

Soddy-Daisy
Community Library
2020 Summer Reading
Recommendations

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The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2020 Summer 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.

We hope that during this challenging time, these recommendations will not only build on your child's 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

Watership Down

by Richard Adams

A group of wild rabbits struggles to find their place in the world.

Little Women

by Louisa May Alcott

Four sisters grow into adulthood.

The Scarlet Letter

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Hester Prynne conceives a daughter through an affair and is shunned for it.

The Pearl

by John Steinbeck

A diver changes his and his family's fortune by finding a large pearl.

The Invisible Man

by H. G. Wells

A scientist discovers a way to make himself invisible, but it drives him crazy.

** Volunteer State Book
Award Nominee 2020-21

Fantasy / SciFi

Children of Blood and Bone**

by Toni Adeyemi

Orphan works to bring back magic and get revenge against the monarchy.

The Wrath and the Dawn

by Renee Ahdieh

Retelling of Scheherazade and the Arabian Nights

The Hazel Wood

by Melissa Albert

Dark fairy tales come to life.

The Belles

by Dhonielle Clayton

Girls with the power to sculpt people beautiful, but at what cost?

Revolution

by Jennifer Donnelly

Angry girl finds diary that transports her back to the French Revolution.

Tiger's Curse series

by Colleen Houck

Two Indian princes, turned into tigers by an evil sorcerer, journey

through myths to reclaim their humanity.

Grave Mercy

by Robin Lefevers

Girls are sent to a nunnery in 1400's France to train as assassins.

Night Circus

by Erin Morgenstern

Two starcrossed magicians engage in a deadly game.

This Savage Song

by Victoria Schwab

A young woman and man must choose to become heroes or villains - or monsters.

Scythe (Arc of the Scythe series)

by Neal Shusterman

When illness and death are wiped out on Earth, it is up to Scythes to choose who lives and who dies.

Growing Up Dead

by Greg Wilkey

A boy discovers he is the child of a mortal woman and a vampire, and enters a centuries old war of the Undead.

Historical Fiction

The Lovely War

by Julie Berry

Set in WWI & WWII, gods hold the fates and hearts of mortals in their hands.

Once

by Morris Gleitzman

Jewish boy sets out to save his parents during WWII.

Girl in the Blue Coat

by Monica Hesse

Dutch girl joins the resistance in 1943.

Dread Nation**

by Justina Ireland

What happens when the Civil War is stopped by a zombie invasion?

Love is the Higher Law

by David Levithan

Three teens deal with the world after 9/11.

Stalking Jack the Ripper

by Kerri Maniscalco

A girl leading a secret life studying forensic medicine investigates the original serial killer.

The Poe Shadow

by Matthew Pearl

Young lawyer seeks the truth about the questionable death of Edgar Allen Poe.

The Fountains of Silence

by Ruta Sepetys

Love, silence and secrets during the postwar struggles of 1957 Spain.

Code Name Verity

by Elizabeth Wein

A pilot and her best friend, a spy, are shot down in Nazi occupied France and must save each other.

Realistic Fiction

With the Fire On High

by Elizabeth Acevedo

A teenage mom pursues her dream of becoming a chef.

Simon vs The Homo

Sapien Agenda

by Becky Albertelli

Closeted high school junior must come out before being pushed out.

Truly Devious**

by Maureen Johnson

Young detective at private boarding school hunts a murderer who has returned.

More Than We Can Tell**

by Brigid Kemmerer

Two teens share secrets in the face of trauma.

When Dimple Met Rishi

by Sandhya Menon

Parents try to play matchmaker during a web developer summer camp.

The Astonishing Color of After**

by Emily Pan

Girl discovers family, love and art after mother's death.

Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Two loners discover a special friendship.

Dry**

by Neal & Jarod

Shusterman

Catastrophic drought forces teen to help her family survive.

On the Come Up**

by Angie Thomas

Young rapper fights for her dreams against the odds.

