



Chattanooga  
Public Library

# 2023 Staff Picks Grades 6-8

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2023 List of Staff Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community.

All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

## **Fever, 1793**

By Laurie Halse Anderson

Classic, Historical Fiction, Yellow Fever Epidemic, Survival, Family

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## **What's the Point of Science?**

By Edward Aves, Ben Ffrancon Davies, and A. M. Dassu

Nonfiction, Science, Technology, History

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## **The Ogress and the Orphans**

By Kelly Regen Barnhill

Fantasy, Mystery, Friendship, Secrets, Community

**J Bar**

## **Drew Leclair Gets a Clue**

By Katryn Bury

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Detectives, Bullying, Social Media, School

**J Bur**

## **Race to the Bottom of the Earth**

By Rebecca E.F. Barone

Nonfiction, 20th and 21st Century Explorers, Antarctica

**J 919.89 Bar**

## **Little Monarchs**

By Jonathan Case

Graphic Novel, Science Fiction, Survival, Environment, Disasters

**J Graphic Lit**

## **Falling Short**

By Ernesto Cisneros

Modern Fiction, Humor, Friendship, School, Basketball

**J Cis**

## **Goldilocks: Wanted Dead or Alive**

By Chris Colfer

Graphic Novel, Fairy Tales, Adventure, Magic, Outlaws

**J Graphic Gol**

## **The Pear Affair**

By Judith Eagle

Historical Fiction, Mystery, Paris - 1969, Friendship, Family, Secrets

**J Eag**

## **Witches of Brooklyn**

By Sophie Escabasse

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Family, Witches, Friendship

**J Graphic Wit**

## **Starfish**

By Lisa Fipps

Modern Fiction, Verse Novel, Bullying, Friendship, Family, Overcoming Challenges

**J Fip**

## **The Curse of the Mummy**

By Candace Fleming

Nonfiction, Egypt - 1922, Tutankhamen's Tomb, Discovery, Exploration

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## **The Accidental Apprentice**

By Amanda Foody

Fantasy, Adventure, Mythical Creatures, Friendship

**J Foo**

## **My Side of the Mountain**

By Jean Craighead George

Classic, Survival, Adventure, Catskill Mountains, NY

**J Geo**

## **The School for Whatnots**

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Science Fiction, Mystery, Robots, Friendship

**J Had**

## **When Stars Are Scattered**

By Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Graphic Novel, Somali Refugees, Brothers, Survival, School

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## **Murder on the Baltimore Express**

By Suzanne Jurmain

Nonfiction, United States History - 1865, Abraham Lincoln, Assassination Plot

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## **Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl**

By Julie Kagawa

Fantasy, Adventure, Mythical Creatures, Secret Society

**J Kag**

## **Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone**

By Tae Keller

Modern Fiction, Supernatural, Bullying, Friendship, School, Missing Persons

**J Kel**

## **The Rema Chronicles: Realm of the Blue Mist**

By Amy Kim Kibuishi

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Mystery, Romance, Secrets

**J Graphic Rem**

## **Linked**

By Gordon Korman

Modern Fiction, Mystery, School, Prejudices, Vandalism

**J Kor**

## **Soul Lanterns**

By Shaw Kuzki

Historical Fiction, Hiroshima, Japan, Atomic Bombs, Secrets, Grief

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## **Luck of the Titanic**

By Stacey Lee

Historical Fiction, Adventure, Titanic - 1912, Acrobats, Family, Survival

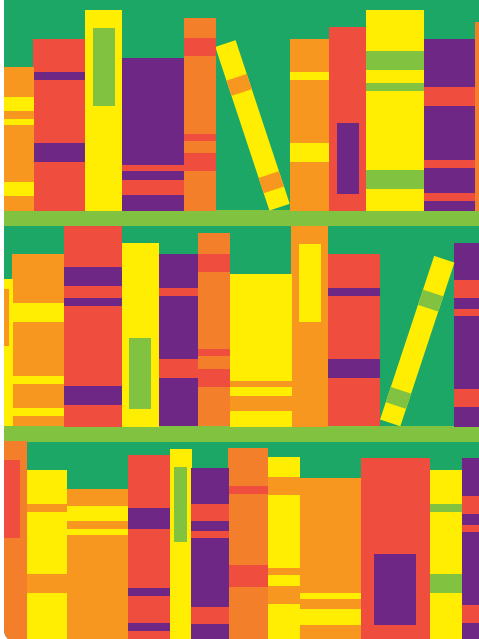
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## **The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S.**

By David Levithan

Modern Fiction, Magical Realism, Mystery, Missing Persons, Family

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### Allergic

By Megan Wagner Lloyd  
Graphic Novel, Humor, Pets, Allergies,  
Family, Friendship  
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### Ghost Girl

By Ally Malinenko  
Horror, Ghosts, Friendship, Missing  
Persons, School  
**J Mal**

### Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky

By Kwame Mbalia  
Fantasy, African Myths, African American  
Folk Tales, Magic, Adventure  
**J Mba**

### Save the People!: Halting Human Extinction

By Stacy McAnulty  
Nonfiction, Extinction, Global Warming,  
Science, Environment, Activism  
**J 576.84 McA**

### The Time of Green Magic

By Hilary McKay  
Fantasy, Magic, Family, Secrets  
**J McK**

### The Magic Fish

By Trung Le Nguyen  
Graphic Novel, Fairy Tales, Vietnamese  
Americans, Identity, Family  
**Y Graphic Mag**

### Growing Pangs

By Kathryn Ormsbee  
Graphic Novel, OCD, Home School,  
Friendship, Overcoming Challenges  
**J Graphic Oro**

### The Witch Boy

By Molly Ostertag  
Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Witches,  
Identity, Friendship  
**J Graphic Wit**

### Pony

By R.J. Palacio  
Historical Fiction, Ohio - 1800s, Ghosts,  
Adventure, Secrets, Family  
**J Pal**

### Seen and Unseen

By Elizabeth Partridge  
Nonfiction, Japanese Americans, United  
States - WWII, Racism, Photography  
**J 940.5317 Par**

### City Spies

By James Ponti  
Modern Fiction, Adventure, Mystery,  
Hackers, Teamwork  
**J Pon**

### The Westing Game

By Ellen Raskin  
Classic, Mystery, Humor, Puzzles,  
Wealth, Inheritance  
**J Ras**

### How We Got to the Moon

By John Rocco  
Nonfiction, Project Apollo, Space Flight,  
Science, Astronauts  
**J 629.454 Roc**

### The Deep & Dark Blue

By Niki Smith  
Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Adventure,  
Family, Identity  
**J Graphic Dee**

### All Thirteen

By Christina Soontornvat  
Nonfiction, Thailand - 2018, Cave  
Rescue, Soccer Team, Flooding  
**J 796.525 Soo**

### Enola Holmes and the Black Barouche

By Nancy Springer  
Historical Fiction, Mystery, England -  
1889, Detectives  
**Y Spr**

### The Mysterious Benedict Society

By Trenton Lee Stewart  
Science Fiction, Adventure, School,  
Teamwork, Puzzles  
**Y Ste**

### Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

By Mildred D. Taylor  
Classic, Historical Fiction, United States  
- Great Depression, African Americans,  
Racism, Family  
**Y Tay**

### Wolfpack

By Abby Wambach  
Nonfiction, Leadership, Self-help,  
Tolerance, Community, Athletes  
**J 155.333 Wam**

*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.*