

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.

Happy Reading!

These recommendations cover a wide range of grades, ages, content, and subject matter. If you need help making choices or would like additional recommendations, we're happy to assist.

Classics

The Summer of the Swans

by Betsy Byars
Sara puts aside her own problems to search for her missing brother with someone she doesn't like.

A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich

by Alice Childress
Benjie is a drug addict at 13 and sees no reason to stop. He just wants someone to believe in him to find a reason to quit.

Over Sea, Under Stone

by Susan Cooper
The three Drew children discover an ancient map and search for a source of power to fight the forces of the evil known as the Dark.

The Chocolate War

by Robert Cormier
When Jerry refuses to take part in his private school's chocolate sale, his defiant act turns into an all-out war with a secret school society.

Fantasy / SciFi

The Marvellers

by Dhonielle Clayton
Ella is the first Conjuror at a magical school. Can she and her new friends save their teacher and put an escaped dangerous criminal back in jail?

The World-Famous Nine

by Ben Guterson
Strange accidents and evil looming in the shadows of a skyscraper, and Zander and Natasha must find a mysterious object to save the plaza!

The Visitors

by Greg Howard
A 12-year old ghost looks to the living to help him move on, despite a malevolent spirit trying to trap everyone there forever.

The School for Invisible Boys

by Shaun David Hutchinson
Hector discovers he can turn invisible, only to find that there is something preying on the invisible boys of his school.

The First State of Being

by Erin Entrada Kelly
When Michael meets a mysterious boy from the future, his life is changed forever.

Paper Dragons: The Fight for the Hidden Realm

by Siobhan McDermott
A 12-year old girl wins an invitation to train as an apprentice to the immortals. Will her new found powers help her to save her friends and the world?

Like a Charm

by Elle McNicholl
After the death of her grandfather, neurodivergent Ramya uncovers a world of mystery and magic - and she's the only one who can see it!

You Only Live Once David Bravo

by Mark Oshiro
When David makes a mistake that he wishes he could undo, he finds himself in the wrong timeline with a talking, shapeshifting dog.

Historical Fiction

The Songbird and the Rambutan Tree

by Lucille Abendanon
Emmy refuses to sing after a family tragedy, but she will need all of her strength to survive war, find her voice, and reclaim her freedom.

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.

Bea and the New Deal Horse

by L. M. Elliott
Set during the Great Depression, this is a story about the magical relationship between girl and horse, found family, and American persistence.

Max in the House of Spies

by Adam Gidwitz
Max must become a British spy to return to Berlin and his parents, where Jewish

families are in constant danger!

Heroes

by Alan Gratz
In 1941, Frank and Stanley are touring a battleship at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attack; if they survive how will their lives change?

Alias Anna

by Susan Hood
The moving true story of how young Ukrainian Jewish piano prodigies Zhanna (alias "Anna") and her sister hid in plain sight during the holocaust.

The Lost Year

by Katherine Marsh
A survival story that traces a family secret back to the terrible Ukrainian famine of the 1930s.

Berliners

by Vesper Stamper
Two brothers are rivals living on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall during its construction in the 1960s.

Realistic Fiction

I Lived on Butterfly Hill

by Marjorie Agosin
Celeste is forced to move from Chile to Maine when the government declares artists, protestors and anyone who helps the needy as subversives.

Simon Sort of Says

by Erin Bow
Simon's family moves after a gun violence incident at his school, and he can now create a new story for himself.

Will on the Inside

by Andrew Eliopoulos
Will is sidelined from soccer by Crohn's disease and discovers a new friend who will make him look at the world very differently. Will knows he has a lot to figure out about who he really is on the inside.

The Probability of Everything

by Sarah Everett

Kemi is an aspiring scientist who loves statistics and facts, and must navigate grief and loss at a moment when life changes forever.

Not an Easy Win

by Chrystal D. Giles
Lawrence gets expelled from his new school but discovers a rec center and friends that help him figure out who he is.

Attack of the Black Rectangles

by A. S. King
When words are blacked out of books in school, Mac and his friends fight to free the words and the truth.

