

Check out the books below for recommendations for the categories for the Summer Reading Express! These are books you can find or order through the NGBC! (or, if your book hoard is unruly, check to see if the library has them!) Feel free to choose your own books for the category as well. These are just suggestions to get you started, and are appropriate for adults.

Coming of Age Stories

- *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong
- *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *Leaving Tabasco* by Carmen Boullosa
- *We All Loved Cowboys* by Carol Bensimon
- *The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson
- *Dispatches from Puerto Nowhere: An American Story of Assimilation and Erasure* by Robert Lopez
- *The Blurry Years* by Eleanore Kriseman
- *Girlhood* by Melissa Febos

Adventure Stories

- *Kaiju Preservation Society* by John Scalzi
- *Shark Heart: A Love Story* by Emily Habeck
- *The Palm-Wine Drinkard* by Amos Tutuola
- *Scattered All Over the Earth* by Yoko Tawada
- *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab
- *What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- *Call of the Wild* by Jack London

A Genre You Don't Usually Read

Poetry

- *A Film in Which I Play Everyone* by Mary Jo Bang
- *Golden Ax* by Rio Cortez
- *This Wound is a World* by Billy-Ray Belcourt
- *How to Love a Country* by Richard Blanco

Graphic Novels

- *Mighty Nein Origins* by Sam Maggs
- *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon* by Naoko Takeuchi
- *The Apothecary Diaries (Manga)* by Natsu Hyuuga
- *War and Peace the Graphic Novel* by Alexandr Poltorak
- *Assassin's Apprentice Vol. 1* by Robin Hobb
- *Everything is Fine Vol. 1* by Mike Birchall
- *Memento Mori* by Titu Takalo
- *Witch Hat Atelier* by Kamome Shirahama
- *A Sign of Affection* by Suu Morishita
- *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman
- *Banned Book Club* by Kim Hyun Sook

A Book in Translation

- *Amrita* by Banana Yoshimoto
- *The Savage Detectives* by Robert Bolaño
- *Visitation* by Jenny Erpenbeck
- *Celestial Bodies* by Jokha Alharthi
- *Havana Year Zero* by Karla Suárez
- *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy
- *I Will Die in a Foreign Land* by Kalani Pickhart
- *Broken Stars: Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction in Translation* translated by Ken Lui
- *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk
- *Love in a Fallen City* by Eileen Chang

A Classic

- *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
- *The Book of Paradise* by Itzik Manger
- *The Rainbow* by Yasunari Kawabata
- *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel García Marquez
- *The Tale of Genji* by Lady Murasaki Shikibu
- *The Iliad* by Homer
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *Cranford* by Elizabeth Gaskell
- *The Tropic of Cancer* by Henry Miller

A Nonfiction Book

- *Cheap Land Colorado* Ted Conover
- *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan
- *Our Moon: How Earth's Celestial Companion Transformed the Planet, Guided Evolution, and Made Us Who We Are* by Rebecca Boyle
- *Looking for the Hidden Folk: How Iceland's Elves Can Save the Earth* by Nancy Marie Brown
- *Lightning Flowers: My Journey to Uncover the Cost of Saving a Life* by Katherine E. Standefer
- *Solito* by Javier Zamora
- *You Could Make This Place Beautiful* by Maggie Smith
- *Our History is the Future: Standing Rock versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance* by Nick Estes
- *Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Riotous Black Girls, Troublesome Women, and Queer Radicals* by Saidiya Hartman

A Science Fiction/Fantasy Book

- *Gideon the Ninth (The Locked Tomb Series)* by Tamsyn Muir
- *The Word for World is Forest* by Ursula le Guin
- *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells
- *The Death I Gave Him* by Em X. Liu
- *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers
- *Kill the Farmboy* by Delilah S. Dawson and Kevin Hearne
- *Starling House* by Alix E. Harrow
- *The Poppy War* by R.F. Kuang
- *Thistlefoot* by Gennarose Nethercott
- *Someone You Can Build a Nest In* by John Wiswell

A Book by a Person of Color

- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *Holler, Child: Stories* by LaToya Watkins
- *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko
- *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akwaeke Emezi
- *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin
- *The Hacienda* by Isabel Canas
- *Trust* by Hernan Diaz
- *The Dangers of Smoking in Bed* by Mariana Enriquez

A Book by an LGBTQ+ Author

- *Last Night in Nuuk* by Niviaq Korneliussen
- *One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston
- *The Sunbearer Trials* by Aiden Thomas
- *Rainbow Rainbow* by Lydia Conklin
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf
- *The City in the Middle of the Night* by Charlie Jane Anders
- *An Unkindness of Ghosts* by Rivers Solomon
- *Don't Be a Drag* by Skye Quinlan
- *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune