



Chattanooga
Public Library

2024 Staff Picks Grades 6-8

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.

Tessa Miyata Is No Hero

By Julie Abe

Fantasy, Adventure, Mythology, Travel - Toyko, Japanese Americans

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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 Barnhill

Fantasy, Mystery, Friendship, Secrets, Community

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Race to the Bottom of the Earth

By Rebecca E.F. Barone

Nonfiction, 20th and 21st Century Explorers, Antarctica

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Simon Sort of Says

By Erin Bow

Modern Fiction, Friendship, Family, Grief, Humor

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Drew Leclair Gets a Clue

By Katryn Bury

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Detectives, Bullying, Social Media, School

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Little Monarchs

By Jonathan Case

Graphic Novel, Science Fiction, Survival, Environment, Disasters

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Falling Short

By Ernesto Cisneros

Modern Fiction, Humor, Friendship, Sports - Basketball, School

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Goldilocks: Wanted Dead or Alive

By Chris Colfer

Graphic Novel, Fairy Tales, Adventure, Magic, Outlaws

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Misfit Mansion

By Kay Davault

Graphic Novel, Monsters, Secrets, Identity, Friendship

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The Pear Affair

By Judith Eagle

Historical Fiction, Mystery, Paris - 1969, Adventure

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Witches of Brooklyn

By Sophie Escabasse

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Family, Witches, Friendship

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The Curse of the Mummy

By Candace Fleming

Nonfiction, Egypt - 1922, Tutankhamen's Tomb, Discovery

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The Accidental Apprentice

By Amanda Foody

Fantasy, Adventure, Mythical Creatures, Friendship

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My Side of the Mountain

By Jean Craighead George

Classic, Survival, Adventure, Catskill Mountains, NY

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The School for Whatnots

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Science Fiction, Mystery, Robots, Friendship

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The Worlds We Leave Behind

By A.F. Harrold

Fantasy, Mystery, Friendship, Disappearances, Supernatural

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When Stars Are Scattered

By Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Graphic Novel, Somali Refugees, Brothers, Survival, School

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Murder on the Baltimore Express

By Suzanne Jurmain

Nonfiction, United States History - 1865, Abraham Lincoln, Assassination Plot

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Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl

By Julie Kagawa

Fantasy, Adventure, Mythical Creatures, Secret Society

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Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

By Tae Keller

Modern Fiction, Supernatural, Bullying, Friendship, School, Missing Persons

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The Rema Chronicles: Realm of the Blue Mist

By Amy Kim Kibuishi

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Mystery, Romance, Secrets

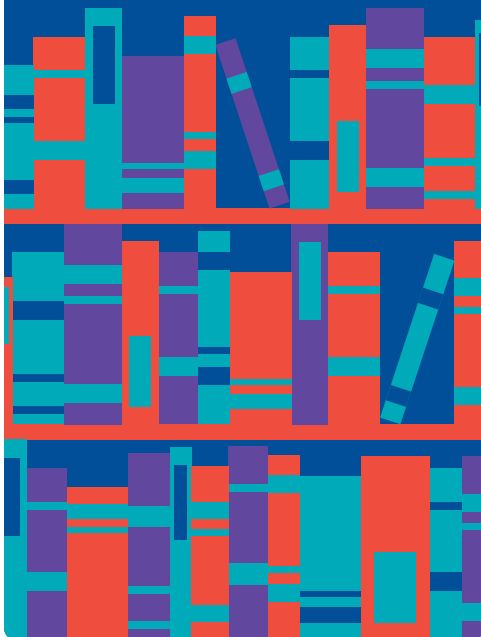
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Squished

By Megan Wagner Lloyd

Graphic Novel, Family, Friendship, Moving

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Ghost Girl

By Ally Malinenko

Horror, Ghosts, Friendship, Missing Persons, School

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Lo & Behold

By Wendy Mass

Graphic Novel, Family, Friendship, Virtual Reality, Summer Vacation

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Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky

By Kwame Mbalia

Fantasy, African Myths, African American Folk Tales, Magic, Adventure

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Save the People!: Halting Human Extinction

By Stacy McAnulty

Nonfiction, Extinction, Global Warming, Science, Environment, Activism

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The Time of Green Magic

By Hilary McKay

Fantasy, Magic, Family, Secrets

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Camp Sylvania

By Julie Murphy

Fantasy, Humor, Summer Vacation, Vampires, Friendship

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Growing Pangs

By Kathryn Ormsbee

Graphic Novel, OCD, Home School, Friendship, Overcoming Challenges

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Seen and Unseen

By Elizabeth Partridge

Nonfiction, Japanese Americans, United States - WWII, Racism, Photography

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City Spies

By James Ponti

Modern Fiction, Adventure, Mystery, Hackers, Teamwork

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The Westing Game

By Ellen Raskin

Classic, Mystery, Humor, Puzzles, Wealth, Inheritance

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Barely Floating

By Lilliam Rivera

Modern Fiction, Sports - Synchronized Swimming, Friendship, Self Esteem

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How We Got to the Moon

By John Rocco

Nonfiction, Project Apollo, Space Flight, Science, Astronauts

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The Labors of Hercules Beal

By Gary D. Schmidt

Modern Fiction, Humor, Mythology, Overcoming Challenges, School

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The Deep & Dark Blue

By Niki Smith

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Adventure, Family, Identity

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The Tryout

By Christina Soontornvat

Graphic Novel, Sports - Cheerleading, Friendship, School

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Enola Holmes and the Black Barouche

By Nancy Springer

Historical Fiction, Mystery, England - 1889, Detectives

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The Mysterious Benedict Society

By Trenton Lee Stewart

Science Fiction, Adventure, School, Teamwork, Puzzles

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What Happened to Rachel Riley?

By Claire Swinarski

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Bullying, Friendship, School

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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

By Mildred D. Taylor

Classic, Historical Fiction, United States - Great Depression, African Americans, Racism, 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.