



Summer Reading Picks 2018

Grades 9-12

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2018 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2018 List will help your family pick the best book for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

Happy Reading!

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CLASSICS

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

Guy Montag questions his job as a book burner when he meets a girl who opens his eyes to the emptiness of his life.

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House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros

Short vignettes tell the story of a young Hispanic girl growing up in Chicago.

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Rebecca

by Daphne Du Maurier

A young bride is swept away by her new surroundings & husband's mysterious past.

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Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank

The diary of a Jewish girl who hid with her family & others in Amsterdam during the German occupation.

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Outsiders

by S.E. Hinton

Misunderstood teens deal with gangs & violence in 1960s Oklahoma.

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To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

During the Depression, the story of one small Southern town & racial injustice as seen through the eyes of a young girl.

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NONFICTION

Enchanted Air

by Margarita Engle

Memoir of growing up during the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

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Boys Who Challenged Hitler

by Phillip Hoose

Young adults in Denmark sabotage Nazis occupying their country.

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What If?

by Randall Munroe

Laugh-out loud, but accurate, answers to some absurd scientific questions.

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Rhythm Ride

by Andrea Pinkney

An in-depth look at Berry Gordy's legacy & success of Motown records.

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Port Chicago 50

by Steve Sheinkin

During World War II, African-American soldiers challenge authority after a horrific explosion.

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Sachiko

by Caren Stelson

A survivor of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb tells her heartbreaking story.

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"The President Has Been Shot!"

by James Swanson

Investigative narrative into the mystery of President Kennedy's assassination

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Forge

by Laurie Halse Anderson

An escaped slave eventually serves as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

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Code Talker

by Joseph Bruchac

During World War II, Navajos use their native language to send secret messages for the U.S.

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Dreamland Burning

by Jennifer Latham

The race riots in Tulsa, OK is the backdrop of this mystery where past & present collide.

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Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys

A Lithuanian girl uses drawings to communicate while in a Nazi work camp.

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I Capture the Castle

by Dodie Smith

An old english castle is brought to life thanks to the imagination & wit of its young resident.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

Recognizing the power of words, a young girl learns to read from books she steals from the Nazis.

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Every Day

by David Levithan

An individual wakes up every day in a different body with a different life.

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Cinder

by Marissa Meyer

A cyborg meets the Prince & helps save Lunar from a deadly plague.

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Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

by Ransom Riggs

Vintage photographs send a young boy to a mysterious island where he stumbles upon a supernatural secret.

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Bone Gap

by Laura Ruby

Magic & realism come together in this story of a boy searching for a missing girl.

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Scythe

by Neal Shusterman

When illness & death are eradicated on Earth, it is up to Scythes to decide who lives & who dies.

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Anya's Ghost

by Vera Brosgol

After discovering a skeleton at the bottom of a well, its ghost begins following Anya.

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Friends with Boys

by Faith Hicks

A former home-schooler navigates high school for the first time.

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March: Book One

by John Lewis

The Congressman's firsthand account of the struggle for civil rights during the mid-20th Century.

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Batman: The Dark Knight Returns

by Frank Miller

From an iconic comic book author comes a groundbreaking take on the superhero's return.

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American Born Chinese

by Gene Yang

Three very different stories highlight Asian American kids & a Monkey King.

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MODERN FICTION

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

by Mark Haddon

An autistic teen solves the mystery surrounding the death of a poodle.

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Smilla's Sense of Snow

by Peter Høeg

A young boy's footprints in the snow is Smilla's first clue he was murdered.

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Monster

by Walter Dean Myers

While in juvenile detention, Steve writes about the crime he is alleged to have committed.

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Hate U Give

by Angie Thomas

A sixteen-year-old witnesses the shooting of her friend by a police officer.

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Piecing Me Together

by Renée Watson

An African-American teen tries to stay true to herself as she moves toward adulthood.

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Sun Is Also a Star

by Nicola Yoon

Daniel is not deterred from pursuing Natasha who is about to be deported.

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SPORTS

Slam!

by Walter Dean Myers

A basketball star faces challenges at his new magnet school.

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Undefeated

by Steve Sheinkin

True account of Jim Thorpe and the extraordinary Carlisle Indian School football team.

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Curveball, the Year I Lost My Grip

by Jordan Sonnenblick

Before high school begins, a star pitcher damages his arm & forced into a journey of self-discovery.

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Scorpio Races

by Maggie Stiefvater

A Celtic legend inspired this story of a young girl who must enter the brutal races of the water horses to save her family.

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Running Dream

by Wendelin Van Draanen

After a car accident, a track star must learn how to run again.

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