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Summer Reading Picks 2021 Grades K » 2

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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Executive Director
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CLASSICS

Madeline
by Ludwig Bemelmans
Madeline is rushed to the hospital.
K | E Bem

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
by Virginia Lee Burton
Mike and his machine dig and dig.
N | E Bur

Whistle for Willie
by Ezra Jack Keats
Peter learns to whistle for his dog.
L | E Kea

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
by Laura Numeroff
Giving a mouse a cookie is complicated.
K | E Num

Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak
Max journeys to a land of wild things.
J | E Sen

I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew
by Dr. Seuss
Getting to destinations can be hard.
O | E Seu

Caps for Sale
by Esphyr Slobodkina
Monkeys copy the man selling hats.
K | E Slo

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
by Judith Viorst
A boy has a troubled day.
M | E Vio

The Napping House
by Audrey Wood
Nappers overfill a bed.
I | E Woo

PICTURE BOOKS

The Turnip
by Jan Brett
Badgers pull up a giant turnip.
M | E Bre

Twins
by Mike Ciccotello
A boy and a giraffe love being twins.
K | E Cic

Jabari Tries
by Gaia Cornwall
Jabari and his sister build an amazing invention.
J | E Cor

Red Shoes
by Karen English
Malika gets a pair of new shoes.
O | E Eng

The Hike
by Alison Farrell
Hiking is so much fun.
H | E Far

The Little Red Fort
by Brenda Maier
Ruby wants help building a fort.
O | E Mai

Good Night, Wind
by Linda Elovitz Marshall
Where can Wind go to rest?
L | E Mar

Lubna and Pebble
by Wendy Meddour
Lubna loves her pebble.
J | E Med

Bear Came Along
by Richard T. Morris
Adventures on a river.
J | E Mor

I Am a Tiger
by Karl Newson
A mouse thinks he is a tiger.
K | E New

PICTURE BOOKS

I Talk Like a River
by Jordan Scott
Beautiful story about a boy who stutters.
M | E Sco

Every Little Letter
by Deborah Underwood
Letters come together to make words.
M | E Und

The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!
by Mo Willems
The pigeon does not want to go to school.
I | E Wil

Little Red Reading Hood and the Misread Wolf
by Troy Wilson
Little Red teaches the wolf to read.
J | E Wil

How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps
by Nicola Winstanley
A girl and a know-it-all narrator try to bathe a cat.
K | E Win

A Kite for Moon
by Jane Yolen
A boy loves the moon.
K | E Yol

NONFICTION

Don't Let Them Disappear
by Chelsea Clinton
Learn about endangered animals.
T | J 591.68 Cli

Grow: Secrets of Our DNA
by Nicola Davies
Easy explanations about DNA.
S | J 572.86 Dav

NONFICTION

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera

by Candace Fleming

Explore the amazing life of honeybees.

S | J 595.799 Fle

Heart on Pluto

by Karl Jones

NASA's exploration of Pluto uncovers a surprise.

L | J 523.4922 Jon

This Is How We Do It

by Matt Lamothe

Everyday things done around the world.

M | J 305.23 Lam

Summer Green to Autumn Gold

by Mia Posada

Leaves change colors.

L | J 581.48 Pos

Otis and Will Discover the Deep

by Barb Rosenstock

Dive deep in the ocean in a Bathysphere.

O | J 551.4609 Ros

CHAPTER BOOKS

King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth

by Dori Hillestad Butler

A girl and her dog find a missing tooth.

K | E But

I Am a Super Girl!

by Kelly Greenawalt

Princess Truly saves the day.

H | E Gre

Sun Flower Lion

by Kevin Henkes

The sun, a flower, and a lion look similar.

D | E Hen

CHAPTER BOOKS

Katie Woo: Cartwheel Katie

by Fran Manushkin

Katie loves gymnastics.

J | E Man

Fox + Chick: The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories

by Sergio Ruzzier

Escapades of unlikely friends.

H | E Ruz

Motor Mouse Delivers

by Cynthia Rylant

Adventures of a mouse.

P | E Ryl

Charlie & Mouse

by Laurel Snyder

Two brothers have lots of fun.

J | E Sny

My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories

by Salina Yoon

Tales about friendship.

G | E Yoo

BEGINNING READERS

Mighty Truck: Surf's Up!

by Chris Barton

Mighty Truck rescues a cat.

L | E Bar

I Want to Be a Doctor

by Laura Driscoll

Learn about doctors.

K | E Dri

Little Penguin's New Friend

by Laura Driscoll

Penguin has never met a polar bear.

J | E Dri

Clara and Clem in Outer Space

by Ethan Long

Two children travel to outer space.

C | E Lon

BEGINNING READERS

Ty's Travels: Zip, Zoom!

by Kelly Starling Lyons

Ty learns to ride a scooter.

I | E Lyo

Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake

by Jeff Mack

Baking has never been so funny.

E | E Mac

See Otto

by David Milgrim

Easy reader about a robot.

D | E Mil

Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!

by J.E. Morris

A laid-back cat frustrates a youngster.

D | E Mor

Garden Day!

by Candice F. Ransom

A brother and sister plant a garden.

E | E Ran

What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig

by Emma J. Virján

Passengers join Pig on her boat ride.

G | E Vir

POEMS, RIDDLES & SONGS

Just Like Me

by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Ministories about girls of all kinds.

P | J 811.6 Bra

Clackety Track

by Skila Brown

Poems about trains.

M | J 811.6 Bro

POEMS, RIDDLES & SONGS

What's Your Favorite Food?

by Eric Carle and Friends

Authors and illustrators celebrate food.

P | E Car

The Library Book

by Tom Chapin

Rhyming book about the library.

J | E Cha

Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me

by Eloise Greenfield

Jace and Thinker love poetry.

H | J 811.54 Gre

Old Mikamba Had a Farm

by Rachel Isadora

A new setting for a classic song.

H | E Isa

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons

by Laura Purdie Salas

The seasons come alive through haiku.

J | J 811.6 Sal

Digger, Dozer, Dumper

by Hope Vestergaard

Poems about hardworking vehicles.

L | J 811.6 Ves

I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles

by Walter Wick

Find hidden objects in pictures.

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