

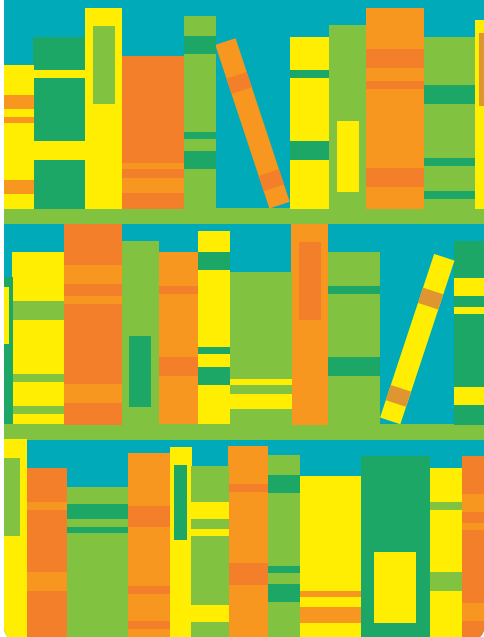


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# 2023 Staff Picks Grades K-2

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

### Madeline

By Ludwig Bemelmans  
Madeline is rushed to the hospital.  
**E Bem**

### Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

By Doreen Cronin  
The cows send notes to Farmer Brown.  
**E Cro**

### Are You My Mother?

By P. D. Eastman  
A baby bird looks for his mother.  
**E Eas**

### The Snowy Day

By Ezra Jack Keats  
Peter enjoys a winter day.  
**E Kea**

### Blueberries for Sal

By Robert McCloskey  
Both Sal and a bear cub search for their mothers.  
**E McC**

### If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

By Laura Numeroff  
Giving a mouse a cookie is complicated.  
**E Num**

### The Napping House

By Audrey Wood  
Nappers overflow a bed.  
**E Woo**

### I Am Every Good Thing

By Derrick Barnes  
A boy is proud of who he is and what he does.  
**E Bar**

### Jabari Tries

By Gaia Cornwall  
Jabari and his sister build an amazing invention.  
**E Cor**

## PICTURE BOOKS

### Knight Owl

By Christopher Denise  
A brave owl protects the castle from a dragon.  
**E Den**

### Red Shoes

By Karen English  
Malika gets a pair of new shoes.  
**E Eng**

### Iguana Be a Dragon

By Maddie Frost  
Trying to impress his friends, an iguana pretends to be a dragon.  
**E Fro**

### Too Much Slime!

By Frances Gilbert  
See what happens when slime takes over everything.  
**E Gil**

### The Perfect Plan

By Leah Gilbert  
Maya has a great plan to build a fort.  
**E Gil**

### Change Sings

By Amanda Gorman  
Lyrical book about the power of change.  
**E Gor**

### Cat Problems

By Jory John  
Cat's irritating problems are very silly.  
**E Joh**

### Usha and the Big Digger

By Amitha Jagannath Knight  
Usha sees a digger in the constellations.  
**E Kni**

### The World's Longest Licorice Rope

By Matt Myers  
Finding the end of the licorice rope is an adventure.  
**E Mye**

## PICTURE BOOKS

### Charlie Chooses

By Lou Peacock  
A boy has a hard time choosing.  
**E Pea**

### Old Rock (Is Not Boring)

By Deb Pilutti  
A rock tells his long story.  
**E Pil**

### Every Dog in the Neighborhood

By Philip C. Stead  
Louis counts all of the dogs in the neighborhood.  
**E Ste**

### Mel Fell

By Corey Tabor  
A falling bird learns to fly.  
**E Tab**

### Every Little Letter

By Deborah Underwood  
Letters come together to make words.  
**E Und**

### That's My Sweater!

By Jessika von Innerebner  
Sibling rivalry over a sweater takes a surprising turn.  
**E Von**

### Line and Scribble

By Debora Vogrig  
A line stays straight, while a scribble wanders.  
**E Vog**

### Dessert Island

By Ben Zhu  
Monkey lives on an island made of icing and berries.  
**E Zhu**

## NONFICTION

### Building

By Henry Cole

A family of beavers build a dam to make a home.

**E Col**

### Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera

By Candace Fleming

Explore the amazing lives of honeybees.

