



# SUMMER READING PICKS 2021 GRADES 3 » 5



## Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2021 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2021 List will help your family pick the best books for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

## Happy Reading!

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## CLASSICS

### **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary

A mouse makes friends with a boy at an inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

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### **The BFG** by Roald Dahl

A Big Friendly Giant whisks Sophie away from the orphanage to save the world from mean giants.

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### **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

Two children hide in a museum where they stumble upon a mystery.

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### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

Four siblings step through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.

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## CLASSICS

### **The Borrowers** by Mary Norton

A family of tiny people live hidden in an English house.

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### **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale**

Daughters with very different personalities travel to meet the Great King.

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### **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White

A lonely pig learns about love and friendship from a spider and a young girl.

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **Dragons and Marshmallows** by Asia Citro

Zoey and her cat named Sassafras care for a sick dragon.

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### **The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure**

Squirrel needs the Squad to solve a mystery. Does it have anything to do with the UFO in their yard?

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### **The Storm Keeper's Island** by Catherine Doyle

Fionn and his sister are swept up in sinister magic on Arranmore Island.

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### **The Lifters** by Dave Eggers

Two new friends discover a secret buried beneath their town that leads them on an epic adventure.

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **Mr. Tiger, Betsy, and the Blue Moon** by Sally Gardner

Betsy sets off on a magical journey to turn the moon blue.

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### **Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself**

by Matthew Gray Gubler  
An odd-looking monster learns about acceptance and love in his community.

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### **Fablehaven** by Brandon Mull

Kendra and Seth travel to a land of witches, trolls, fairies, and other mystical creatures.

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### **Skunk and Badger** by Amy Timberlake

Badger is unhappy when a skunk moves into his house.

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### **Nightbooks** by J.A. White

Captured by a witch, Alex must tell her stories in order to survive.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **Premeditated Myrtle: A Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery**

by Elizabeth C. Bunce  
Myrtle investigates the mystery surrounding the death of her neighbor.

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### **Finding Langston** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

In 1946, an African American boy discovers the Chicago Public Library and the poetry of Langston Hughes.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### Out of Left Field

by Ellen Klages

When she is told she can't play in Little League because she is a girl, Katy attempts to overturn the decision.

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### Planet Earth Is Blue

by Nicole Panteleakos

An autistic child's new foster family recognizes her talents.

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### Prairie Lotus

by Linda Sue Park

While fulfilling her dream of becoming a dressmaker, Hanna faces prejudices and challenges.

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### Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine

by Caroline Starr Rose

During the Klondike Gold Rush, two brothers search for a lost mine.

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### I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919

by Lauren Tarshis

A metal tank filled with molasses explodes and threatens the lives of the people of North Boston.

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### Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

After a tragic accident puts her father in a coma, Ellie searches for a way to heal him.

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## MODERN REALISM

### A Boy Called Bat

by Elana K. Arnold

Bat cares for a baby skunk and wants to keep him for a pet.

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### Stella Diaz Has Something to Say

by Angela Dominguez

At school, Stella worries about her accent when making friends.

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### Song for a Whale

by Lynne Kelly

A deaf girl wants to help a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales.

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### I'm Ok

by Patti Kim

Ok Lee comes up with an idea to make money to help his mother pay the bills.

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### Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business

by Lyla Lee

Mindy makes snacks for her classmates.

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### The Season of Styx Malone

by Kekla Magoon

Two brothers befriend a clever, but troubled, teen.

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### August Isle

by Ali Standish

While staying with family friends in Florida, Miranda discovers secrets about her past.

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## MODERN REALISM

### Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Jude and her mother escape Syria to live with relatives.

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## NONFICTION

### Bonkers About Beetles

by Owen Davey

Award-winning science book about beetles.

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### Science You Can Eat

by Stefan Gates

Learn about food and try out new experiments.

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### Eleanor Makes Her Mark

by Barbara Kerley

Eleanor Roosevelt makes her mark with compassion and kindness.

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### Everything Awesome About Sharks and Other Underwater Creatures!

by Mike Lowery

Amazing facts about sharks and other underwater animals.

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### Clever Creatures

by Steve Mould

Animals and plants use different sciences to survive.

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### Beastly Puzzles

by Rachel Poliquin

Can you solve these brainteasers and puzzles?

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## NONFICTION

### Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum

by Dr. Seuss

Inspired by Dr. Seuss's sketches, learn about horses in art.

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## POETRY

### The Undefeated

by Kwame Alexander

Celebrate African Americans throughout history.

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### Up Verses Down: Poems, Paintings, and Serious Nonsense

by Calef Brown

Silly poems and characters abound in this poetry book.

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### Superlative Birds

by Leslie Bulion

Birds are the subject of this science book in verse.

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### Dictionary for a Better World

by Irene Latham and Charles Waters

Inspiring poems, quotes, and anecdotes.

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### A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

by Fred Rogers

The lyrics of Mr. Rogers' favorite songs come alive in this illustrated collection.

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### The Day the Universe Exploded My Head

by Allan Wolf

Funny poems and facts about space.

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