

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2022 Summer Reading
Recommendations

Adult

The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2022 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 WILD Night of Literacy and Movie in the Park Night, August 20, 2022!

Happy Reading!

Classics

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

by Maya Angelou
Autobiography of the poet laureate.

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury
Dystopian future taking place in a world of book burning.

The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho
Inspiring story of the transformative power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts

The Lost World

by Arthur Conan Doyle
Adventure tale of discovering a lost world populated by prehistoric monsters.

The Outsiders

by S.E. Hinton
Heroic story of friendship and belonging.

Realistic Fiction

Things You Save in a Fire

by Katherine Center
Cassie, a heroic firefighter, moves to Boston to care for her estranged and ailing mother.

The Last Thing He Told Me

by Laura Dave
A woman searches for the truth about her husband's disappearance, at any cost.

The Keeper of Happy Endings

by Barbara Davis
Returned box of letters and vintage wedding dresses begins the healing of two women, generations apart.

Cloud Cukoo Land by William Doer

Three people are linked across time and space by a mythic story.

The Music of Bees

by Eileen Garvin
Three lonely strangers are brought together to find

surprising friendship, healing, and a second chance

The Girls in the Stilt House

by Kelly Mustian
Southern novel of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership. Perfect for fans of *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

Hadley and Grace

by Suzanne Redfearn
Heart-pounding and emotional roller-coaster ride of self-discovery in the tradition of *Thelma and Louise*.

Take What You Can Carry

by Gian Sardar
An aspiring photographer follows her dreams and faces fears in a poignant novel about finding beauty, promise, and love amid the chaos of war-torn Kurdistan.

The Unsinkable Greta James

by Jennifer E. Smith
An indie musician reeling from tragedy reconnects with her estranged father on a week-long cruise.

Historical Fiction

Sister Stardust

by Jane Green

Reimagined novel of the life of troubled icon Tabitha Getty in the swinging '60s.

Angels of the Pacific

by Elise Hooper

Inspired by extraordinary true stories of WWII American Army nurses known as the Angels of Bataan.

Circus of Wonders

by Elizabeth Macneal

Young girl is kidnapped and put on display in a Victorian circus, and finds friendship and love.

The Arctic Fury

by Greer Macallister

Experienced trail guide leads a party of 12 women into the Arctic to search for the lost Franklin Expedition in 1853.

The Diamond Eye

by Kate Quinn

A quiet bookworm becomes history's deadliest female sniper in WWII.

West with Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

Inspired by the true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

Call Your Daughter Home

by Deb Spera

The stunning tour de force following three fierce, unforgettable women in the years leading up to the Great Depression.

The Last Grand Duchess

by Bryn Turnbull

Go behind the palace walls to see the end of Imperial Russia through the eyes of Olga Romanov, first daughter of the last Tsar.

The Lincoln Highway

by Amor Towles

Absorbing, sophisticated, and propulsive novel set in 1950's America.

Fantasy / SciFi

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires

by Grady Hendrix

Steel Magnolias meets *Dracula* in this southern-flavored supernatural thriller.

Under the Whispering Door

by T.J. Klune

Contemporary fantasy about a ghost who refuses to cross over and the ferryman he falls in love with.

Odalisque

by Fiona McIntosh

An engrossing tale of harems, political intrigue and a war among the gods that challenges the entire world.

The Golden Key

by Melanie Rawn

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

The Awakening

by Nora Roberts

Keegan journeys to Ireland to discover that her inheritance lies through a portal to a fairy land.

A River Enchanted

by Rebecca Ross

Set on a magical isle, two childhood enemies must team up to discover why girls are going missing from their clan.

The Name of the Wind

by Patrick Rothfuss

The tale of a magically gifted young man who grows to be the most notorious wizard his world has ever seen.

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.

Unwind

by Neal Shusterman

Three teens fight for their lives in a world that wants to use them for harvesting.

Mystery/Thriller

No Exit

by Taylor Adams

A thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child and a determined young woman desperate to unmask and outwit a vicious psychopath.

Bad Move

by Linwood Barclay

In the too-quiet town of Oakwood, only the lucky die of boredom. A hilarious debut mystery.

State of Terror

by Hillary Rodham Clinton
& Louise Penney

A novice Secretary of State faces a series of terrorist attacks and a conspiracy to bring down the government.

Don't Know Tough

by Eli Cranor

Football coach takes in Billy, an abused football player, but when the abuser turns up murdered, all evidence points to Billy.

Rock Paper Scissors

by Alice Feeney

Ten years of marriage. Ten years of secrets. And an anniversary they will never forget.

The Arrangement

by Kiersten Modglin

Couple tries to save their marriage by opening it up to dating others, but 'til death do us part may come soon.

The Favor

by Nora Murphy

What can happen when women are pushed to the limit?

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman

Four tricky septuagenarians, a female cop, a brutal murder, welcom to Thursday Murder Club!

Vanishing Girls

by Lisa Regan

Detective Josie Quinn desperately chases a killer hidden within her close-knit town before they claim another victim.

Biography

The Boys

by Ron Howard

Join filmmaker Ron Howard and actor Clint Howard as they share their unusual family story of navigating and surviving life as sibling child actors.

The Sisters of Auschwitz

by Roxanne Van Iperen

Sisters Janny and Lien Brilleslijper joined the Dutch Resistance, helped save dozens of lives, were captured by Nazis, and ultimately survived the Holocaust.

Between Two Kingdoms

by Suleika Jaouad

Searing, deeply moving memoir of illness and recovery that traces one young woman's journey from diagnosis to remission and ultimately, a road trip of healing and self-discovery.

How Y'all Doing?

by Leslie Jordan

Leslie Jordan regales fans with entertaining stories about the odd, funny, and unforgettable events in his life in this unmissable essay collection that echoes his droll, irreverent voice.

Greenlights

by Matthew McConaughey

An unconventional memoir filled with raucous stories, outlaw wisdom, and lessons learned the hard way about living with greater satisfaction.

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World

by Vicki Myron

The story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by Rebecca Skloot

A poor tobacco farmer who's cells - taken without her knowledge, became a medical tool to develop the polio vaccine, uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and so much more!

Non-Fiction

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

by Susan Cain

One-third of the people we know are introverts, yet we owe many of the great contributions to society to them.

Atomic Habits

by James Clear

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

Pandora's Jar

by Natalie Haynes

A fresh look at the women of Greek myths that put them on equal footing with the men.

The Girls of Atomic City

by Denise Kiernan

The incredible story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who unwittingly played a crucial role in winning World War II.

Hidden Valley Road

by Robert Kolker

The story of a midcentury American family with twelve children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease.

Devil in the White City

by Eric Larson

The combined stories of an architect and a serial killer set against the backdrop of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything

by Steven D. Levitt

Economic scholar reveals that the study of incentives is at the root of everyday life - from cheating and crime to sports and child rearing.

The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma

by Bessel van der Kolk

A pioneering researcher and one of the world's foremost experts on traumatic stress offers a bold new view of healing.

Get ready for the
SDCL WILD Summer of Reading!
When you read this summer,
you can earn this great
T-Shirt and TIE-DYE it!



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