



Chattanooga
Public Library

Summer Reading Picks 2022

Grades 9 » 12

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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Executive Director
Chattanooga Public Library

Indivisible

Daniel Aleman

Modern Fiction, Mexican Americans, Deportation, Secrets, Family, Friendship

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The Inheritance Games

Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Puzzles, Wealth, Family

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Into the Streets

Marke Bieschke

Nonfiction, Protest Movements, Political Participation, Social Activism

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Firekeeper's Daughter

Angeline Boulley

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Ojibwe Traditions, Family, Drugs, Undercover Operations

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Bluebird

Sharon Cameron

Historical Fiction, WWII & Post-WWII, Psychology, Mystery, Tennessee

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Black Birds in the Sky

Brandy Colbert

Nonfiction, Tulsa Race Riots - 1921, United States History, African Americans

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Jurassic Park

Michael Crichton

Classic, Science Fiction, Dinosaurs, Cloning, Amusement Park, Disasters

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Legendborn

Tracy Deonn

Fantasy, Paranormal, Mystery, Arthurian Legend, African American Heroine

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Dancing at the Pity Party

Tyler Feder

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Cancer, Mother & Daughter, Grief

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The Rise and Fall of Charles

Lindbergh

Candace Fleming

Biography, Pilot, Historical Figure, Family, Kidnapping

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The Gilded Ones

Namina Forna

Fantasy, Heroines, Imaginary World, War, Friendship

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A Lesson Before Dying

Ernest J. Gaines

Classic, African Americans, Prison, Friendship, Post-WWII - Louisiana

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Teen Titans: Beast Boy

Kami Garcia

Graphic Novel, Superhero, Shapeshifting, High School, Friendship

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The Dire Days of Willowweep

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Shaenon Garrity

Graphic Novel, Humor, Gothic, Ghosts, Alternate World

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The Princess Bride

William Goldman

Classic, Fantasy, Quests, Pirates, Giants, Romance

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Beasts of Prey

Ayana Gray

Fantasy, Magic, Monsters, Warriors, Adventure

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The Woman All Spies Fear: Code Breaker Elizebeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life

Amy Butler Greenfield

Biography, History - 20th Century, Cryptographers, Spies, Women in Science

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The Black Kids

Christina Hammonds Reed

Historical Fiction, African Americans, Rodney King Riots - 1992, Friendship

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Dune

Frank Herbert

Classic, Science Fiction, Future, Epic Adventure

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They Went Left

Monica Hesse

Historical Fiction, Mystery, WWII - Poland, Holocaust, Family

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The Forest of Stolen Girls

June Hur

Historical Fiction, Korea - 1426, Mystery, Thriller, Missing Persons

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Run: Book One

John Lewis

Graphic Novel, African American History, Autobiography, Civil Rights

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Elatsoe

Darcie Little Badger

Fantasy, Apache Mythology, Alternate World, Ghosts, Horror, Mystery

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Last Night at the Telegraph Club

Malinda Lo

Historical Fiction, San Francisco - 1951, Chinese Americans, Identity

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You Have a Match

Emma Lord

Modern Fiction, Families, Friendship, Camp, Secrets

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Me (Moth)

Amber McBride

Verse Novel, Grief, Identity, Travel, Friendship, Family

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Nubia: Real One

L.L. McKinney

Graphic Novel, Superhero, African Americans, Friendship

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Mexican Gothic

Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Fantasy, Haunted House, Horror, Mystery, Family

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The Bluest Eye

Toni Morrison

Classic, African Americans, 1940s - Ohio, Family, Trauma

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Notes From a Young Black Chef

Kwame Onwuachi

Memoir, African Americans, Cooking, Overcoming Challenges

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Charming as a Verb

Ben Philippe

Modern Fiction, Friendship, Romance, High School, Lies & Consequences

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The Golden Compass

Philip Pullman

Classic, Fantasy, Quests, Supernatural Characters, Heroine, Destiny

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Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

Jason Reynolds

Nonfiction, African Americans, Racism, United States History, Narrative

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Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel

Jason Reynolds

Graphic Novel, Revenge, Murder, Ghosts, Brothers

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The Girls I've Been

Tess Sharpe

Modern Fiction, Thriller, Hostages, Secrets, Friendship

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Tiny Dancer

Siena Cherson Siegel

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Ballerinas, Overcoming Challenges

Y Graphic Tin

Fire With Fire

Destiny Soria

Fantasy, Thriller, Dragons, Sisters, Tennessee

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A Cloud of Outrageous Blue

Vesper Stamper

Historical Fiction, Great Plague - 1348, Artist, Visions, Grief

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The Paper Girl of Paris

Jordyn Taylor

Historical Fiction, WWII, France, Family, Secrets, Romance

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Concrete Rose

Angie Thomas

African Americans, Gangs, Teen Father, The Hate U Give Prequel

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Pan's Labyrinth: The Labyrinth of the Faun

Guillermo del Toro

Fantasy, Horror, Monsters, Magic, History, Spanish Civil War

Y Tor

Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask

Anton Treuer

Nonfiction, Native American History, Facts, Narrative, Culture

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Super Fake Love Song

David Yoon

Modern Fiction, Romance, Family, Music, Lies & Consequences

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Punching the Air

Ibi Aanu Zobi

Modern Fiction, Racism, Verse Novel, False Imprisonment, Artist

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Because this list includes books for a range of grades, please be aware that some titles may contain advanced content that might not be appropriate for everyone. If you need help making selections, ask your librarian for guidance.