

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.

A novel in verse

- *The Illiad* by Homer
- *Calypso* by Oliver K. Langmead
- *Enter the Body* by Joy McCullough
- *Sharp Teeth* by Toby Barlow
- *Eugene Onegin* by Alexander Pushkin
- *Dreaming of You* by Melissa Lozada-Oliva
- *Autobiography of Red* by Anne Carson
- *The Last One* by Fatima Daas
- *Watercolor Women, Opaque Men* by Ana Castillo
- *Northwood: A Novella* by Maryse Meijer

A book by an immigrant author

- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julia Otsuko
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Long Island* by Colm Tóibín
- *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Díaz
- *The Refugees* Viet Thanh Nguyen

A Genre You Don't Usually Read*Poetry*

- *A Film in Which I Play Everyone* by Mary Jo Bang
- *Golden Ax* by Rio Cortez
- *Walking the Burn* by Rachel Kellum
- *Almond Blossoms and Beyond* by Mahmoud Darwish

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 that has been translated from one language to another.

- *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
- *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk
- *Love in a Fallen City* by Eileen Chang

A banned book

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X and Alex Haley
- *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *Girl, Interrupted* by Susanna Kaysen
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

A memoir or biography

- *Group Living and Other Recipes* Lola Milholland
- *Whiskey Tender* by Deborah Taffa
- *Lightning Flowers: My Journey to Uncover the Cost of Saving a Life* by Katherine E. Standefer
- *Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian's Journey Home* by Chris La Tray
- *Solito* by Javier Zamora
- *You Could Make This Place Beautiful* by Maggie Smith
- *Metamorphoses: In Search of Franz Kafka* by Karolina Watroba
- *King: A Life* by Jonathan Eig
- *The Joy and Defiance of Marsha B. Johnson* by Tourmaline
- *Tesla's Walk* by Jimmy Sena

A romance (yes, that includes romantasy)

- *One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston
- *Happy Place* by Emily Henry
- *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood
- *Haunting Adeline* by H.D. Carlton
- *A Curse for True Love* by Stephanie Garber
- *This Summer Will Be Different* by Carley Fortune
- *A Novel Love Story* by Ashley Poston
- *Romantic Comedy* by Curtis Sittenfield

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