



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2022 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 2022 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

Tuck Everlasting

Natalie Babbitt

A girl discovers the Tuck family's secret spring, which keeps them young.

W | J Bab

Beezus and Ramona

Beverly Cleary

Beezus loves her little sister, even though she causes many problems.

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Bud, Not Buddy

Christopher Paul Curtis

A boy escapes foster care to look for his father.

U | J Cur

James and the Giant Peach

Roald Dahl

James grows a peach the size of a house with a hidden entrance.

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Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Robert C. O'Brien

A mouse family seeks help from special rats.

V | J Obr

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

Donald Sobol

A ten-year-old has a knack for solving mysteries. Follow the clues to see if you can too.

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Stuart Little

E. B. White

A mouse searches for a friend--a bird who once visited his garden.

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NONFICTION & POETRY

Rez Dogs

Joseph Bruchac

In this verse novel, Malian shelters on a reservation during COVID lockdown.

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Science You Can Eat

Stefan Gates

Learn about food and try out new experiments.

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This Is Your World: The Story of

Bob Ross

Sophia Gholz

Bob Ross still teaches us *The Joy of Painting*.

L | JB Ros

The Wisdom of Trees

Lita Judge

Facts and poetry merge to teach us about trees.

S | J 582.16 Jud

Eleanor Makes Her Mark

Barbara Kerley

Eleanor Roosevelt makes her mark with compassion and kindness.

O | JB Roo

Dictionary for a Better World

Irene Latham and Charles Waters

Inspiring poems, quotes, and anecdotes.

W | J 170.44 Lat

Everything Awesome about Sharks and Other Underwater Creatures!

Mike Lowery

Amazing facts about sharks and other underwater animals.

R | J 597.3 Low

NONFICTION & POETRY

If the World Were 100 People

Jacqueline McCann

This visual guide helps explain the demography of our global community.

N | J 304.6 McC

Clever Creatures

Steve Mould

Animals and plants use a variety of science skills to survive.

T | J 591.4 Mou

Mimic Makers

Kristen Nordstrom

Discover the ways nature inspires people to create new technology and other inventions.

N | J 610.28 Nor

Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems

Jack Prelutsky

Silly rhymes about food.

T | J 811.54 Pre

Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum

Dr. Seuss

Learn about horses in art.

R | J 700.462 Seu

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre

Carole Boston Weatherford

Learn about the horrific massacre in 1921.

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MODERN REALISM

Franklin Endicott and the Third Key

Kate DiCamillo

A key changes the life of a boy who has many anxieties.

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J.D. and the Great Barber Battle

J. Dillard

A 3rd grade whiz at cutting hair challenges the local barber to a contest.

Q | J Dil

Stella Díaz Has Something to Say

Angela Dominguez

When making friends at school, Stella worries about her accent.

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Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year

Nina Hamza

To improve his father's health, Ahmed's family moves from Hawaii to Minnesota.

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Song for a Whale

Lynne Kelly

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

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Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business

Lyla Lee

Mindy makes snacks for her class.

O | J Lee

The Used-to-Be Best Friend

Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo isn't sure if Fern wants to be her best friend at school, but, no matter what, her cat is her #1 best friend.

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MODERN REALISM

August Isle

Ali Standish

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

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HISTORICAL FICTION

A Place to Hang the Moon

Kate Albus

During WWII, siblings are evacuated from London to rural England.

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Letters from Cuba

Ruth Behar

Based on true events, a Jewish girl flees the Nazis in Poland to join her father in Cuba.

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Premeditated Myrtle

Elizabeth C. Bunce

Myrtle investigates the mystery of her neighbor's death.

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The List of Unspeakable Fears

J. Kasper Kramer

A haunting tale about an early 20th century quarantine hospital on a creepy island. (Local author)

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Prairie Lotus

Linda Sue Park

While fulfilling her dream of becoming a dressmaker, Hanna faces prejudice.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine

Caroline Starr Rose

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

P | J Ros

I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900

Lauren Tarshis

A hurricane floods Galveston, Texas.

O | J Tar

Echo Mountain

Lauren Wolk

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

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FANTASY & SCI-FI

Amari and the Night Brothers

B. B. Alston

Amari gets an invitation from the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

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The In-Between

Rebecca Ansari

Cooper and Jess are fascinated by the ghostly girl next door.

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Monster and Boy

Hannah Barnaby

Find out what happens when a boy discovers a monster under his bed.

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Secondhand Dogs

Carolyn Crimi

A new addition to the pack proves disruptive.

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FANTASY & SCI-FI

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure

Doreen Cronin

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

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The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

Adrianna Cuevas

Using his power to talk to animals, Nestor tries to stop an evil witch.

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Maya and the Robot

Eve L. Ewing

After Maya builds a robot, it is sabotaged at the science fair.

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The Clockwork Crow

Catherine Fisher

A girl receives a strange package that leads her on a perilous journey.

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Mr. Tiger, Betsy, and the Blue Moon

Sally Gardner

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

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Skunk and Badger

Amy Timberlake

Badger is unhappy when Skunk moves into his house.

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