

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2024 Summer Reading
Recommendations

Adult

The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2024 Funky 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.

Happy Reading!

Realistic Fiction

The Rule Book

by Sarah Adams
College exes reunite years later in this enemies-to-lovers, second-chance romance.

Cicadas Sing of Summer Graves

by Quinn Connor
Southern Gothic about three women who must face the past dredged up from a drowned town.

He Should Have Told the Bees

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

100 Years of Lenni and Margot

by Marianne Cronin
Lenni, a terminally ill seventeen year old, meets Margot, a feisty 83 year old, meet, share stories, and find

that there's still a lot of living to do.

The Other Black Girl

by Zakiya Dalila Harris
Nella wishes she wasn't the only black employee at a publishing company. Be careful what you wish for!

Just for the Summer

by Abby Jiminez
Justin and Emma are both cursed - everyone they date goes on to find their soulmate. Can dating each other break the curse?

Demon Copperhead

by Barbara Kingsolver
Pulitzer Prize winning novel of the story of an irrepressible boy nobody wants, equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking.

Red Clay Suzie

by Jeffrey Dale Lofton
The coming of age story of a gay, physically-misshapen

boy in rural Georgie who battles bullying, ignorance, and disdain before finding acceptance in unlikely places.

The Guncle

by Steven Rowley
A once-famous gay sitcom star Patrick, whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer. His eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility and realizes that being larger than life means you're unfailingly human.

Colton Gentry's Third Act

by Jeff Zentner
A down-on-his-luck country musician, grieving a shocking loss, moves back home and rekindles a relationship with his high school sweetheart.

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

Historical Fiction

All the Broken Places

by John Boyne

A woman must confront the sins of her own terrible past, and a present where it's not too late to be brave. Sequel to *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*.

What the Mountains

Remember

by Joy Callaway

At a wondrous resort in 1913, secrets can easily be hidden in plain sight when the eye is trained on beauty.

The Women of Chateau LaFayette

by Stephanie Dray

Epic saga based on the true story of an extraordinary castle in the heart of France and the remarkable women bound by its legacy.

When the Jessamine Grows

by Donna Everhart

In rural North Carolina, one woman fights to keep her family, her farm, and her convictions during the Civil War.

The Women

by Kristin Hannah

A nurse comes of age amidst the backdrop of the horrors of the Vietnam War.

American Daughters

by Piper Huguley

A novel of the remarkable friendship of Portia Washington and Alice Roosevelt, the daughters of educator Booker T. Washington and President Teddy Roosevelt.

The River We Remember

by William Kent Krueger

In 1958, a small Minnesota town is rocked by a shocking murder, pouring fresh fuel on old grievances.

Mr. Krueger will be joining us virtually at the SDCL on Thursday, July 11

The Doctor's Daughter

by Shari J. Ryan

It was Sofia's father's job to save the lives of the SS, but she chose to risk everything and save the lives of the prisoners.

Miss Benson's Beetle

by Rachel Joyce

Two ordinary, overlooked women embark on an unlikely scientific expedition to the South Seas.

All the Little Hopes

by Leah Weiss

A Southern story of friendship forged by books and bees, when the timeless troubles of growing up meet the murky shadows of World War II.

The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris

by Daisy Wood

A tale of love, loss and betrayal that echoes through the generations.

Classics

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee

by Dee Brown

The landmark bestselling account of the crimes against Native Americans during the 19th century.

The Princess Bride

by William Goldman

A tale of true love and high adventure, pirates, princesses, giants, and miracles.

Carrie

by Stephen King

A bullied girl's life takes on a terrifying turn when her hidden abilities become a weapon of horror.

The Thorn Birds

by Colleen McCullough

Sweeping family saga of dreams, struggles, passions, and forbidden love in the Australian Outback.

Mystery/Thriller

The Plot is Murder

by V.M. Burns

Before a small town's new mystery bookstore even opens, the owner is suspected of her own murder plot.

Ms. Burns will be speaking at the SDCL on Tuesday, June 11

First Lie Wins

by Ashley Elston

Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want: a perfect boyfriend, a perfect house, and perfect, fancy friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.

The Hunter

by Tana French

Two men arrive in a small Irish village. One is coming home, both are coming to get rich, one is coming to die.

The Teacher

by Freida McFadden

There's more behind a scandal involving a student-teacher affair - twisted secrets and long awaited revenge.

The Hollow

by Kiersten Modglin

After experiencing a personal tragedy, Carmen McKenna finds Hunter's Hollow to be her new home and worst nightmare.

Listen for the Lie

by Amy Tintera

What if you thought you murdered your best friend? And if everyone else thought so too? And what if the truth doesn't matter?

Anatomy of a Scandal

by Sarah Vaughn

Riveting story of love, revenge, and deception, where no one's motives are pure, but some people's secrets are much darker than others.

Fantasy / SciFi /

Horror

The Familiar

by Leigh Bardugo

When a scullion maid gains the notice of the king of Spain in their Golden Age, the lines between magic, science and fraud blur.

The Serpent & The Wings of Night

by Carissa Broadbent

For humans and vampires, the rules of survival are the same: never trust, never yield, and always guard your heart.

The Cicada Tree

by Robert Gwaltney

When an eleven-year-old, whisky drinking, piano prodigy encounters a supernaturally-beautiful family, her obsession unleashes family secrets and a cataclysmic plague of cicadas.

Wolfsong

by TJ Klune

The Bennetts, a shapeshifting family moves to a new town

and changes the life of their new next door neighbor Ox. But when the family is split by violence, will Ox ever be reunited with the love of his life?

The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger

Henry's unpredictable time travel disorder pulls him away from Clare, who waits and worries for him.

The Last House on Needless Street

by Catriona Ward

New neighbors move in beside an unusual family in a boarded-up house. Will the new neighbors unearth the haunting secrets beneath the birch trees?

The Lost Bookshop

by Evie Woods

A vanishing bookshop casts its spell on three strangers who unlock the secrets of the shelves and find themselves transported to a world of wonder.

Non-Fiction

Rock Your Midlife!

by Ellen Albertson

An inspiring, motivational, and action-oriented book to help you feel more energized, confident, and “unstuck” for your next great life chapter.

A Mystery of Mysteries:

The Death and Life of

Edgar Allen Poe

by Mark Dawidziak

A biography of Edgar Allen Poe that examines the author’s life through the lens of his mysterious death and its many possible causes.

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder

by David Grann

A story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth.

Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don’t Know

by Adam Grant

Examine the critical art of rethinking: learning to question your opinions and open other people’s minds.

The Daily Climb

by Matt Hullander

An instructive memoir of a local entrepreneur that offers 10 down-to-earth principles that have the power to change your life.

The Demon of Unrest

by Erik Larson

The incredible Erik Larson covers the pivotal five months between Lincoln’s election and the start of the Civil War, a simmering crisis that finally tore a deeply divided nation in two.

Making It So: A Memoir

by Patrick Stewart

Sir Patrick Stewart has captivated audiences around the world and across multiple generations with his command of stage and screen.

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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