**J 595.799 Fle**

### When Cloud Became a Cloud

By Rob Hodgson

Follow the lifecycle of an adorable cloud.

**J 551.48 Hod**

### How to Make a Mountain: In Just 9 Simple Steps and Only 100 Million Years!

By Amy Huntington

A mountain takes a very long time to form.

**J 551.82 Hun**

### What's Inside a Flower?

By Rachel Ignotofsky

Lovely illustrated book about flowers.

**J 582.1 Ign**

### Hello, Puddle!

By Anita Sanchez

Through the seasons, a girl watches the changing environment of a puddle.

**J 577 San**

### Happy Sloth Day!

By April Pulley Sayre

Learn about sloths and their rainforest home.

**J 599.313 Say**

## CHAPTER

### The Best in the World

Derek Anderson

Croc and Ally are best friends, even if they have differences.

**E And**

## CHAPTER

### Doggo and Pupper

By Katherine Applegate

A new puppy turns Doggo's world upside down.

**J App**

### Geraldine Pu and Her Lunch Box, Too!

By Maggie P. Chang

In this beginning graphic novel, a girl gets a surprise in her lunch box.

**J Graphic Ger**

### Cornbread & Poppy

By Matthew Cordell

Poppy didn't prepare for winter, but Cornbread volunteers to help.

**J Cor**

### Sydney & Taylor and the Great Friend Expedition

By Jacqueline Davies

Two friends go on a great adventure.

**J Dav**

### See the Dog: Three Stories about a Cat

By David LaRochelle

A cat pretends to be a dog.

**E LaR**

### Friendship Goals

By C. L. Reid

Emma spreads her love of soccer.

**E Rei**

### Best Brother EVER!

By Janeé Trasler

Even though Figgy and Boone are not brothers, they realize friends can be like family.

**J Graphic Fig**

### Scaredy Squirrel in a Nutshell

By Mélanie Watt

Scaredy Squirrel faces many fears.

**J Graphic Sca**

## BEGINNER READERS

### Mighty Truck: Surf's Up!

By Chris Barton

Mighty Truck rescues a cat.

**E Bar**

### Sabrina Sue Loves the City

By Priscilla Burris

An inquisitive chicken explores the city.

**E Bur**

### This Makes Me Happy

By Courtney Carbone

Dealing with feelings can sometimes be challenging.

**E Car**

### Pill Bug Does Not Need Anybody

By Jonathan Fenske

A grumpy pill bug realizes he sometimes does need help.

**E Fen**

### Nothing Fits a Dinosaur

By Jonathan Fenske

A dinosaur can't find anything to wear.

**E Fen**

### Goat Wants to Eat

By Laura Gehl

Goat keeps eating cat's beds.

**E Geh**

### The Bad Seed Goes to the Library

By Jory John

The Bad Seed doesn't want to return his book to the library.

**E Joh**

### Can Clam Go?

By Adam Lehrhaupt

Shark helps Clam zip through the water.

**E Leh**

### Big Shark, Little Shark, and the Spooky Cave

By Anna Membrino

Big Shark is afraid of the dark cave. Little Shark is not!

**E Mem**

## BEGINNER READERS

### I'm On It!

Andrea Tsurumi

Frog and Goat have a contest.

**E Tsu**

### What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig

Emma J. Virján

Passengers join Pig on her boat ride.

**E Vir**

## POEMS/RIDDLES/SONGS

### Bubbles...UP!

Jacqueline Davies

Rhyming book about a day at the pool.

**E Dav**

### The Dirt Book

David Harrison

Fun, facts, and poetry about dirt.

**J 811.54 Har**

### If You Go Down to the Woods Today

Rachel Piercey

Poems to read and hidden things to find.

**J 821.92 Pie**

### Dog Says, Cat Says

Marilyn Singer

Dog and cat have distinctively different days.

**E Sin**

### Poem in My Pocket

Chris Tougas

Wordplay and poetry come together.

**E Tou**

### I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles

Walter Wick

Find hidden objects in pictures.

**J 793.73 Wic**

### Be Thankful for Trees

Harriet Ziefert

Trees are wonderful and very important.

**J 582.16 Zie**