



Chattanooga
Public Library

2024 Staff Picks Grades 9-12

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.

This Poison Heart

By Kalynn Bayron

Fantasy, Supernatural, Mystery, African Americans, Inheritance

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Himawari House

By Harmony Becker

Graphic Novel, Friendship, Japanese Americans, Travel

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Warrior Girl Unearthed

By Angeline Boulley

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Native American History, Friendship

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Promise Boys

By Nick Brooks

Modern Fiction, Mystery, Murder, School

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Bluebird

By Sharon Cameron

Historical Fiction, WWII & Post-WWII, Secrets, Family, Tennessee Author

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Jurassic Park

By Michael Crichton

Classic, Science Fiction, Thriller, Dinosaurs, Cloning, Disaster

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Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall

By Heather Demetrios

Nonfiction, Biography, Spies, WWII, United States History

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The Gilded Ones

By Namina Forna

Fantasy, Alternate World, Destiny, War, Friendship

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Stardust

By Neil Gaiman

Classic, Science Fiction, Adventure, Romance

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Messy Roots

By Laura Gao

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Chinese Americans, Humor, Identity

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The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor

By Shaenon K. Garrity

Graphic Novel, Alternate World, Humor, Gothic, Ghosts

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The Princess Bride

By William Goldman

Classic, Fantasy, Quests, Pirates, Giants, Romance

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Rez Ball

By Byron Graves

Modern Fiction, Sports - Basketball, Ojibwe Indians, Grief

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Beasts of Prey

By Ayana Gray

Fantasy, Magic, Monsters, Epic Adventure, Friendship

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Threads That Bind

By Kika Hatzopoulou

Fantasy, Mystery, Murder, Mythology, Romance, Family

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Dune

By Frank Herbert

Classic, Science Fiction, Future, Epic Adventure

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Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute

By Talia Hibbert

Modern Fiction, Romance, England, Survival Camp

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The Forest of Stolen Girls

By June Hur

Historical Fiction, Korea - 1426, Mystery, Thriller, Missing Persons

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Star Splitter

By Matthew Kirby

Science Fiction, Survival, Adventure, Interplanetary Travel

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Sunshine

By Jarrett Krosoczka

Graphic Novel, Grief, Camp Counselor for Terminally Ill Children

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Salt Magic

By Hope Larson and Rebecca Mock

Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Magic, Oklahoma - Post-WWI

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Run: Book One

By John Lewis

Graphic Novel, African American History, Memoir, Civil Rights

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Elatsoe

By Darcie Little Badger

Fantasy, Apache Mythology, Alternate World, Ghosts, Horror, Mystery

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Last Night at the Telegraph Club

By Malinda Lo

Historical Fiction, San Francisco - 1951, Chinese Americans, Identity

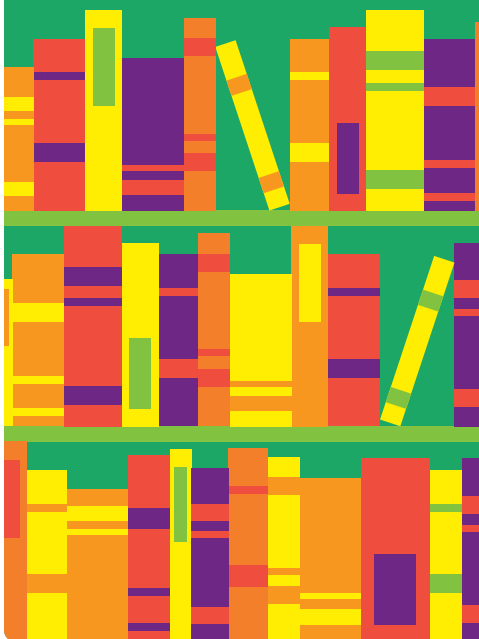
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No Filter and Other Lies

By Crystal Maldonado

Modern Fiction, Social Media, Friendship, Secrets

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The Davenport

By Krystal Marquis

Historical Fiction, African American History, Romance, United States History - 1910

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Nubia: Real One

By L.L. McKinney

Graphic Novel, Superhero, African Americans, Friendship

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Nothing More to Tell

By Karen M. McManus

Modern Fiction, Murder, Mystery, Secrets, Friendship

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I Kissed Shara Wheeler

By Casey McQuiston

Modern Fiction, Missing Persons, Mystery, Identity, Romance

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Your Plantation Prom Is Not Okay

By Kelly McWilliams

Modern Fiction, Racism, United States History, Friendship, Romance

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Abuela, Don't Forget Me

By Rex Ogle

Memoir, Poetry, Family, Overcoming Challenges, Identity

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Eragon: The Illustrated Edition

By Christopher Paolini

Fantasy, Epic Adventure, Dragons, Quests

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Ain't Burned All the Bright

By Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

Poetry, Friendship, Family, Racism, Pandemic

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Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel

By Jason Reynolds

Graphic Novel, Revenge, Murder, Ghosts, Brothers

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The Ghosts of Rose Hill

By R.M. Romero

Fantasy, Verse Novel, Ghosts, Romance, Czech Republic

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The Complete Persepolis: Volumes 1 and 2

By Marjane Satrapi

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Iran - 1979, Revolution

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I Must Betray You

By Ruta Sepetys

Historical Fiction, Romania - 1989, Spies, Thriller, Tennessee Author

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The Girls I've Been

By Tess Sharpe

Modern Fiction, Thriller, Hostages, Secrets, Friendship

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Tiny Dancer

By Siena Cherson Siegel

Graphic Novel, Memoir, Ballerinas, Overcoming Challenges

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Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed

By Dashka Slater

Nonfiction, Racism, Social Media, School, Friendship

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On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century

By Timothy Snyder

Graphic Novel, History, Politics, Democracy, Social Justice

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Give Me a Sign

By Anna Sortino

Modern Fiction, American Sign Language, Romance, Summer Camp

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You've Reached Sam

By Dustin Thao

Romance, Magical Realism, Grief, Friendship

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Concrete Rose

By Angie Thomas

Modern Fiction, African Americans, Gangs, Teen Father, The Hate U Give Prequel

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Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask

By Anton Treuer

Nonfiction, Native American History, Facts

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The Color Purple

By Alice Walker

Classic, African Americans, United States History - 20th Century, Abuse, Overcoming Challenges

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In the Wild Light

By Jeff Zentner

Modern Fiction, Friendship, Romance, Boarding School, Tennessee Author

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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.