

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2023 Mythical Summer
Reading
Recommendations
Adult

The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2023 Mythical Summer Reading Recommendations.

Some of these selections are recent, while others have been around for some time. We encourage you to step out of your normal reading genres and try something new. Look these books up online for more thorough descriptions - you may just find your next favorite book!

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.

And be sure to join us for our Summer Celebration, August 19, 2023!

Happy Reading!

**Watch for these authors coming to your SDCL!*

Realistic Fiction

The Last Carolina Girl

by Meagan Church

A 14 yo girl fights for her family, her body, and her right to create a future all her own. Perfect for fans of *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

The Echo of Old Books

by Barbara Davis

Rare-book dealer feels the echoes of books' previous owners; she discovers a pair of unpublished books and learns to rewrite her own story.

The Measure

by Nikki Erlick

Everyone in the world is given the opportunity to learn how many years they will live. Sweeping, ambitious, and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

The Cloisters

by Katy Hays

A circle of researchers uncover a mysterious deck of tarot cards and shocking secrets in New York's famed Met Cloisters

True Biz

by Sara Novic

A year of seismic romantic, political, and familial shifts for a teacher and her students at a boarding school for the deaf.

Seeking Ayita*

by Lin Stepp

A young woman, travels all the way from Hawaii to Cherokee, NC, to bring her mother's ashes home, but soon faces trials, joys and a problematic romance amid a people and culture little known to her before.

Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

The Daughters of Madurai

by Rajasree Variyar

Janani, a mother who will do anything to save her unborn daughter, and Nila, a young woman who embarks on a life-changing journey of self-discovery.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

by Gabrielle Zevin

Two college friends become creative partners in a dazzling and intricately imagined world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

Historical Fiction

The Mitford Affair

by Marie Benedict
An explosive novel of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: her country or her family?

The Lost Book of Eleanor Dare*

by Kimberly Brock
What happened to the lost colony of Roanoke? The captivating women of the Dare legacy must find their true inheritance hiding behind the untold secrets.

The Unknown Beloved

by Amy Harmon
The evocative story of two people whose paths collide against the backdrop of mystery, murder, and the Great Depression.

By Her Own Design

by Piper Huguley
The incredible untold story of how Ann Lowe, a Black

woman and granddaughter of slaves, rose above personal struggles and racial prejudice to design and create one of America's most famous wedding dresses of all time for Jackie Kennedy.

Code Name Sapphire

by Pam Jenoff
A woman must rescue her cousin's family from a train bound for Auschwitz in this riveting tale of bravery and resistance.

The House of Eve

by Sadeqa Johnson
Set in 1950s Philadelphia and Washington, DC, that explores what it means to be a woman and a mother, and how much one is willing to sacrifice to achieve her greatest goal.

The Snow Hare

by Paula Lichtarowicz
A woman dreams of becoming a doctor until

World War II leads her instead into an astonishing love—and a fateful choice.

The Ways We Hide

by Kristina McMorris
A sweeping World War II tale of an illusionist whose recruitment by British intelligence sets her on a perilous, heartrending path.

Coronation Year

by Jennifer Robson
The lives of three very different residents of London's historic Blue Lion hotel converge in a potentially explosive climax on the day of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

The Moonlight Palace

by Liz Rosenberg
A coming-of-age tale rich with historical detail and unforgettable characters set against the backdrop of dazzling 1920s Singapore.

Classics

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

by L. Frank Baum
Join Dorothy for an unforgettable adventure!

A Clockwork Orange

by Anthony Burgess
A frightening fable about good, evil, and what it means to be human.

The Metamorphosis

by Franz Kafka
Man wakes up to find himself transformed into a giant beetle. His family is... not supportive.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith
A young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the twentieth century.

Mystery/Thriller

The Overnight Guest

by Heather Gudenkauf
A true crime writer receives an unexpected visitor during a deadly snowstorm.

The Good Sister

by Sally Hepworth
Fern must rely on Rose, her twin sister to control her “quirks”. Now, they are confronted with the future and what really happened in the past.

Little Secrets

by Jennifer Hiller
Overwhelmed by tragedy, a woman desperately tries to save her marriage by fixing the problem of her husband’s mistress.

The Maidens

by Alex Michaelides
A spellbinding tale of psychological suspense, weaving together Greek

mythology, murder, and obsession.

Don’t Go Down There*

by Kiersten Modglin
Spencer Edwards has a beautiful wife, two perfect children, and a sinister secret locked in his basement...

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman
Four tricky septuagenarians, a female cop, a brutal murder, welcome to Thursday Murder Club!

The It Girl

by Ruth Ware
A woman on the search for answers a decade after her friend’s murder. What she realizes is that the friends she thought she knew all have something to hide...including a murder.

Fantasy / SciFi

Dark Matter

by Blake Crouch
Jason Dessen wakes up in a completely different reality and must fight to return to his own. A surprising thriller about choices, paths not taken, and how far we’ll go to claim the lives we dream of.

The Ten Thousand Doors of January

by Alix E. Harrow
In the early 1900s, a young woman embarks on a fantastical journey of self-discovery after finding a mysterious book.

Stone Blind

by Natalie Haynes
A fresh and stunningly perceptive take on the story of Medusa, the original monstered woman.

The Chaperone

by M Hendrix
When Stella glimpses both real freedom and the dark truths behind New America, she has

no choice but to fight back against the world she knows, risking everything to set out on a dangerous journey across what used to be the United States.

The Bone Orchard

by Sarah A. Mueller
A dying emperor charges his favorite concubine, a witch, with solving his own murder, and preventing the culprit from taking control of an empire.

The Memory Collectors

by Kim Neville
An atmospheric and enchanting novel about two women haunted by buried secrets but bound by a shared gift and the power the past holds over our lives.

Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*

by Jeff Strand
After a series of bizarre and increasingly horrific attacks from pulpy, red, seeded fruit, Mason Dixon finds himself leading a "crack" team of specialists to save the planet.

Non-Fiction

All About Me!: My Remarkable Life in Show Business

by Mel Brooks
Autobiography of Mel Brooks.

All the Living and All the Dead

by Hayley Campbell
From embalmers to executioners, an exploration of the people who have made death their life's work.

Atomic Habits

by James Clear
Easy and proven way to build good habits and break bad ones.

This is the Way I Heard It*

by Curtis Coulter
Collection of stories from Sale Creek, Tennessee.

Life is So Good

by George Dawson
Dawson, a slave's grandson who learned to read at age 98 shares his life and valuable lessons in living.

The Spark Factor

by Molly Maloof
The secret to supercharging energy, becoming resilient, and feeling better than ever!

And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle

by Jon Meacham
The life of Abraham Lincoln, charting how—and why—he confronted secession, threats to democracy, and the tragedy of slavery to expand the possibilities of America.

My Moment: 106 Women on Fighting for Themselves

by Kathy Najimi and Kristin Chenoweth
Collection of stories of the moment different women realized they were worth fighting for.

Smarter by Sunday

by The New York Times
52 weekends of essential knowledge for the curious mind.

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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