Rare Birds

by Jeff Miller
Graham's mother is waiting for a heart transplant, and he is waiting also - to find himself.

Air

by Monica Roe
Emmie is trying to raise money to get a tricked-out wheelchair for WCMX, but is

Realistic Fiction **(cont)**

challenged by “helpers” in the community.

The Labors of Hercules Beal

by Gary D. Schmidt
Seventh-grade Herc has to figure out how to fulfill an assignment to perform the Twelve Labors of Hercules in real life!

Louder Than Hunger

by John Schu
Verse novel that explores anorexia and self-expression as an act of survival, muffling the destructive voices inside, and embracing self-acceptance, support, and love.

Finally Seen

by Kelly Yang
A young girl leaves China to live with her parents and sister after five years apart, and learns about family, friendship, and finally being seen.

Non-Fiction / **Biography**

The Light of Days (Young Reader Edition)

by Judy Batalion
Untold story of women resistance fighters in Hitler’s ghettos.

Facing the Mountain (Young Reader Edition)

by Daniel James Brown
A true story of Japanese American heroes in WWII.

Force of Nature

by Ann E. Burg
The story of how the impassioned naturalist Rachel Carson grows up to change the world.

The Mona Lisa Vanishes

by Nicholas Day
The story of a legendary painter, a shocking heist, and the birth of a global celebrity.

Plague-Busters! Medicine’s Battles with

History’s Deadliest Diseases

by Lindsey Fitzharris
The illnesses that have afflicted humans and affected civilizations through the ages.

The Sun Does Shine (Young Reader Edition)

by Anthony Ray Hinton
The story of an innocent man, a wrongful conviction, and the long path to justice.

Breaking the Mold: Changing the Face of Climate Science

by Dana Alison Levy
Profiles of 16 people, all studying different elements of earth’s landscape, animals, and climate, who defy stereotypes of who can be a scientist.

Where are the Aliens? The Search for Life Beyond Earth.

by Stacy McAnulty
Fun-filled, highly illustrated, science-based exploration into one of the universe’s greatest mysteries.

Unseen Jungle: The Microbes That Secretly Control Our World

by Eleanor Spicer Rice
Zany facts, hilarious and sometimes disgusting illustrations, and interviews with experts in their fields; an engrossing trip into the microbe drama unfolding where you might least expect it.

Mission Arctic: A Scientific Adventure to a Changing North Pole

by Katharina Weiss-Tuider
The largest Arctic expedition ever undertaken discovers the secrets hidden deep in the ice that reveals how one of the world’s crucial ecosystems is changing.

More than a Dream: The Radical March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

by Yohura Williams
The story of the 1963 March on Washington spotlights the protest’s radical roots and the underappreciated role of Black women.

Graphic Novels

Saving Sunshine

by Saadia Faruqi
Muslim American siblings who must learn how to stop fighting and support each other in a world that is often unkind.

Mission One: The Vice-Principal Problem (Blue Stars #1)

by Kekla Magoon
Cousins cooperate during a class president election to battle a threat of money, power, and lies.

Hidden Systems

by Dan Nott
Water, electricity, the Internet, and the secrets behind the systems we use every day.

Silverwing

by Kenneth Oppel
A small bat blown off course makes the perilous journey home with new friends.

Garlic and the Vampire

by Bree Paulsen

Garlic, and unusual heroine, must brave the local castle when a bloodthirsty vampire moves in.

Unicorn Boy

by Dave Roman
Shy kid Brian suddenly grows a full-blown, sparkling, singing unicorn horn and uses his newfound powers to help those in need.

Parachute Kids

by Betty C. Tong
Funny, fast-paced story about three siblings living on their own as undocumented new immigrants.

Katie the Catsitter

by Colleen Venable
Katie takes on the job of cat-sitter for her upstairs neighbor - but is one of the cats a super-villain?!

Anne of West Philly

by Ivy Noelle Weir
A modern retelling of Anne of Green Gables with a big twist!

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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