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# SUMMER READING PICKS 2019 GRADES 9 » 12

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2019 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 2019 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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### The 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 and 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 and others in Amsterdam during the German occupation.

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## CLASSICS

### We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

An eerie, gothic tale of a peculiar girl named Merricat and her family's dark secret.

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### To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

As seen through the eyes of a young girl, the story of one small Southern town's racial injustices.

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

A hero fights against the oppression of the maji, magical people thought to be eradicated by an evil king.

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### Dread Nation by Justina Ireland

African Americans are forced to fight the Civil War dead who are rising up to destroy the living.

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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 and helps save Lunar from a deadly plague.

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### Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

When he is hired to join ten others on a space exploration, Emmett finds himself in a deadly battle.

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### 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 and realism come together in this story of a boy searching for a missing girl.

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### Scythe by Neal Shusterman

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

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

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

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### Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham

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

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### The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

A Jewish man remarkably finds love under atrocious conditions.

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### You Bring the Distant Near by Matali Perkins

Stories about multiple generations of a family originally from India who move to the U.S.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **I Capture the Castle**

by Dodie Smith

An old English castle is brought to life thanks to the imagination and wit of its young residents.

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### **The Book Thief**

by Markus Zusak

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

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## MODERN REALISM

### **Watched**

by Marina Budhos

Naeem is coerced into spying on his Muslim friends and neighbors.

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### **The 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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### **More Than We Can Tell**

by Brigid Kemmerer

An online game creator finds solace with another troubled teen.

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## MODERN REALISM

### **Long Way Down**

by Jason Reynolds

About to seek revenge for the death of his brother, a teen encounters ghosts of murder victims.

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### **The 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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### **The 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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## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### **Speak: The Graphic Novel**

by Laurie Halse Anderson

After being raped, Melinda is beyond shattered until art helps restore her voice.

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### **Anya's Ghost**

by Vera Brosgol

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

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## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### **Octavia E. Butler's Kindred**

by Damian Duffy

Dana travels through time from the 1970s to slavery on a Southern plantation.

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### **Black Panther Part One: Avengers of the New World**

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

T'Challa searches for the gods of Wakanda.

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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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### **The Prince and the Dressmaker**

by Jen Wang

A seamstress makes dresses for a Prince whose secret identity is Lady Crystallia.

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### **American Born Chinese**

by Gene Luen Yang

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

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## NONFICTION

### **Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World**

by Pénélope Bagieu

A graphic novel format highlights important female role models.

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## NONFICTION

### **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler**

by Phillip Hoose

Young adults in Denmark sabotage Nazis occupying their country.

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### **Steal Like an Artist**

by Austin Kleon

Observe, study and transform the world around you while learning to be your creative self.

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### **What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions**

by Randall Munroe

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

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### **The 57 Bus**

by Dashka Slater

The true story about both the victim and offender of a violent hate crime.

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### **Sachiko**

by Caren Stelson

A survivor of the atomic bombing tells her heartbreaking story.

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### **"The President Has Been Shot!"**

by James Swanson

Investigative narrative into the mystery of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

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*Because this list includes books for a range of grades, please be aware that some titles may contain advanced content that might not be appropriate for everyone. If you need help making selections, ask your librarian for guidance.*

