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Public Library

# 2024 Staff Picks Grades 3-5

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2024 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 nearest branch. Your CPL librarians 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.

**J Cur**

### 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.

**J Sob**

### Stuart Little

By E.B. White

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

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## FANTASY/SCI-FI

### Monster and Boy

By Hannah Barnaby

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

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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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### The International House of Dereliction

By Jacqueline Davies

In this not-so-scary story, Alice's new home has ghosts next door.

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### Class Pet Surprise

By Kate Egan

Flat Stanley's class gets a hamster.

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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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### The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck

By Matt Phelan

Three secret agents save the world from dastardly enemies.

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### The Story of Gumluck the Wizard

By Adam Rex

A lovable, but silly, wizard wins the hearts of his neighbors.

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## FANTASY/SCI-FI

### The Last Mapmaker

By Christina Soontornvat

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

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### The Lost Library

By Rebecca Stead

A ghost, a cat, and a boy tell the story of a long lost library.

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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 WWII, siblings are evacuated from London to rural England.

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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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### The Puffin Keeper

By Michael Morpurgo

Allen and a solitary lighthouse keeper rescue a puffin.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall**

By Ali Standish

A fictional Arthur Conan Doyle has adventures at a mysterious boarding school.

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### **I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900**

By Lauren Tarshis

A hurricane floods Galveston, Texas.

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## MODERN REALISM

### **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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### **Marya Khan and the Fabulous Jasmine Garden**

By Saadia Faruqi

Marya's class is creating a community garden.

**J Far**

### **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 Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle**

By Taryn Souders

Friends work together to solve a riddle found on a tapestry.

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### **Wretched Waterpark**

By Kiersten White

Twin sleuths investigate a creepy waterpark where people are disappearing.

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## MODERN REALISM

### **Finally Seen**

By Kelly Yang

After five years, Lina finally moves to America to be with her family.

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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

### **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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### **Why Do Elephants Have Big Ears?**

By Steve Jenkins

This book has surprising answers to many questions about animals.

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### **Animal Sidekicks: Amazing Stories of Symbiosis**

By Macken Murphy

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

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### **Weird But True! Sharks**

By National Geographic Kids

300 fin-nomenal facts about sharks.

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### **Mimic Makers**

By Kristen Nordstrom

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

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## NONFICTION & POETRY

### **Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems**

By Jack Prelutsky

Silly rhymes about food.

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### **Amazing Landmarks**

By Rekha S. Rajan

Travel around the world learning about 10 famous structures.

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### **The Harry Potter Wizarding Almanac**

By J.K. Rowling

Explore the author's official companion to her beloved series.

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### **Our Blue Planet**

By Leisa Stewart-Sharpe

Dive into our oceans in this amazing picture book.

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### **Courageous Creatures**

By Lauren Tarshis

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

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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.

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### **Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant**

By Remy Lai

A small elephant is separated from his family.

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### **Curlfriends: New in Town**

By Sharee Miller

Charlie's attempts to change herself (luckily) backfire.

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