

Soddy-Daisy

Community Library

2026 Summer Reading
Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library proudly presents 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.

Classics

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

In a futuristic world where people are genetically engineered and controlled by technology, entertainment, and strict social rules, one man begins to question what freedom, humanity, and happiness really mean.

Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

Fifteen years after a deadly pandemic destroys civilization, a traveling group of actors and musicians journeys through dangerous settlements while holding onto art, hope, and the connections that make people human.

The Island of Dr. Moreau

by H.G. Wells

After surviving a shipwreck, a man becomes trapped on a remote island where a mysterious scientist performs terrifying experiments that blur the line between humans and animals.

SciFi / Fantasy / Horror

The City of Brass

by Shannon Chakraborty

After accidentally summoning a powerful djinn warrior, a clever con artist from Cairo is swept into a hidden magical kingdom filled with ancient magic, dangerous secrets, and political rivalries that could spark a devastating war.

Legendborn

by Tracy Deonn

After witnessing a magical attack at a college program, Bree uncovers a secret society descended from King Arthur's knights and must use her own hidden powers to uncover the truth about her mother's death.

The Grace Year

by Kim Liggett

In a society where sixteen-year-old girls are banished into the wilderness during their "grace year," Tierney must survive brutal dangers, hidden secrets, and the fear that the greatest threat may be the other girls around her.

Divine Rivals

by Rebecca Ross

As gods wage war across the world, a young journalist forms an unexpected connection with her rival through magical letters, leading them into danger, heartbreak, and a romance that could change everything.

All Better Now

by Neal Shusterman

After a mysterious virus leaves survivors completely free from sadness, fear, and anger, three teens become caught in a dangerous battle over whether perfect happiness could save the world—or destroy it.

Hotel Magnifique

by Emily J. Taylor

When two sisters join the staff of a magical traveling hotel filled with enchantments and hidden dangers, one girl must uncover the secrets behind its glittering magic before they are trapped there forever.

Historical Fiction

The Songbird and the Rambutan Tree

by Lucille Abendanon

As World War II reaches the Dutch East Indies, a young singer imprisoned in a Japanese internment camp must find the strength to survive loss, fear, and hardship while holding onto hope and her voice.

The Lovely War

by Julie Berry

Told by the goddess Aphrodite, this sweeping story follows four young people whose lives are forever changed by World War I, revealing how love and hope can survive even in the darkest times.

Under the Same Stars

by Libba Bray

Spanning decades from World War II Germany to modern-day New York, this powerful mystery follows hidden messages, lost love, and long-buried secrets connected to a

legendary tree known as the Bridegroom's Oak.

Bluebird

by Sharon Cameron

After escaping postwar Berlin for New York City, a young Holocaust survivor carrying dangerous secrets becomes caught in a deadly race between world powers while hunting the Nazi responsible for destroying her family.

Revolution

by Jennifer Donnelly

While grieving the loss of her brother, a troubled teen in Paris discovers a diary from the French Revolution that pulls her into a haunting story of anger, loss, and survival across centuries.

A Calamity of Mannerings

by Joanna Nadin

Set in 1920s England, this witty coming-of-age story follows Panth as she navigates high society, family chaos, romance, and the challenge of finding her own place in the world.

Realistic Fiction

Bend in the Road

by Sara Biren

A struggling teen music star retreats to his family's farm to escape fame and scandal, where he clashes with the determined farm girl trying to protect her future, only to discover unexpected connection, secrets, and romance.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

by Stephen Chbosky

Through a series of deeply personal letters, a quiet high school freshman navigates friendship, first love, grief, and growing up while searching for acceptance, connection, and a place where he truly belongs.

The Pepsi-Cola Addict

by June-Alison Gibbons

Written when the author was just sixteen, this strange and imaginative novel follows a

teenager whose obsession with Pepsi becomes a surreal reflection of loneliness, identity, consumer culture, and the pressures of modern life.

