



Chattanooga
Public Library

2023 Staff Picks Grades 9-12

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.

Indivisible

Daniel Aleman

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

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The Inheritance Games

Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Romance, Inheritance, Puzzles, Family

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This Poison Heart

Kalynn Bayron

Fantasy, Supernatural, Mystery, African Americans, Inheritance

Y For

Himawari House

Harmony Becker

Graphic Novel, Friendship, Japanese Americans, Travel

Y Graphic Him

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, Secrets, Family, Tennessee Author

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Jurassic Park

Michael Crichton

Classic, Science Fiction, Thriller, Dinosaurs, Cloning, Disaster

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Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall

Heather Demetrios

Nonfiction, Biography, Spies, WWII, United States History

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Legendborn

Tracy Deonn

Fantasy, Mystery, Arthurian Legend, African Americans

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Dancing at the Pity Party

Tyler Feder

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Cancer, Mothers & Daughters, Grief

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The Gilded Ones

Namina Forna

Fantasy, Alternate World, Destiny, War, Friendship

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Messy Roots

Laura Gao

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Chinese Americans, Humor, Identity

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The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor

Shaenon K. Garrity

Graphic Novel, Alternate World, Humor, Gothic, Ghosts

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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, Epic Adventure, Friendship

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Dune

Frank Herbert

Classic, Science Fiction, Future, Epic Adventure

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The Forest of Stolen Girls

June Hur

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

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Salt Magic

Hope Larson and Rebecca Mock

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Magic, Oklahoma - Post-WWI

Y Graphic Sal

Run: Book One

John Lewis

Graphic Novel, African American History, Memoir, 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, Family, Friendship, Camp, Secrets

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No Filter and Other Lies

Crystal Maldonado

Modern Fiction, Social Media, Friendship, Secrets

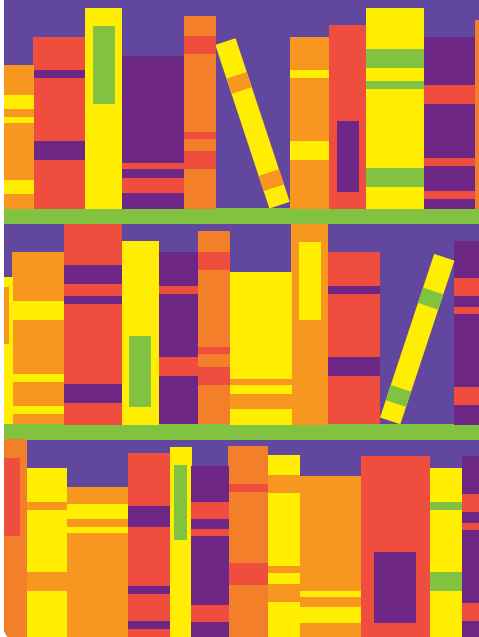
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Me (Moth)

Amber McBride

Verse Novel, Grief, Travel, Friendship, Family

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Nubia: Real One

L.L. McKinney

Graphic Novel, Superhero, African Americans, Friendship

Y Graphic Nub

Nothing More to Tell

Karen M. McManus

Modern Fiction, Murder, Mystery, Secrets, Friendship

Y McM

I Kissed Shara Wheeler

Casey McQuiston

Modern Fiction, Missing Persons, Mystery, Identity, Romance

Y McQ

Mexican Gothic

Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Fantasy, Horror, Mystery, Family

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The Bluest Eye

Toni Morrison

Classic, African Americans, Ohio - 1940s, Family, Overcoming Challenges

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Abuela, Don't Forget Me

Rex Ogle

Memoir, Poetry, Family, Overcoming Challenges, Identity

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The Golden Compass

Philip Pullman

Classic, Fantasy, Quests, Destiny

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Ain't Burned All the Bright

Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

Poetry, Friendship, Family, Racism, Pandemic

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Long Way Down: the Graphic Novel

Jason Reynolds

Graphic Novel, Revenge, Murder, Ghosts, Brothers

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The Ghosts of Rose Hill

R.M. Romero

Fantasy, Verse Novel, Ghosts, Romance, Czech Republic

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I Must Betray You

Ruta Sepetys

Historical Fiction, Romania - 1989, Spies, Thriller, Tennessee Author

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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

On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century

Timothy Snyder

Graphic Novel, History, Politics, Democracy, Social Justice

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Fire with Fire

Destiny Soria

Fantasy, Thriller, Dragons, Sisters, Destiny

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The Paper Girl of Paris

Jordyn Taylor

Historical Fiction, France - WWII & Modern, Family, Secrets, Romance

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You've Reached Sam

Dustin Thao

Romance, Magical Realism, Grief, Friendship

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Concrete Rose

Angie Thomas

Modern Fiction, 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, Spanish Civil War

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

Anton Treuer

Nonfiction, Native American History, Facts

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In the Wild Light

Jeff Zentner

Modern Fiction, Friendship, Romance, Boarding School, Tennessee Author

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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.