



Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2023 Summer Reading
Recommendations

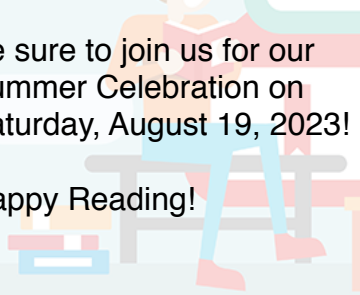
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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2023 Mythical Summer of Reading Recommendations. These books were chosen by a panel of librarians, educators and book industry professionals, and represent a diverse cross-section of interests so there is something appealing here for every reader.

We hope that these recommendations will not only build on your child's education and reading abilities, but will also provide pleasure, relaxation, and fun.

Be sure to join us for our Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 19, 2023!

Happy Reading!



Classics

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

by Judy Blume
Margaret has a special relationship with God.
T / 570L

Coraline

by Neil Gaiman
Coraline must save herself and her parents from a scary alternate world!
W / 740L

The Bridge to Terabithia

by Katherine Paterson
Two young people create a magical kingdom in their imaginations to cope with the real world.
T / 810L

Sign of the Beaver

by Elizabeth George Speare
Young boy in Colonial America learns to survive from the local Penobscot tribe.
T / 770L

Fantasy / SciFi

Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting

by Roseanne A. Brown
A young vampire slayer encounters a shapeshifting vampire in her new school.
P / 650L

Lords of Night

by J. C. Cervantes
A fast-paced adventure with Mayan and Aztec gods and their magical offspring.
O / 600L

The Forgotten Five: Map of Flames

by Lisa McMann
Five children with illegal superpowers return to civilization.
W / 720L

Once There Was

by Kiyash Monsef
A girl must learn to be a veterinarian to mythical creatures like her father, despite the many dangers.
W / 880L

The Sun and the Star

by Rick Riordan
Demigods Nico di Angelo and Will Solace must endure the terrors of Tartarus to rescue an old friend.
Y / HL710L

Steelheart

by Brandon Sanderson
When a stray comet gives some people superpowers, it drives them mad, and it's up to the normal people to fight back.
Z / HL680L

Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy

by Angie Thomas
Nic and her friends hunt for a powerful tool to free her father.
W / 700L

Long Lost

by Jacqueline West
A creepy small town, dark things in the wood and sibling bonds - get lost in this great book!
T / 770L

Historical Fiction

For Lamb

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

An interracial friendship between two girls goes tragically wrong in the Jim Crow South.

Z+ / 760L

Ground Zero

by Alan Gratz

Two kids, one devastating day (9/11), and the links between the past and the present.

Z / 690L

The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani

A girl searches for home and identity in a newly divided India.

Y / 700L

Ophie's Ghosts

by Justina Ireland

Sweeping tale of the ghosts of our past that won't stay buried.

W / 800L

The List of Unspeakable Fears

by J. Kasper Kramer

An anxious young girl learns to face her fears and her ghosts against the backdrop of the typhoid epidemic

Y / 720L

Love is a Higher Law

by David Levithan

Three teens deal with the world after 9/11.

Z / 920L

Iceberg

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

A young girl stows away on the *Titanic* and finds herself caught up in the struggle to survive.

Y / 730L

Summer of the Monkeys

by Wilson Rawls

Jay tries to capture escaped circus monkeys but gets more than he bargained for!

V / 810L

Realistic Fiction

Shot Clock

by Caron Butler

Tony tries to make his mark on a AAU basketball team coached by a former NBA star.

W / 790L

Fifty-Four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers

by Caela Carter

Gwendolyn must face her learning differences to discover her individuality.

V / 800L

Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

Tired of being fat-shamed, Ellie discovers a way to cast aside the rules and be her own fabulous self

W / HL630L

Alone

by Megan Freeman

Maddie wakes up to learn she's been left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated!

Z+ / 690L

Two Degrees

by Alan Gratz

Four kids fight for their lives in three climate disasters: fire, ice, and flood.

Z / 770L

The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels

by Beth Lincoln

Mischievous Shenanigan Swift's family reunion turns into a murder mystery.

X / 810L

Hummingbird

by Natalie Lloyd

A girl refuses to let her brittle bone disease stand in the way of adventure.

V / 610L

Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

Native American girl's life is turned upside down when her mother is diagnosed with leukemia

V / 850L

Realistic Fiction **(cont)**

The Elephant in the Room

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

A rescued circus elephant, a widowed lottery winner, a young girl whose mother has been deported, and a quiet autistic boy are drawn together.

V / 790L

The List of Things That Will Not Change

by Rebecca Stead

Bea learns that making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy

X / 680L

Jeb Strauss and Grant's Gold

by John V. Suter

A lost gold shipment from Ulysses S. Grant lies buried in the Tennessee River and treasure hunter Jeb Strauss is hired to find the wreck and the treasure hidden within.

T / 760L

Non-Fiction / **Biography**

Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction

by John Austin

Build implements of spitball warfare out of everyday household items.

W / 900L

Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverted Kids

by Susan Cain

Stories of kids who have tackled the challenges of not being extroverted and who have made a mark in their own quiet way.

Y / 1020L

No Surrender

by Chris Edmonds

The story of a WWII POW who embodies the power of compassion, goodness, and ultimately, hope.

Y / 1020L

Signs of Survival

by Renee Hartman

Renee, the only hearing person in her family, and her sister Herta use sign language to fight to survive the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

? / 960L

Diary of a Tokyo Teen

by Mari Inzer

Japanese-American girl returns to Japan before her 16th birthday to get reacquainted with her heritage. Graphic Novel.

W / 950L

Red Scarf Girl

by Ji-Li Jiang

12 yo Jiang deals with the Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution in China.

Z / 780L

The Perfect Horse (Young Reader Edition)

by Elizabeth Letts

U.S. mission to rescue a priceless horse stolen by the Nazis.

Z+ / 1080L

This Side of Wild

by Gary Paulsen

Author of *Hatchet* shares true stories of his animal encounters.

W / 1150L

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown

by Steve Sheinkin

Take a trip into the Cold War and the potential for our mutually assured destruction!

Z / 920L

Unforgotten

by Anita Silvey

The wild life of Dian Fossey and her relentless quest to save the mountain gorillas

T / 1000L

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys Soccer Team

by Christina Soontornvat

Unique account of cave rescue that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight.

Z / 1020L

Graphic Novels

Brightly Woven

by Alexandra Bracken
Magical graphic novel about discovering your own power, perfect for fans of the *Amulet* series.

School Trip

by Jerry Craft
The gang from Riverdale Academy is heading to Paris for an international education like you've never seen before.

Miss Quinces

by Kat Fajardo
Sue would rather do anything other than celebrate her quinceañera!

The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman
Bod grows up in a graveyard with an undead protector.

Freestyle

by Gale Galligan
A dance crew, mad yo-yo skills, and school - how is Cory supposed to balance it all?

Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Five very different students are forced together to complete community service...and they may have more in common than they thought.

Cookie Monsters

by Erika J. Kendrick
Brooklyn is determined to be the cookie-selling queen of her school, until Piper, a new rich girl, shows up and threatens to steal her crown.

All Summer Long

by Hope Larson
A tale about surviving middle school through roller derby.

A First Time for Everything

by Dan Santat
Dan's parents send him on a class field trip to Europe with the same middle school girls who love make fun of him. But his experiences will change his life!

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



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