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
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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
J Graphic Whe

Murder on the Baltimore Express
By Suzanne Jurmain
Nonfiction, United States History - 1865, Abraham Lincoln, Assassination Plot
J 973.7092 Jur

Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coat
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
Y Kuz

Luck of the Titanic
By Stacey Lee
Historical Fiction, Adventure, Titanic - 1912, Acrobats, Family, Survival
Y Lee

The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S.
By David Levithan
Modern Fiction, Magical Realism, Mystery, Missing Persons, Family
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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.