

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

Kindred

by Octavia Butler
Dana is pulled through time to face the horrors of slavery and must protect one of her ancestors to make sure she is born.

The Bluest Eye

by Toni Morrison
Pecola prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful, but how will her world change if her prayer is answered?

The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin
Game-loving millionaire pits 16 unlikely people against each other to inherit his fortune.

House of Stairs

by William Sleator
Five orphans are brought to a building with stairs that always lead to a red machine, that they must allow to rule their lives

SciFi / Fantasy / Horror

On a Pale Horse

by Piers Anthony
Zane must take over the office of Death in a world of magic and technical wizardry.

Compass and Blade

by Rachel Greenlaw
Romantacy filled with sirens and mysterious magic, romance and betrayal.

The Weight of Blood

by Tiffany D Jackson
Thriller novel about what can happen on prom night when you make the wrong girl angry.

Man Made Monsters

by Andrea Rogers
Horror story collection that draw upon long-told Cherokee stories as well as werewolves, vampires, and zombies.

Legion

by Brandon Sanderson
Stephen Leads' mind creates hallucinatory people that help him solve crimes.

Gallant

by V. E. Schwab
Dark and original tale about the place where the world meets its shadow and the young woman beckoned by both sides.

Anatomy: A Love Story

by Dana Schwartz
In gothic Edinburgh society, Hazel must study to be a surgeon in secret, and enlists the help of a graverobber to continue her studies.

Roxy

by Neal Shusterman
Two gods battle in a game that threatens to destroy a young man's life.

The Sunbearer Trials

by Aiden Thomas
Semidioses (demigods) compete in a series of challenges to see who will replenish the sun to keep darkness at bay - and who will die for the honor.

Historical Fiction

We are All that's Left

by Carrie Arcos

A daughter seeks to understand her mother's refusal to speak about her past during the Bosnian war.

All the Broken Places

by John Boyne

A woman must confront the sins of her terrible past in Nazi Germany in a present where it is never too late to be brave.

Artifice

by Sharon Cameron

A young art gallery owner sells forged art to the invading Germans to finance her efforts of saving Jewish children.

The Red Palace

by June Hur

In 18th century Korea, a palace nurse finds herself embroiled in a murder mystery where the culprit could be the crown prince.

This Terrible True Thing

by Jenny Laden

Filled with drawings, poetry, and journal entries, this is a story of a high school senior facing the death of her father with HIV.

The Downstairs Girl

by Stacey Lee

17 yo Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid in Atlanta by day, and a newspaper advice columnist by night.

Burn Baby Burn

by Meg Medina

The summer of 1977, New York is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam.

The Silent Unseen

by Amanda McCrina

A teenage girl risks everything to save her missing brother in WWII.

Realistic Fiction

He Should Have Told the Bees

by Amanda Cox

Two sisters who had never met deal with a complex, entangled past of secrets.

Does My Body Offend You?

by Maya Cuevas and Marie Marquardt

Two teens discover the power of friendship, feminism, and standing up for what you believe in.

The Echo of Old Books

by Barbara Davis

A rare book dealer summons the power to rewrite her own story.

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.

Icebreaker

by Hannah Grace

What happens when a figure skater and the hockey team captain are forced to share the same rink?

Have You Seen Luis Velez?

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Two strangers, a teen who doesn't belong and a 92-year-old lady, find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear.

Rare Birds

by Jeff Miller

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

Radio Silence

by Alice Oseman

Frances and Aled met through a podcast and help each other find their true selves.

Realistic Fiction

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Opposite of Always

by Justin A. Reynolds

A love story about the choices we make and the moments that make a life worth reliving.

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.

The Serpent King

by Jeff Zentner

Three teens find themselves and each other on the cusp of graduating from high school with the hopes of leaving their small Tennessee town behind.

Mr. Zentner will be speaking at the SDCL on Thursday, June 6

Non-Fiction

America Redux: Visual Stories from Our Dynamic History

by Ariel Aberg-Riger

Explore the themes that create our shared sense of American identity and the myths we've been telling ourselves for centuries.

A Place Called Home

by David Ambroz

Stirring memoir about growing up homeless and in foster care, and rising to become a leading advocate for child welfare.

A Street Cat Named Bob

by James Bowen

Uplifting story of a homeless man and the cat who adopts him and helps him heal his life.

Don't Look Back

by Achut Deng

A memoir of war, survival, and the author's journey from Sudan to America.

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking

by Malcolm Gladwell

The way we think and the choices we make can be perfected by learning the factors that matter in any situation.

Still Waters

by Jennifer Lauck

Autobiography of a survivor who softens her heart and learns to love.

Inaugural Ballers

by Andrew Maraniss

The true story of the first U.S. Women's Olympic basketball team.

From Here

by Luma Mufleh

Author's memoir of her tumultuous journey to reconcile her identity as a gay Muslim woman and a proud Arab-turned-American refugee.

Impossible Escape

by Steve Sheinkin

A true story of two Jewish teens racing against time during the Holocaust - one in hiding in Hungary, and the other in Auschwitz, plotting escape.

Accountable

by Dashka Slater

The true story of a racist social media account and the teenagers whose lives it changed. It started as a joke, but in the end, no one was laughing. Where does accountability end for online speech that harms? And what does accountability even mean?

Victory, Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice

by Tommie Smith

Author's memoir of growing up in rural Texas through his historic Olympic victory in 1968 - and raising his fist to protest racial injustice.

Graphic Novels

The Good Neighbors

by Holly Black

Graphic trilogy set in a faerie world where humans and faerie live in peace - or they did.

The Croaking

by Megan J. Grey

Winged students at a prestigious military academy band together to uncover the truth about their utopia and a secret weapon called the "Croaking".

Monstrous

by Sarah Myer

Graphic memoir about a Korean-American girl who uses fandom and art-making to overcome bullying.

Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust

by Neal Shusterman

Five interlocking narratives that explore the tradition of resistance and reaching compassionately for a dream.

Crumbs

by Danie Stirling

Ray, a young seer struggling with her powers, discovers first love and friendship in her town's magic bakery.

The Many Deaths of Laila Starr

by Ram V

Humanity is on the verge of discovering immortality, which means the avatar of Death is out of a job...or is she?

Hollow

by Shannon Watters

Izzy and her friends will have to use all of their wits to uncover the mystery of the legendary Horseman of Sleepy Hollow.

Look on the Bright Side

by Lily Williams and Karen Schneermann

A new year begins at Hazelton High with old friends, new loves, and a bright-looking future!

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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