Soddy-Daisy Community Library 2025 Summer Reading Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2025 Classic 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.

Happy Reading!

Classics

Tuck Everlasting

by Natalie Babbit When Ten-year-old Winnie Foster learns the Tuck family's secret, she must decide whether to live forever or embrace a life of change and experience.

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies
With just five days left of
summer vacation, Evan and
Jessie launch an all-out war to
see who can sell the most
lemonade before school starts.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

by C.S. Lewis
Four siblings discover a magical wardrobe leading to the land of Narnia, where they help Aslan, the lion, defeat the White Witch and restore peace to the enchanted land.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

by Louis Sachar
At the wacky 30-story Wayside
School, every classroom has a
crazy story—like a kid who
reads upside down, a boy stuck
to his seat, and a teacher who
turns kids into apples!

Fantasy / SciFi

The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest

by Aubrey Hartman
Clare, an undead fox who helps
lost souls find peace, teams up
with a stubborn badger named
Gingersnipes on a spooky and
dangerous adventure to save their
strange forest and uncover a
secret that could change
everything.

The Song of Orphan's Garden

by Nicole M. Hewitt
In a frozen world full of danger, a
brave girl named Lyriana and a
grumpy Giant boy named Brob
must team up to save the magical
Orphan's Garden—a place that
could be the only hope for both
their families.

The Extraterrestrial Zoo: Finding the Lost One

by Samantha van Leer
When a wild storm sets alien
creatures loose from the Alien
Zoo, 13-year-old Ava must team
up with a surprise new intern to
save the creatures, find her
missing uncle, and protect the
only home she's ever known.

The Witching Wind

by Natalie Lloyd
When Roxie's grandma and
Grayson's sister mysteriously
vanish, the two girls team up to
chase the magical Witching
Wind that steals what you love
most—and they'll need all their
courage (and a little music) to
bring their families back.

El Niño

When Kai discovers a magical underwater world from his sister's favorite book coming to life, he dives into a thrilling adventure filled with sea creatures, storms, and secrets to finally understand how to say goodbye and keep her memory alive.

A Rover's Story

by Jasmine Warga
Resilience, a Mars rover who
starts to feel more and more
like a real kid, must brave dust
storms, cliffs, and danger to
complete his mission—and
prove he's got the heart and
courage to survive on the Red
Planet.

Historical Fiction

Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves

by L.M. Elliott

Determined to help her mama and aching to combat Nazis herself, Louisa June turns to her friend and family learning that love is the greatest lifeline.

Resist

by Alan Gratz
Samira, a French-Algerian girl
in WWII, joins the French
Resistance to rescue her
captured mother. Amidst the
chaos of D-Day, she embarks
on a daring mission with her
dog, Cyrano.

Eyes on the Sky

by J. Kasper Kramer
A budding young scientist in
1947 Roswell, New Mexico
fears her weather balloon
experiment has been mistaken
for a flying saucer!

A Horse Named Sky

by Rosanne Parry
A young, wild horse must find
his way home after being
captured for the Pony Express.
A unique environmental and
historical story of survival from
the horse's point of view.

Will's Race for Home

by Jewell Parker Rhodes Will Samuels, his father, and ex-Union soldier embark on a dangerous trek to claim land during the 1889 Oklahoma Land Rush.

Trapped in Hitler's Web

by Marsha Skrypuch
When Maria and her friend
Nathan run from danger in
their Nazi-occupied town,
they try to hide in Austria—
but when they're split up,
Maria must find a way to
protect him and survive on
her own.

Realistic Fiction

Montgomery Bonbon: Murder at the Museum

by Alisdair Beckett-King Bonnie Montgomery, a 10year-old girl, disguises herself as a gentleman detective. Can they solve a murder at the museum while keeping their secret intact?

Away

by Megan E. Freeman
A group of children
investigates the threat that
prompted large-scale

evacuations, which causes them to question everything and everyone around them.

A Kind of Spark

by Elle McNichol
11-year-old autistic girl Addie,
inspired by learning about the
Scottish witch trials, campaigns
for a memorial to honor the
women persecuted and burned
as witches in her town.

The Trouble with Heroes

by Kate Messner
Caught on camera vandalizing a
cemetery, Finn is in big trouble.
To avoid punishment, Finn
agrees to climb all forty-six
Adirondack High Peaks in a
single summer.

The Secret of the Magic Eyepad

by Marsha Tufft
Putney is struggling to fit in at a
new school, but everything
changes when she stumbles
upon a mysterious tablet with an
advanced, talkative Al inside.

Fowl Play

by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb
Uncle Will has died and left
Chloe his African grey parrot.
When the parrot begins talking
about murder, Chloe is
convinced his death was foul
play and begins to investigate.

Non-Fiction

The Universe in You

by Jason Chin
Go on an inward journey from a hummingbird on a girl's hand to the smallest building blocks of matter, exploring the microscopic world within us.

The Interactive Constitution

by David & Stephanie Miles An introduction to the Constitution with engaging, interactive features that simplify complex concepts such as government, the Bill of Rights, and the amendment process.

Animal Sidekicks

by Macken Murphy
Heard about the fish that
clean shark teeth? Or the frog
that lives with a tarantula?
Welcome to the weird world
of symbiosis, where animals
form incredible relationships.

Almost Underwear

by Jonathan Ross
Follows a piece of muslin,
intended for underwear, that
became part of the Wright

Non-Fiction (cont)

brothers' Flyer, then traveled to the moon with Neil Armstrong and finally to Mars with Perseverance.

Stars of the Night

by Caren Stelson Nicholas Winton rescued 669 Jewish from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. Through the Kindertransport, they were brought to safety in England.

Graphic Novels

Booked

by Kwame Alexander Twelve-year-old Nick kicks off a wild year full of soccer, bullies, big feelings, and awesome books-helped by his best friend and a rapping librarian who shows him how powerful words can be.

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies With just five days left of summer vacation, Evan and Jessie launch an all-out war to see who can sell the most lemonade before school starts.

Mixed-Up

by Kami Garcia Stella is excited for the best year ever—until school gets tough and her favorite game feels impossible—so with help from her family and teachers, she discovers she has dyslexia and learns new ways to shine.

Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez Five kids who think they have nothing in common team up for a school project—but when they meet someone who really needs help, they must decide if they're brave enough to stand out and make a difference.

The Cartoonists Club

by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud Makayla, Howard, Lynda, and Art team up to start The Cartoonists Club, where they turn big ideas, cool drawings, and wild imaginations into awesome comic book stories together!

Get ready for the **SDCL Classic** Summer of Reading! When you read this summer, you can earn this Classic T-Shirt!



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