



# SUMMER READING PICKS 2019 GRADES 3 » 5



## 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!*

Corinne Hill  
Executive Director  
Chattanooga Public Library

## CLASSICS

### **The 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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### **The BFG** by Roald Dahl

A Big Friendly Giant whisks Sophie away from the orphanage to save the world from mean giants.

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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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### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

by C.S. Lewis  
Four siblings step through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.

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## CLASSICS

### **The 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  
Daughters with very different personalities travel to meet the Great King.

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### **Charlotte's Web**

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

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows** by Asia Citro

Zoey and her cat named Sassafras care for a sick dragon.

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### **The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell**

by Chris Colfer  
Twins fall inside a book of enchanting stories.

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### **The Last Gargoyle** by Paul Durham

Penhallow, a Boston gargoyle, is able to travel the city in the form of a wisp.

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### **The Lifters**

by Dave Eggers  
Two new friends discover a secret buried beneath their town which leads them on an epic adventure.

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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **The Adventures of Sophie Mouse: The Emerald Berries**

by Poppy Green  
A mouse and frog search for berries in an unknown part of the woods.

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### **Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off** by Jacqueline Jules

Freddie receives a magical pair of sneakers that gives him super speed.

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### **The Lost Stone** by Jordan Quinn

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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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

British siblings struggle to find safety and happiness in World War II.

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### **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 and 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 and 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 and his friends are terrorized by a great white shark.

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### **Moon Over Manifest**

by Clare Vanderpool

During the Depression, a 12-year-old and her friends uncover secrets in a small Kansas town.

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### **Front Desk**

by Kelly Yang

Mia helps run the desk at the motel her parents manage while fighting injustices along the way.

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## MODERN REALISM

### **A Boy Called Bat**

by Elana Arnold

Bat cares for a baby skunk and wants to keep him for a pet.

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### **Fort**

by Cynthia DeFelice

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

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### **Saving Winslow**

by Sharon Creech

A tiny newborn donkey needs lots of care and Louie is up for the job.

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## MODERN REALISM

### **Roller Girl**

by Victoria Jamieson

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

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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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### **Jada Jones: Rock Star**

by Kelly Starling Lyons

Jada and her classmates are grouped together for a science project.

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### **Clementine**

by Sara Pennypacker

A third grader navigates school with some ups and downs.

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### **Save Me a Seat**

by Sarah Weeks

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

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## NONFICTION

### **Older than Dirt:**

#### **A Wild But True History of Earth**

by Don Brown

In graphic novel format, an entertaining look at our Earth narrated by a worm and a groundhog.

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### **Little Kids First Big Book of Bugs**

by Catherine Hughes

National Geographic Kids teaches about insects.

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## NONFICTION

### **The Youngest Marcher**

by Cynthia Levinson

The story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a young Civil Rights activist at the 1963 Birmingham Campaign.

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### **DK Findout!: Universe**

by Giles Sparrow

Fabulous photographs and fascinating details about the universe.

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### **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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### **The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid**

by Dylan Thuras

Travel to 100 mysterious and weird-but-true places on earth.

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### **Rocks & Minerals**

by Steve Tomecek

Have fun learning about rocks and minerals.

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### **Separate is Never Equal**

by Duncan Tonatiuh

During the 1940s, a Hispanic family fights to end school segregation in California.

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## POETRY

### **Outside Your Window:**

#### **A First Book of Nature**

by Nicola Davies

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

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### **Hip Hop Speaks to Children**

by Nikki Giovanni

Lots of fun and poetry celebrating the rhythm of Hip Hop.

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### **I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups**

by Chris Harris

This funny poetry book will make you laugh out loud.

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### **Wet Cement:**

#### **A Mix of Concrete Poems**

by Bob Raczka

The words of these poems make shapes and pictures.

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### **Science Verse**

by Jon Scieszka

With clever verse and 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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