Rayne & Delilah's Midnight Matinee

by Jeff Zentner

TV show hosts and best friends face graduation and the future.

Biography

I'll Always Write Back

by Caitlin Alifrenka

Penpal assignment creates two best friends worlds apart.

Shout

by Laurie Halse Anderson

Bio of an advocate for survivors of sexual assault.

Episodes

by Blaze Ginsberg

Highly functioning autistic teen views life in a collection of "episodes".

The Faithful Spy**

by John Hendrix

Graphic Novel bio of Dietrich Bonhoefer and the plot to kill Hitler.

Strong Inside (Young Reader's Edition)

by Andrew Maraniss

Perry Wallace, the first African American in the desegregated Southeastern Conference.

A Chance in the World

by Steve Pemberton

Abused boy grows into a resilient and visionary man.

We Should Hang Out Sometime

by Josh Sundquist

Author tracked down old girlfriends to find out "what went wrong".

The Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls

Woman escapes abusive, transient family life in West Virginia.

Educated

by Tara Westover

Daughter of survivalists escapes to better herself.

Non-Fiction

We Should All Be Feminists

by Chimamanda Adichie

Unique essay on 21st century feminism derived from her Ted talk.

6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make: Updated for the Digital Age

by Sean Covey

Learn to face 6 major challenges of being a teen in the digital age.

The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage

by Eric Greitens

Inspiring stories of friendship, struggle and hard-earned wisdom.

Nevertheless, We Persisted

by In This Together Media

48 stories of defiance, strength and courage.

The Perfect Horse

by Elizabeth Letts

U.S. mission to rescue a priceless horse stolen by the Nazis.

The Red Bandana

by Tom Rinaldi

Heroic story of 9/11.

Just Mercy**

by Bryan Stevenson

Glimpse into the life of the wrongfully imprisoned and fight for freedom.

The 57 Bus

by Dashka Slater

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

Graphic Novels

Speak

by Laurie Halse Anderson
A high school student comes to grips with her sexual assault through art.

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.

Mary's Monster: Love, Madness and How Mary Shelley Created

Frankenstein

by Lita Judge
The story of Mary Shelley's life and creation of Frankenstein.

Pumpkinheads

by Rainbow Rowell
Two teens discover what it means to leave a place - and a person - behind.

Nimona

by Noelle Stevenson
Young shapeshifter's mischief escalates to dangerous levels.

Hey Kiddo**

by Jarrett Krosoczka
Memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive.

The Prince and the Dressmaker

by Jen Wang
A prince with a secret life and his best friend find identity, art and love.

Novels in Verse

The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo
Slam poet finds her voice.

The Crossover

by Kwame Alexander
Basketball and beat come together.

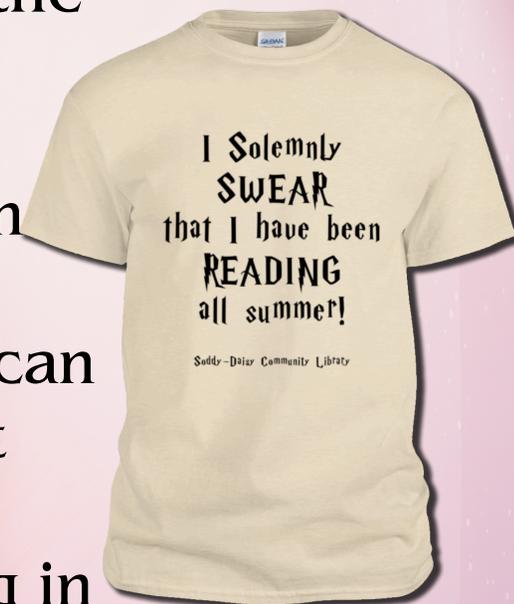
Audacity

by Melanie Crowder
Clara Lemlich fights for equal rights in the largest strike by women in American history.

Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds
60 seconds - the time it takes to decide whether to murder your brother's killer or not.

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Reading! When
you read this
summer, you can
earn this great
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