



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!

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.

Fantasy / SciFi

Curse of the Eelgrass Bog

by Mary Averling

Kess and her strange new friend venture deep into a monster-filled bog to break a creepy curse, battle dangerous creatures, and uncover the truth hidden in the swamp.

The Whispering Fog

by Landra Jennings

When her sister is kidnapped by a swamp witch, Neve must journey through eerie fog, hidden magic, and dangerous secrets to save her before it's too late.

Elementals: Ice Wolves

by Amie Kaufman

When orphaned twins transform into enemy elemental creatures—one an ice wolf and the other a scorch dragon—Anders must brave a dangerous magic academy to rescue his sister and uncover the truth about who they really are.

When Tomorrow Burns

by Tae Keller

As wildfires threaten their community, three friends uncover a mysterious book that seems to predict the future, forcing them to face danger, friendship, and the choices that could change everything around them.

The Grimmerlings

by Rachael King

After Ella accidentally curses a boy who disappears, she must face terrifying creatures, dangerous magic, and the power of her own words to bring him back safely.

Daughters of the Lamp

by Nedda Lewers

A science-loving girl travels to Egypt for a family wedding and discovers she may be the next guardian of Ali Baba's magical treasure, pulling her into an adventure filled with ancient secrets, powerful magic, and danger.

A Sky Full of Dragons

by Tiffany McDaniel

Young witch Spella heads toward magic school, but first she must survive a wild

adventure involving dragons, powerful magic, mysterious creatures, and an enchanted hat with secrets of its own.

Dragonborn

by Struan Murray

Alex discovers she is secretly a dragon and must learn to control her incredible powers before a dangerous enemy threatens dragons, humans, and the future of the world itself.

The Lost Library

by Rebecca Stead

A mysterious little free library leads Evan into a town mystery involving lost books, hidden secrets, and a long-ago fire that still haunts the community today.

The Spiritualists

by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb

In 1912 New York, a young psychic joins a secret group for a ghostly high-stakes heist, uncovering hidden powers, dangerous mysteries, and surprises that could change her life forever.

Historical Fiction

A Sea of Lemon Trees
by Maria Delores Aguila

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

The Light in Hidden Places
by Sharon Cameron

Based on a true story, a brave teenage girl in Nazi-occupied Poland risks everything to hide Jewish families in her home while protecting her little sister and fighting to survive.

How I Became a Spy
by Deborah Hopkinson

During World War II, a curious boy gets pulled into a dangerous spy mission alongside real-life hero Joséphine Baker, uncovering secrets that could change the course of the war.

The Teacher of Nomad Land
by Daniel Nayeri

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.

The Bletchley Riddle
by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin

During World War II, two siblings uncover secrets and hidden codes at Bletchley Park, racing to solve a mystery tied to Britain's top-secret codebreakers.

Winterkill
by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

As war and famine devastate Ukraine, a young girl must fight to survive, protect her loved ones, and hold onto hope during one of history's darkest times.

Realistic Fiction

I Know You Started It
by Daphne Benedis-Grab

After a fire breaks out at school, four middle schoolers dig through rumors, secrets, and clues to uncover who started it before someone else gets blamed and the truth disappears forever.

I Can Make This Promise
by Christine Day

When Edie finds hidden family photos and letters, she begins uncovering the truth about her Native American heritage and the family history no one has ever fully explained to her.

And Then, Boom!
by Lisa Fipps

After his family suddenly loses everything, Joe must navigate hunger, homelessness, and middle school struggles while holding onto hope, friendship, and the dream of a better future.

A Scar Like a River
by Lisa Graff

Fallon has always hidden the truth about the scar she received as a child, but after a family tragedy, she must finally face painful memories, difficult questions, and the courage to share her story with others.

Now You Say Yes
by Bill Harley

After losing their mother, Mari and her younger stepbrother Conor set off on a cross-country journey searching for family, belonging, and a place where they truly feel safe.

Wildoak
by C.C. Harrington

Sent to Cornwall because of her stutter, Maggie discovers an abandoned snow leopard cub and must find the courage to protect him, the forest, and herself from growing danger.

Realistic Fiction

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The Academy

by T.Z. Layton

Twelve-year-old soccer star Leo earns a spot at an elite soccer academy in England, where fierce competition, pressure, and teamwork will test how badly he wants to succeed.

Haven: A Small Cat's Big Adventure

by Megan Wagner Lloyd

When her beloved Ma Millie becomes sick, a timid housecat named Haven journeys into the wild to find help, discovering bravery, friendship, and adventure in a world far bigger and more dangerous than she ever imagined.

The White Giraffe

by Lauren St. John

After a family tragedy, Martine moves to a South African wildlife reserve and discovers a mysterious white giraffe connected to hidden secrets, ancient legends, and the untamed beauty of the wild.

Non-Fiction /

Biography

The Light of Days

by Judy Batalion

The incredible true story of brave Jewish girls and women who became spies, smugglers, and resistance fighters, risking their lives to battle the Nazis during World War II.

Facing the Mountain

by Daniel James Brown

The inspiring true story of Japanese American soldiers who fought heroically in World War II while their own families faced racism, fear, and imprisonment back home in America.

Force of Nature

by Ann E. Burg

This beautifully written biography follows Rachel Carson from a nature-loving child to the groundbreaking scientist whose work helped people understand and protect the environment.

The Mona Lisa Vanishes

by Nicholas Day

This fast-paced true mystery tells the unbelievable story of how the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre and became the most famous painting in the world.

Plague-Busters!

by Lindsey Fitzharris

A gross, fascinating, and funny look at history's deadliest diseases, the strange cures people once believed in, and the medical breakthroughs that helped save millions of lives.

Breaking the Mold

by Dana Alison Levy

Meet real climate scientists from many different backgrounds who are studying Earth, solving environmental problems, and proving there is no single path to becoming a scientist.

Where Are the Aliens?

by Stacy McAnulty

A fun and fact-filled journey through space exploration, strange planets, and the big scientific question of whether life might exist somewhere beyond Earth.

Hidden Systems

by Dan Nott

Using comics and humor, this graphic nonfiction book explores the hidden systems behind water, electricity, and the internet, showing how the modern world really works.

Mission Arctic

by Katharina Weiss-Tuider

Travel aboard a frozen Arctic research ship with real scientists as they study melting ice, extreme weather, and the effects of climate change at the North Pole.

Graphic Novels

Middle School Monster by Robin Easter

Starting middle school is scary enough, but when one kid begins feeling like a total monster on the inside, surviving friendships, bullies, and growing up becomes a hilarious and emotional adventure.

Next Stop by Debbie Fong

Between family expectations, friendships, and growing up, a young girl navigates the ups and downs of change while trying to figure out where she truly belongs.

Ghost Roast by Shawnee Gibbs

After discovering she can talk to ghosts, a girl gets pulled into a spooky mystery filled with humor, family secrets, and supernatural surprises.

Fresh Start by Gail Gilligan

Moving to a new school is tough, but making new friends, facing awkward moments, and finding confidence may help one girl finally feel at home.

Schoolbot 9000 by Sam Hepburn

When a robot takes over school, one kid must uncover the truth behind the strange new rules before the entire school spirals out of control.

Snowlands: A Blood Moon by Morr Meroz

After being blamed for terrible events in her wolf pack, a young white wolf named Feba journeys across the dangerous Snowlands, joining unlikely allies to uncover the truth behind a growing threat.

Dog Trouble by Kristin Varner

While spending the summer with her grandparents, a girl struggling with anxiety finds comfort in training a difficult dog and learning how to handle the challenges in her own life.

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