



**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!*

*Corinne Hill*

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**CLASSICS**

**Mouse and the Motorcycle**

by Beverly Cleary  
 A mouse makes friends with a boy at an inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.  
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**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

by Roald Dahl  
 Charlie is one of the lucky ticket holders to see Willy Wonka's factory.  
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**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

by E.L. Konigsburg  
 Two children hide in a museum where they stumble upon a mystery.  
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**Borrowers**

by Mary Norton  
 A family of tiny people live hidden in an English house.  
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**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters**

by John Steptoe  
 An African Fairy Tale of daughters with very different personalities.  
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**Charlotte's Web**

by E.B. White  
 A lonely pig learns about love & friendship from a spider & a young girl.  
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**NONFICTION**

**Amelia to Zora**

by Cynthia Chin-Lee  
 Chin-Lee introduces readers to some amazing women in history.  
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**Little Kids First Big Book of Bugs**

by Catherine Hughes  
 National Geographic Kids teaches about insects.  
 P | J 595.7 Hug

**You Wouldn't Want to Live in Pompeii!**

by John Malam  
 An entertaining look at difficulties faced when Pompeii's volcano erupts.  
 Q | J 937.7256 Mal

**Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White**

by Melissa Sweet  
 Beautifully illustrated biography of E.B. White, author of Charlotte's Web.  
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**Separate is Never Equal**

by Duncan Tonatiuh  
 During the 1940s, an Hispanic family fights to end school segregation in California.  
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**Rocks & Minerals**

by Steve Tomecek  
 Have fun learning about rocks & minerals.  
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**Wangari's Trees of Peace**

by Jeanette Winter  
 One woman's passion brings amazing changes for the people of Kenya.  
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**HISTORICAL FICTION**

**War That Saved My Life**

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
 British siblings struggle to find safety and happiness in World War II.  
 Z | J Bra

**Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963**

by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 A heartwarming story of one family's trials & triumphs as they pull together after the bombing of a local church.  
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**Stella By Starlight**

by Sharon Draper  
 A young girl & her community battle segregation & hatred in the South.  
 V | J Dra

**Papa's Mechanical Fish**

by Candace Fleming  
 In the mid-1800s, an inventor builds a submarine to take his family under the lake.  
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**Skunked!: Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet**

by Jacqueline Kelly  
 In 1901, a girl & her younger brother care for an abandoned baby skunk.  
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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### Inside Out & Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

A young refugee & her family struggle to fit into their new life in the U.S.

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### I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916

by Lauren Tarshis

Based on true events, a boy & his friends are terrorized by a Great White shark.

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## FANTASY/SCI-FI

### One and Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate

A friendship develops between a gorilla & baby elephant held captive at a circus-themed mall.

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### Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell

by Chris Colfer

Twins fall inside a book of enchanting stories.

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### Gregor the Overlander

by Suzanne Collins

A fantastical story of a strange underground world filled with adventure.

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### Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo

A toy rabbit undertakes an incredible journey to understand the true meaning of love.

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### Adventures of Sophie Mouse: Emerald Berries

by Poppy Green

A mouse and frog search for special berries in an unknown part of the woods.

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### Lost Stone

by Jordan Quinn

Two friends find adventure as they search for an emerald in the Kingdom of Wrenly.

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### Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

by Liesl Shurtliff

Rump has a talent for spinning straw into gold, but is it a gift or a curse?

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## POETRY

### Outside Your Window

by Nicola Davies

Facts, poetry & illustrations make for a wonderful book about nature.

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### Hip Hop Speaks to Children

by Nikki Giovanni

Lots of fun & poetry celebrating the rhythm of Hip-Hop.

Q | J 811.008 Hip

### Jazz

by Walter Dean Myers

Musical poetry & illustrations highlight the wonderful world of Jazz.

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### It's Raining Pigs + Noodles

by Jack Prelutsky

Hilarious & imaginative poems by a favorite rhymester.

R | J 811.54 Pre

### Science Verse

by Jon Scieszka

With clever verse & funny illustrations, a boy rhymes about science.

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### Falling Up

by Shel Silverstein

A poetry compilation featuring some of Silverstein's silliest characters.

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## MODERN FICTION

### Fort

by Cynthia DeFelice

Two boys take revenge on some bullies who destroyed their fort.

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### Amina's Voice

by Hena Khan

A Pakistani girl finds her own voice after her mosque is vandalized.

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### Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker

A third grader navigates school with some ups & downs.

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### Save Me a Seat

by Sarah Weeks

Ravi & Joe find some common ground as they take on the pitfalls of school.

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### Garvey's Choice

by Nikki Grimes

Garvey decides to join the school chorus rather than pursue sports.

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## SPORTS

### Kickoff

by Tiki Barber

Tiki & Ronde are upping their game when they become starting players for their football team.

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### Roller Girl

by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel about a girl who falls in love with roller derby.

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### Izzy Barr, Running Star

by Claudia Mills

Will Izzy's dad make it to see her run at her 3rd grade field day?

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### Mighty Jackie

by Marissa Moss

During a Chattanooga Lookouts game, a teen girl strikes out Babe Ruth.

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### We Are the Ship

by Kadir Nelson

True stories of the African-American baseball league started in the 1920's.

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### STAT: Home Court

by Amar'e Stoudemire

Amar'e & his friends show respect to one another on & off the basketball court.

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### Kid from Diamond Street

by Audrey Vernick

In 1922, a ten-year-old girl tries out for the women's professional baseball team.

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Guided reading levels as determined by the Fountas & Pinnell Text Level Gradient used by Hamilton County Schools.

Kindergarten: **A B C D** | 1st: **E F G H I J** | 2nd: **K L M** | 3rd: **N O P** | 4th: **Q R S** | 5th: **T U V** | 6th: **W X Y** | 7-8th: **Z** | 9th+: **Z+**