SHOW YOUR WORK!:**

10 Ways to Share Your Creativity and Get Discovered

by Austin Kleon

(Workman Publishing)

"*Show Your Work!* is a wonderful follow-up to Austin Kleon's first book, *Steal Like an Artist*. Utilizing

the same fun, graphic novel-ish type of format, Kleon gives practical recommendations about using the Internet and social media to create a community. I particularly appreciate his advice to concentrate on process, not on product, and the rest will follow. A must-read for anyone involved in the creative process."

—Rebekka Hanson, Madison Library District, Rexburg, ID