This is My America

by Kim Johnson

While fighting to prove her innocent father should not be executed, a determined teen investigates a murder accusation against her brother and uncovers painful truths about racism, injustice, and the hidden history of her Texas town.

Bye Forever, I Guess

by Jodi Meadows

After standing up to her toxic friend group, a lonely gamer and fandom fan forms a mysterious online connection with a classmate and must decide whether real friendship is worth the risk of heartbreak and rejection.

Realistic Fiction

Everything Sad is Untrue

by Daniel Nayari

Told through stories, memories, and humor, this powerful novel follows a young refugee from Iran as he shares his family's journey to America and struggles to find identity, belonging, and hope in a new world.

Better Than the Movies

by Lynn Painter

RomCom-obsessed Liz teams up with her annoying next-door neighbor to win over her longtime crush, only to discover that real love, friendship, and happily-ever-afters may look nothing like the movies she imagined.

Where Wolves Don't Die

by Anton Treuer

After becoming the prime suspect in a house fire, an Ojibwe teen is sent deep into the Canadian wilderness with his grandfather, where he faces harsh survival, family history, and the challenge of discovering who he truly is.

Non-Fiction

Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?

by Caitlin Doughty

Using real science, history, and humor, funeral director Caitlin Doughty answers people's biggest questions about death, decomposition, funerals, and what really happens to the human body after we die.

The Art Thief

by Michael Finkel

This fascinating true story follows Stéphane Bréitwieser, the world's most prolific art thief, whose obsession with beauty drove him to steal hundreds of priceless works from museums across Europe.

Waste

by Catherine Coleman Flowers

Environmental activist Catherine Coleman Flowers exposes America's hidden

sanitation crisis, revealing how poverty, racism, and climate change leave many communities living without safe and healthy waste systems.

Everything is Tuberculosis

by John Green

Blending history, science, and personal storytelling, John Green explores how tuberculosis became one of the world's deadliest diseases while sharing the powerful story of a young patient fighting to survive.

Girl, Interrupted

by Susanna Kaysen

In this powerful memoir, Susanna Kaysen reflects on her time in a psychiatric hospital during the 1960s, offering an honest look at mental illness, identity, and the lives of the young women around her.

The Devil in the White City

by Eric Larson

Set during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, this gripping true story follows the creation of the

dazzling "White City" alongside the horrifying crimes of serial killer H. H. Holmes lurking in its shadows.

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond

by Michael Oher

NFL player Michael Oher shares his inspiring journey from homelessness and hardship to professional football, revealing how determination, support, and hope helped him overcome incredible odds.

Dream More: Celebrate the Dreamer in You

by Dolly Parton

Inspired by her famous commencement speech, Dolly Parton shares heartfelt advice and personal stories about dreaming big, working hard, caring for others, and creating a meaningful life.

Graphic Novels

Poe

by Gareth Hinds

This haunting graphic novel collection brings Edgar Allan Poe's classic stories and poems to life with striking artwork, exploring madness, revenge, fear, and the dark side of the human mind.

Monstrous

by Sarah Myer

In this emotional graphic memoir, a Korean American teen uses art, anime, and cosplay to cope with racism, bullying, anger, and the challenge of finding where she belongs.

An Outbreak of Witchcraft

by Deborah Noyes

This gripping nonfiction account explores the Salem Witch Trials, revealing how fear, lies, and hysteria tore apart an entire community and led to the deaths of innocent people.

The Deep Dark

by Molly Knox Ostertag

As graduation approaches, a teen hiding a terrifying supernatural secret must confront her past, her fears, and her growing feelings for an old friend before the darkness inside her spirals out of control.

The Raven Boys

by Maggie Stiefvater

When Blue joins a group of elite private school boys searching for a legendary sleeping king, she is drawn into a dangerous world of magic, secrets, prophecy, and supernatural mystery.

Dragon Hoops

by Gene Luen Yang

Blending sports, memoir, and history, Gene Luen Yang follows his high school basketball team's championship season while discovering the powerful stories, struggles, and teamwork behind the game.

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