



Soddy-Daisy

Community Library

2026 Summer Reading
Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2026 Futuristic 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

Beezus and Ramona

by Beverly Cleary

A girl learns that loving a younger sibling means surviving a lot of mischief.

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies

A brother and sister turn a lemonade business into a summer competition that tests their bond.

Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen

A boy must survive alone in the wilderness after a plane crash with only a hatchet.

Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White

A pig and a spider form an unforgettable friendship that changes a farm forever.

Fantasy / SciFi

Pocket Bear

by Katherine Applegate

A stuffed bear made for soldiers grows up to help other toys find new homes and second chances.

Sylvie Doe and the 100-Year Flood

by Robert Beatty

A girl caught in a flood rescues a mysterious boy and uncovers a strange adventure in the river valley.

The School for Invisible Boys

by Shaun David Hutchinson

When the normally unseen sixth-grader Hector discovers he can turn invisible, he learns that he is not the only invisible boy at his school, and that there are worse things than bullies lurking in the halls.

The House with a Dragon in It

by Nick Lake

A lonely girl finds a wish-granting dragon, but the magic begins to grow dangerous.

Dragonborn

by Struan Murray

A girl discovers a secret world of dragons and must learn to control the power inside her.

The Wish Ring Cypher

by Alexandra Ott

A group of friends solves codes and tries to stop rivals from using magic for harm.

The Lost Library

by Rebecca Stead

When a mysterious little library appears overnight, a curious kid uncovers a secret that could change what everyone thought they knew about their town.

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

by A.F. Steadman

A regular boy discovers a hidden world of fierce, elemental unicorns and must risk everything to prove he belongs before a dangerous thief changes it forever.

Historical Fiction

A Sea of Lemon Trees: The Corrido of Roberto Alvarez

by Maria Delores Aguila

A boy and his community stand up against unfair school segregation in a powerful true story.

Where Only Storms Grow

by Alyssa Colman

A brother and sister face hardship and learn to rely on each other as a deadly dust storm approaches.

Ticket to Ride: An Unexpected Journey

by Adrienne Kress

A boy who loves trains boards a dream trip that quickly becomes a puzzling adventure.

The Teacher of Nomad Land: A World War II Story

by Daniel Nayeni

Two orphaned siblings travel across mountains during wartime, searching for safety and a place to belong.

Magnitude

by Jennifer Nielsen

After a massive earthquake, a girl must survive danger and search for her family in a ruined city.

Moon Over Manifest

by Clare Vanderpool

A girl explores a quiet town and discovers hidden clues, stories, and family secrets.

Realistic Fiction

What Stars Are Made Of

by Elisabeth Allen

A science-loving girl makes a deal with the universe to help her sister and learns what she can and can't control.

The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze

by Derrick Barnes

A young athlete challenges how he is treated and must

choose between silence and truth.

Mystery in Rocky Mountain State Park

by Aaron Johnson

A scavenger hunt in the wilderness turns into a dangerous race as kids uncover a hidden family mystery.

I Am Rebel

by Ross Montgomery

A loyal dog sets out on a dangerous journey to bring his human home from war.

The Sherlock Society

by James Ponti

Four friends and their grandpa team up to investigate clues and uncover a long-lost secret.

The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum

by Lisa Yee

A misfit girl arrives at a strange school and joins a secret team to stop a major heist.

Non-Fiction

Kidstory: 50 Children and Young People Who Shook Up the World

by Tom Adams

Discover inspiring true stories of kids who made a big difference in the world.

Akeem Keeps Bees

by Kamal E. Bell

A boy spends the year learning how to keep bees and take care of a busy hive.

It's Possible:

by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

A boy who dreamed big grows up to reach the stars and inspire others to follow their dreams.

The Fire of Stars

by Kirsten Larson

The life and brilliance of the woman who discovered what stars are made of.

Non-Fiction (cont)

All the Way to the Top

by Annette Bay Pimentel

How a courageous girl's fight for Americans with disabilities changed history.

How to Know a Crow

by Candace Savage

Follow a young crow's life and discover what makes these clever birds so unique.

Graphic Novels

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies

A brother and sister turn a lemonade business into a summer competition that tests their bond.

Fresh Start

by Gale Gilligan

A girl who is used to moving often learns how to make real friends when she has to stay in one place.

Schoolbot 9000

by Sam Hepburn

When a robot takes over the school, one kid must uncover the truth before it's too late.

The Blood Moon

by Morr Meroz

Three animal outsiders travel together across a frozen world and uncover a growing threat in the mountains.

Wagnificent: The Adventures of Thunder and Sage

by Bethany Muguira

A playful dog struggles to behave until she learns surprising truths about instincts, friendship, and belonging.

Bunny vs. Monkey and the Human Invasion!

by Jaime Smart

Their rivalry turns even sillier when strange new humans appear in the forest.

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



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