

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2024 Summer Reading
Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2024 Funky Summer of Reading Recommendations. These books were chosen by a panel of librarians, educators and book industry professionals, and represent a diverse cross-section of interests. There's something here for every reader.

We hope these recommendations will support your child's education, improve their reading skills and provide plenty of relaxation and fun.

Following the description of each book are reading level guides. The letter represents the Fontas & Pinnel levels and the numbers represent the Lexile reading level.

Happy Reading!

Classics

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

by Judy Blume
Peter loves his little brother, but only he can see what a mischief-maker he is!

Q / 470L

Julie of the Wolves

by Jean Craighead George
Julie gets lost in the Alaskan wilderness and befriends a pack of wolves.

U / 860L

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

by Robert C. O'Brien
Some extraordinary rats come to the rescue of a mouse family.

V / 790L

The Hoboken Chicken Emergency

by Daniel Pinkwater
Henrietta, a 266 pound chicken descends on Hoboken, New Jersey, in this hilarious story.

R / 780L

Fantasy / SciFi

Elf Dog and Owl Head

by M. T. Anderson
Adventure about a dog and his boy in a forest of wonders hidden in plain sight.

X / 660 L

Freddie vs the Family Curse

by Tracy Badua
A boy teams up with his ancestor to break a family curse or be trapped forever.

R / 750L

The Eyes and the Impossible

by Dave Eggers
A free dog living in an urban park, watches over frightening changes coming to his park.

Y / 790L

The Grace of Wild Things

by Heather Fawcett
A retelling of *Anne of Green Gables* - with magic and witches!

T / 800L

Like a Charm

by Elle McNicholl
Nuerodivergent tween Ramya uncovers a world of mystery

and magic - and she's the only one who can see it!

X / 570L

Don't Want to be Your Monster

by Deke Moulton
Two vampire brothers must work together to catch a vampire slayer.

P / 640L

You Only Live Once David Bravo

by Mark Oshiro
David finds himself in an alternate timeline with a talking, shapeshifting dog.

W / HL710L

The Last Mapmaker

by Christina Soontornvat
Sai must choose between traveling to a magical land, or her responsibilities at home.

Y / 740L

A Rover's Story

by Jasmine Warga
A rover begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns new things exploring Mars.

V / 850L

Historical Fiction

The Night War

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A Jewish girl in WWII France who has lost everything must decide whether to risk her life to bring others to freedom.

Y / 580L

When the Crickets Stopped Singing

by Marilyn Cram Donahue

Young girl defies social norms when a strange man is a threat to one of her friends.

Y / 730L

Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves

by L. M. Elliott

Louisa June joins the cause to protect America during WWII.

V / 800L

Digging for Victory

by Cathy Faulkner

12yo girl wants to do more than tend her family's vegetable garden in the war effort.

Y / 780L

Heroes

by Alan Gratz

The attack on Pearl Harbor as seen through the eyes of two friends - will they survive?

Z / 730L

Planet Earth is Blue

by Nicole Panteleakos

Nova eagerly awaits the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, but her sister, the only one who understands her, is missing.

X / 740L

Realistic Fiction

Odder

by Katherine Applegate

An otter has a run-in with a hungry shark and is rescued by humans - will she learn to trust them?

T / Np

Ferris

by Kate DiCamillo

Hilarious love story about a girl, a ghost, a grandmother, and an outlaw little sister.

R / 670L

A Place at the Table

by Saadia Faruqi & Laura Shovan

Two very different sixth-graders take a cooking class and learn about friendship.

HL680L

The Midnight Children

by Dan Gemeinhart

A family of runaways moves to town and become friends with a timid and lonely boy.

590L

Wildoak

by C. C. Harrington

When the fates of a snow leopard, a child, and an ancient forest collide, the unimaginable can happen.

760L

Secret Language of Birds

by Lynne Kelly

A girl discovers a pair of endangered birds about to lay eggs in the marshes of her summer camp...and the secret plan she hatches to help them.

W / 720L

Non-Fiction

The Magnificent Mischief of Tad Lincoln

by Raymond Arroyo

The humorous, true story of Abraham Lincoln's son and the trouble he causes at the White House.

L / 400L

Caves

by Neil Cross Beckerman

Exploration of one of nature's most curious subterranean ecosystems.

AD930L

Brothers In Arms

by Susan Hood

A true WWII story of Wotjek the bear and the soldiers who loved him.

820L

Listen to the Birds

by Donald Kroodsma

Discover North America's birds and their songs in this beautiful book and easy-to-use app.

860L

Non-Fiction (cont)

Just a Girl: A True Story of WWII

by Lia Levi

A Jewish girl in Italy grows up during WWII.

S / 850L

Brains: Not Just a Zombie Snack

by Stacey McAnulty

A zombie chef teaches kids about different kinds of brains in a fun and funny way!

N / AD590L

Graphic Novels

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza

by Mac Barnett

A bioengineered cat blasts off to keep the moon from being eaten by rats!

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Cold War Correspondent

by Nathan Hale

Discover the Korean War through the eyes of the journalist who covered it.

Things in the Basement

by Ben Hatke

Milo discovers a portal to a secret world in his basement.

Ghost Book

by Remy Lai

Spooky GN about the friendship between a girl who can see ghosts and a boy stuck between the world of the living and the dead.

Beetle and the Hollowbones

by Aliza Layne

A young goblin tries to save her friend from a haunted mall.

Jacky Ha-Ha

by James Patterson

A class clown makes people laugh with her so they can't laugh at her.

Adventuregame Comics: Leviathan

by Jason Shiga

Choose your own adventure to defeat a mysterious sea monster.

Get ready for the
SDCL Funky
Summer of Reading!
When you read this summer, you can
earn - and paint - this groovy
T-Shirt!



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