

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2022 Summer Reading
Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2022 WILD 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 so there is something appealing here for every reader.

These recommendations will not only build on your education and reading abilities, but will also provide pleasure, relaxation, and fun.

Happy Reading!

These recommendations cover a wide range of grades, ages, and subjects. The content may not be appropriate for everyone. If you need help making choices or would like additional recommendations, we're happy to help.

Classics

Flowers in the Attic

by V.C. Andrews

Four children must survive while they are kept in an attic by their deranged grandmother

The Chocolate War

by Robert Cormier

Jerry refuses to participate in a school fundraiser, creating an all-out war with the school's secret society.

A Separate Peace

by John Knowles

The story of two boys' friendship parallels the escalating and inescapable atmosphere of WWII.

Monster

by Walter Dean Myers

A 16yo is on trial for murder and copes with it by writing it as a film script.

The Pigman

by Paul Zindel

Two sophomores befriend an old man after playing a prank on him.

Fantasy / SciFi

Where Dreams Descend

by Janella Angeles

Kallia dares to perform magic in a world where men are supposed to be the only magicians.

On a Pale Horse

by Piers Anthony

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

Legendborn

by Tracy Deonn

Retelling of the King Arthur legend set on a magical high school campus.

Voices

by Ursula K. LeGuin

A village rises up against their conquerors after banning books and writing.

A Snake Falls to Earth

by Darcie Little Badger

A Lipan Apache girl and a spirit work together to fight enemies bent on destruction.

The Golden Key

by Melanie Rawn

Art is prized above all else, and Sario will use his magic Gift to be the best - forever!

Legion

by Brandon Sanderson

Stephen Leads' mind creates hallucinatory people that help him solve crimes

The Invisible Life of Addie Larue

by V. E. Schwab

Addie makes a devilish deal to live forever, but is forgotten by everyone for 300 years, until she meets a young man who can remember her name.

Roxy

by Neal Shusterman

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

House of Hollow

by Krystal Sutherland

The Hollow sisters must discover the dark and dangerous truth of their childhood.

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.

Bluebird

by Sharon Cameron

Eva leaves behind a destroyed Berlin in 1946, only to face a horrifying experiment - Project Bluebird

We Are Not Free

by Traci Chee

Set in the Japanese concentration camps, 14 teens rally against racism and injustice.

These Violent Delights

by Chloe Gong

Imaginative retelling of Romeo and Juliet in 1920s Shanghai.

Boy Underground

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

During WWII, a teenage boy finds his voice, courage, and friends for life.

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Melinda Lo

1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown.

The Silent Unseen

by Amanda McCrina

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

I Must Betray You

by Ruta Sepetys

Story about calculated brutality alongside impulsive and selfless acts of love in WWII concentration camps.

A Sitting in St. James

by Rita Williams-Garcia

A grandmother reveals her family's generational story of slavery and fortune, while sitting for a portrait painting.

Realistic Fiction

The Inheritance Games

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery must move into Hawthorne House and solve its puzzles to earn her inheritance.

This is My America

by Kim Johnson

Tracy investigates why her brother was accused of murder, uncovering skeletons of their small Texas town.

We Were Liars

by E. Lockhart

Suspenseful novel of four friends whose friendship turns destructive.

More Than This

by Patrick Ness

A boy drowns, but wakes up alive in a strange deserted place, wondering if there is more to life and the afterlife.

Loveless

by Alice Oseman

What does it mean to Georgia that she's never had a crush on anyone?

We Are Not From Here

by Jenny Torres Sanchez

A Novel of desperation, escape and survival across the U.S. - Mexico border.

Challenger Deep

by Neal Shusterman

Captivating novel about mental illness set on a ship headed for the Mariana Trench.

You've Reached Sam

by Dustin Thao

17yo Julie's boyfriend Sam dies, but she can still speak with him on her cellphone. Should she tell his family?

In the Wild Light

by Jeff Zentner

Should Cash leave his small Appalachian town for a full-ride scholarship, or stay to care for his aging grandparents who raised him?

Biography

All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes

by Maya Angelou

Angelou continues her life story, relating how she joins a "colony" of Black American expatriates in Ghana - but no one ever goes home again.

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.

The Woman All Spies Fear

by Amy Butler Greenfield

Elizabeth Friedman became one of the top codebreakers during WWI and WWII.

The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers

by Maxwell King

The story of the influential star of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

Still Waters

by Jennifer Lauck

Lauck's journey as a child from caretaker to caretaker, and her adult life finding the reason any of us have for enduring love.

Turning 15 on the Way to Freedom

by Lynda Blackmon

Lowery

The story of the youngest marcher in the 1965 Selma voting rights march.

Looking Back: A Book of Memories

by Lois Lowry

Autobiography of *The Giver* author Lois Lowry.

A Chance in the World

by Steve Pemberton

Abused boy grows into a resilient and visionary man.

Through the Shadowlands

by Brian Sibley

The love story of C. S. Lewis and Joy Davidman

Non-Fiction

Channel Kindness: Stories of Kindness and Community

by Born This Way

Foundation and Lady Gaga Young changemakers' stories of improving our world through kindness.

Chasing the Truth

by Jodi Kantor

A young journalist's guide to investigative reporting.

How to Change Everything

by Naomi Klein

Empowering, engaging young readers guide to understanding and battling climate change.

The Devil in the White City

by Erik Larson

History of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.

Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson

A real-life Indiana Jones' humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard.

The Red Bandana

by Tom Rinaldi

Heroic story of 9/11.

The 57 Bus

by Dashka Slater

A teen is set on fire by another teen on a bus in Oakland, CA.

Social Anxiety Relief for Teens

by Bridget Flynn Walker

Step-by-step guide to feel confident and comfortable in any situation.

From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry

by Paula Yoo

The killing of Vincent Chin and the trial that galvanized the Asian American movement.

Graphic Novels

Graceling

by Kristin Cashore
Katsa is born with a rare skill and helps a fellow Graceling search for his grandfather, only to discover a horrible secret that may destroy them all.

The Scarlett Letter: Manga Classic

by Nathaniel Hawthorne / Adapted by Crystal S. Chin
Hester Prynne conceives a daughter through an affair and is shunned for it.

Girl on Fire

by Alicia Keys
14 yo girl discovers her secret powers and battles a drug dealer for her neighborhood.

Run

by John Lewis
The struggles across the U.S after the Selma voting rights campaign.

Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys
Lina is arrested and sent to Siberia in 1941, but uses her drawings to pass messages to help reunite her family.

Lore Olympus Vol 1

by Rachel Smythe
The propulsive love story of two Greek gods - Hades and Persephone - with beautiful artwork and a contemporary voice.

They Called Us Enemy

by George Takei
Actor's experience growing up imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II.

Romeo & Juliet No Fear Shakespeare

by Matt Wiegler
Graphic novel translation of Shakespeare's greatest tragic love story.

Dragon Hoops

by Gene Luen Yang
Gene understands comic books, but doesn't get sports - until he gets to know the kids on the basketball team where he teaches. Autobiographical.

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you can earn this great
T-Shirt and TIE-DYE it!



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