

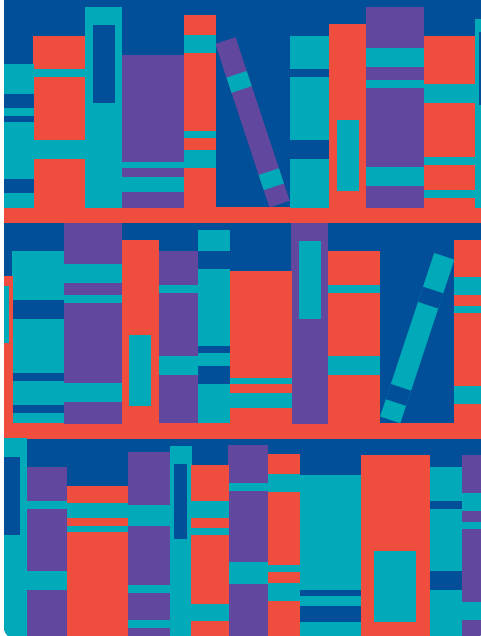


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2023 Staff Picks Grades 3-5

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.



CLASSICS

Tuck Everlasting

By Natalie Babbitt

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

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Beezus and Ramona

By Beverly Cleary

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

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Bud, Not Buddy

By Christopher Paul Curtis

A boy escapes foster care to look for his father.

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James and the Giant Peach

By 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

By Robert C. O'Brien

A mouse family seeks help from special rats.

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Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

By Donald J. 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

By E.B. White

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

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FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

Amari and the Night Brothers

By B.B. Alston

Amari gets an invitation from the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

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The In-Between

By Rebecca K.S. Ansari

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

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Monster and Boy

By Hannah Barnaby

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

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Secondhand Dogs

By Carolyn Crimi

A new addition to the pack proves disruptive.

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The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

By Adrianna Cuevas

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

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Maya and the Robot

By Eve L. Ewing

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

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The Clockwork Crow

By Catherine Fisher

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

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Hummingbird

By Natalie Lloyd

A girl with brittle bone disease finds magic and friendship. (Local author)

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FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck

By Matt Phelan

Three secret agents save the world from dastardly enemies.

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The Last Mapmaker

By Christina Soontornvat

Sai sails away on an epic adventure to discover new worlds.

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Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

By A.F. Steadman

A young teen is selected to train for a deadly race.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

A Place to Hang the Moon

By Kate Albus

During WW II, siblings are evacuated from London to rural England.

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Letters from Cuba

By Ruth Behar

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

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Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

By Chris Grabenstein

Find out how it all began. A young Luigi Lemoncello joins the carnival.

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The List of Unspeakable Fears

By J. Kasper Kramer

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

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HISTORICAL FICTION

The Puffin Keeper

By Michael Morpurgo

Allen and a solitary lighthouse keeper rescue a puffin.

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I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900

By Lauren Tarshis

A hurricane floods Galveston, Texas.

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MODERN REALISM

Franklin Endicott and the Third Key

By 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

By J. Dillard

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

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Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year

By Nina Hamza

Ahmed's family moves from Hawaii to Minnesota.

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King of the Ice

By Kelly Starling Lyons

Miles accepts the challenge to learn how to ice skate.

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The Astronomically Grand Plan

By Rie Neal

Astrid joins a science club dedicated to space.

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The Used-to-Be Best Friend

By Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo isn't sure if Fern wants to be her best friend at school.

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MODERN REALISM

Wretched Waterpark

By Kiersten White

Twin sleuths investigate a creepy waterpark where people are disappearing.

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Maizy Chen's Last Chance

By Lisa Yee

While visiting her grandparents, Maizy unearths family secrets.

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NONFICTION & POETRY

Rez Dogs

By Joseph Bruchac

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

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This Is Your World: The Story of Bob Ross

By Sophia M. Gholz

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

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My Big Book of Outdoors

By Tim Hopgood

Explore poetry and activities about the great outdoors.

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The Wisdom of Trees

By Lita Judge

Facts and poetry merge to teach us about trees.

J 582.16 Jud

If the World Were 100 People

By Jacqueline McCann

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

J 304.6 McC

NONFICTION & POETRY

Animal Sidekicks: Amazing Stories of Symbiosis

By Macken Murphy

Learn about the fascinating relationships some animals have with one another.

J 591.785 Mur

Mimic Makers

By Kristen Nordstrom

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

J 610.28 Nor

Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems

By Jack Prelutsky

Silly rhymes about food.

J 811.54 Pre

Amazing Landmarks

By Rekha S. Rajan

Travel around the world learning about 10 famous structures.

J 624 Raj

Courageous Creatures

By Lauren Tarshis

From the *I Survived* series. Find out about some truly remarkable animals.

J 590 Tar

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre

By Carole Boston Weatherford

Learn about the horrific massacre in 1921.

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GRAPHIC

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza

By Mac Barnett

To save the world, a cat journeys into space on an unusual quest.

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Swim Team

By Johnnie Christmas

Facing her fears, Bree joins her school's swim team.

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What Was the Turning Point of the Civil War?

By Ellen Crenshaw

The Battle of Gettysburg comes to life through the eyes of a war reporter.

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Invisible

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Five very different kids unite while doing community service.

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Bunnica: the Graphic Novel

By James Howe and Andrew Donkin

The much-loved classic about a vampire bunny becomes a graphic novel.

J Graphic Bun

Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant

By Remy Lai

A small elephant is separated from his family.

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