

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!

Picture Books

The Book That Almost Rhymed

by Omar Abed

A brother learns his sister's wild ideas make their story even more fun.

Frank's Red Hat

by Sean E. Avery

A penguin with big ideas surprises everyone with a bright red hat in his icy world.

Every Monday Mabel

by Jashar Awan

A curious girl wakes up excited every Monday to see something special and shares her joy with everyone.

The Future Book

by Mac Barnett

A funny, colorful book shows kids a playful glimpse of what the future might be.

Stalactite & Stalagmite

by Drew Beckmeyer

Two cave rocks watch the world change and enjoy a friendship that lasts through time.

Fireworks

by Matthew Burgess

Two siblings wait all day for a sparkling fireworks show that lights up the summer sky.

Greenlight

by Breanna Carzoo

A green traffic light learns that her moment to shine helps others go—and that her light truly matters.

The Day the Crayons Made Friends

by Drew Daywalt

The crayons go on an adventure outside the box and find new friends all around the house.

Prunella

by Beth Ferry

A girl who loves creepy plants discovers that even prickly hearts can grow friendship.

Because of a Shoe

by Julie Fogliano

A big shoe tantrum reminds a child and parent that love can handle anything.

The Day the Books Disappeared

by Joanna Ho

A boy who only likes one kind of book learns why every story matters.

Just Like Rabbit

by Katy Hudson

A frog tries to be just like his friend but learns he's special just the way he is.

Picture Books

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The Bakery Dragon

by Devin L. Kurtz

A little dragon discovers that sharing treats and kindness is the best treasure of all.

The Yellow Bus

by Loren Long

A beloved school bus discovers that change can lead to new beginnings and happiness.

Shmoof

by Heidi McKinnon

A fluffy cat and a silly dog find an unexpected way to become best friends.

Oh Dear, Look What I Got

by Michael Rosen

A boy's simple errands go hilariously wrong, leaving him with a parade of unexpected animals.

Cookie Time

by Jessie Sima

Two kids try to rush cookie time with a time machine but learn the best part is being together.

Shrinking Violet

by Laurel Snyder

A girl discovers that even when fear makes her feel small, she has the power to be brave.

The Man Who Didn't Like Animals

by Deborah Underwood

A man who doesn't like animals learns that life can get better when he makes room for new friends.

What the Road Said

by Cleo Wade

A gentle story reminds children that it's okay to feel lost while learning to keep going.

Classics

Giraffes Can't Dance

by Giles Andreae

A shy giraffe discovers that everyone can dance in their own special way.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

by Mac Barnett

Three clever goats must outsmart a grumpy troll to reach the tasty meadow.

Bad Kitty

by Nick Bruel

A mischievous cat causes nonstop trouble in a funny, fast-paced day.

Stellaluna

by Janell Cannon

A lost baby bat finds family in unexpected places and learns to accept who she is.

Chrysanthemum

by Kevin Henkes

A young mouse learns that her name is something truly special.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

by Laura Numeroff

One simple request from a mouse turns into a full day of silly surprises.

No, David!

by David Shannon

A silly boy makes big messes and learns he is always loved anyway.

Silly Sally

by Audrey Wood

A silly girl walks to town in the most upside-down, backwards, and joyful way possible.

Non-Fiction

How to Hatch: A Gosling's Guide to Breaking Free
by Sara Holly Ackerman

A baby goose breaks out of its egg in a cute and silly step-by-step adventure.

The Cookie Vote
by Daniel Bernstrom

Students discover how the government works as they turn an idea into a possible law.

We Can Help! A First Book of First Aid
by Vivian French

Two playful children learn how to care for scrapes, bumps, and small emergencies.

Can Snakes Predict Earth
by Eliza Jeffery

Learn how snakes sense the world and explore secrets of their fascinating lives.

My Happy Year by E. Bluebird
by Paul Meisel

A baby bluebird tells the funny story of her first year of life, from hatching to flying south and starting her own family.

Fire Fight: A Wildfire Escape
by Cedar Pruitt

An owl flees a forest fire and takes a surprising ride to safety.

After the Rain
by Eleanor Spicer Rice

A child explores a busy world full of growing plants and buzzing life.

Gravity is Bringing Me Down
by Wendelin Van Draanen

A clumsy girl learns about gravity after a day full of bumps, tumbles, and laughs.

Beginning Readers

Stop That Mop!
by Jonathan Fenske

A runaway mop causes silly chaos as everyone tries to catch it.

We Are All Ears
by Jonathan Fenske

A funny look at all kinds of ears and what makes each one unique.

Beep Bop Boop!
by Ethan Long

Aliens arrive on Earth, but no one understands their funny way of talking.

Bad Banana
by Michael Rex

A very squishy banana gets a second chance in a funny, silly story.

The Tunneler Tunnels in the Tunnel
by Michael Rex

A mysterious tunneler travels underground on a surprising journey.

Elvis & Romeo Visit the Vet
by David Soman

A worried dog learns that vet visits can be easier with a brave friend.

Worm and Butterfly Are Friends
by Kaz Windness

Two best friends learn how to stay close even when they are far apart.

We have lots of great Beginning Reader books - and plenty of additional recommendations!

Chapter Books

Bad Guys series
by Aaron Blabey

A group of “bad guys” try to be heroes in these funny, action-packed adventures.

Good Dog series
by Cam Higgins

A loveable and rambunctious puppy has many adventures on the Davis family farm.

Secret Explorers series
by S.J. King

A group of brilliant kids comes together from all four corners of the globe to fix problems, solve mysteries, and gather knowledge all over the planet – and beyond.

Small Flames series
by A.M. Luzzader

In a magical world, a small dragon works hard to chase his big dreams.

Wildlife Rescue series
by Kate Messner

A family works together to rescue animals and learn about wildlife in need.

Disaster Squad series
by Rehka S. Rajan

A family team rushes into danger to help others during real-life disasters.

The Party Diaries series
by Mitali Banerjee Ruths

A creative girl starts a party business and uses it to make a difference—one celebration at a time.

Additional great chapter book series:
- Adventures of Sophie Mouse
- Bailey School Kids
- My Weird School
- Press Start

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