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

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<td>Ludwig Bemelmans</td>
<td>Madeline is rushed to the hospital.</td>
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<td>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</td>
<td>Doreen Cronin</td>
<td>The cows send notes to Farmer Brown.</td>
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<td>Are You My Mother?</td>
<td>P. D. Eastman</td>
<td>A baby bird looks for his mother.</td>
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<td>The Snowy Day</td>
<td>Ezra Jack Keats</td>
<td>Peter enjoys a winter day.</td>
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<td>Blueberries for Sal</td>
<td>Robert McCloskey</td>
<td>Both Sal and a bear cub search for their mothers.</td>
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<td>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</td>
<td>Laura Numeroff</td>
<td>Giving a mouse a cookie is complicated.</td>
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<td>The Napping House</td>
<td>Audrey Wood</td>
<td>Nappers overfill a bed.</td>
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## Picture Books

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<td>Christopher Denise</td>
<td>A brave owl protects the castle from a dragon.</td>
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<td>Red Shoes</td>
<td>Karen English</td>
<td>Malika gets a pair of new shoes.</td>
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<td>Iguana Be a Dragon</td>
<td>Maddie Frost</td>
<td>Trying to impress his friends, an iguana pretends to be a dragon.</td>
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<td>Too Much Slime!</td>
<td>Frances Gilbert</td>
<td>See what happens when slime takes over everything.</td>
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<td>The Perfect Plan</td>
<td>Leah Gilbert</td>
<td>Maya has a great plan to build a fort.</td>
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<td>Change Sings</td>
<td>Amanda Gorman</td>
<td>Lyrical book about the power of change.</td>
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<td>Cat Problems</td>
<td>Jory John</td>
<td>Cat's irritating problems are very silly.</td>
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<td>Usha and the Big Digger</td>
<td>Amitha Jagannath Knight</td>
<td>Usha sees a digger in the constellations.</td>
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<td>The World's Longest Licorice Rope</td>
<td>Matt Myers</td>
<td>Finding the end of the licorice rope is an adventure.</td>
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<td>Charlie Chooses</td>
<td>Lou Peacock</td>
<td>A boy has a hard time choosing.</td>
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<td>Old Rock (Is Not Boring)</td>
<td>Deb Pilutti</td>
<td>A rock tells his long story.</td>
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<td>Every Dog in the Neighborhood</td>
<td>Philip C. Stead</td>
<td>Louis counts all of the dogs in the neighborhood.</td>
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<td>Mel Fell</td>
<td>Corey Tabor</td>
<td>A falling bird learns to fly.</td>
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<td>Every Little Letter</td>
<td>Deborah Underwood</td>
<td>Letters come together to make words.</td>
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<td>That's My Sweater!</td>
<td>Jessika von Innerebner</td>
<td>Sibling rivalry over a sweater takes a surprising turn.</td>
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<td>Line and Scribble</td>
<td>Debora Vogrig</td>
<td>A line stays straight, while a scribble wanders.</td>
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<td>Dessert Island</td>
<td>Ben Zhu</td>
<td>Monkey lives on an island made of icing and berries.</td>
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SHORT STORIES

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

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

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

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 Janee 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

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

I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles
By Walter Wick
Find hidden objects in pictures.
J 793.73 Wic

POEMS/RIDDLES/SONGS

Bubbles...UP!
Jacqueline Davies
Rhyming book about a day at the pool.
E Dav

The Dirt Book
By David Harrison
Fun, facts, and poetry about dirt.
J 811.54 Har

If You Go Down to the Woods Today
By Rachel Piercey
Poems to read and hidden things to find.
J 821.92 Pie

Dog Says, Cat Says
By Marilyn Singer
Dog and cat have distinctively different days.
E Sin

Poem in My Pocket
By Chris Tougas
Wordplay and poetry come together.
E Tou

I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles
By Walter Wick
Find hidden objects in pictures.
J 793.73 Wic

Be Thankful for Trees
By Harriet Ziefert
Trees are wonderful and very important.
J 582.16 Zie