



Reading can be one of the many fun activities children fill their summer time with. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs not only avoid the “summer slide” in learning, but also score higher on reading achievement tests than those who do not participate.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, encourage your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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SUMMER READING LIST

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep by Jane Cabrera

Holiday House, 2015, ISBN: 9780823433889

This playful take on the old nursery rhyme shows what happens to the wool the sheep gives out, as it is made into mittens, a vest, and more.

Beach House by Deanna Caswell Illustrated by Amy June Bates

Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452124087

Follow a family as they have a fun day at the beach, splashing in the waves, playing in the sand, having a cookout, and much more.

Cockatoo, Too by Bethanie Deeney

Murguialittle bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801026

Enter the jungle where you will meet many cockatoos and toucans and have fun reading this lively story filled with wordplay.

Countablock by Christopher Franceschelli Illustrated by Peskimo

Abrams/Applesseed, 2014, ISBN: 9781419713743

Counting to 100 becomes exciting as each die-cut page in this board book allows objects like eggs to be counted again after the chicks inside hatch.

Counting Crows by Kathi Appelt

Illustrated by Rob Dunlavey
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2015, ISBN: 9781442423275

Crows counting their snacks have the tables turned when they realize they will be a snack for the cat in this tale told with great humor.

Cricket Song by Anne Hunter

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544582590

Exploring the sounds and smells surrounding two children falling asleep on different continents, the reader becomes aware of the interconnectedness found throughout the world in this charming bedtime story.

A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young

by Michael Rosen
Illustrated by Chris Riddell
Candlewick Press, 2015, ISBN: 9780763681166

A parade of diverse toddlers and animals wiggle, giggle, and dance through this volume of silly rhymes and poems that celebrate the sounds of language.

I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)

by Rachel Isadora
Penguin/Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780399160493

A group of children describe many things in their world using their senses in this early nonfiction title.

Let's Play by Hervé Tullet

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452154770

Play your way through this interactive and humorous book!

Looking for Bongo by Eric Velasquez

Holiday House, 2016, ISBN: 9780823435654

A boy's stuffed dog is missing: can advice from his abuela and a bit of detective work help him find his beloved toy?

My Bus

by Byron Barton
Greenwillow Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780062287380

A helpful bus driver delivers passengers to other modes of transportation, including boats, planes, and trains. Fun counting opportunities abound!

The Night World by Mordicai Gerstein

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316188227

While everyone in the house sleeps, a boy and his cat go outside to experience the world after dark.

Old MacDonald Had a Truck

by Steve Goetz
Illustrated by Eda Kaban
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452132600

Toddlers will love to sing along with this new version of an old favorite, featuring heavy farm machinery.

Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching

by Laura Gehl
Illustrated by Joyce Wan
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016, ISBN: 9780374301217

Peep tries to convince Egg to come out of his shell.

The Princess and the Pony

by Kate Beaton
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2015, ISBN: 9780545637084

An unconventional warrior princess finds her steed to be her greatest asset on the day of battle.

Rude Cakes by Rowboat Watkins

Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452138510

A not-so-nice cake learns that only good manners can save him from polite Cyclopes.

Sail Away

by Langston Hughes
Illustrated by Ashley Bryan
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2015, ISBN: 9781481430852

Poetry about the sea by Langston Hughes, beautifully illustrated in cut-paper collage by Ashley Bryan.

Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson

Illustrated by Sydney Smith
Groundwood Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781554984312

A young girl living in the city shares wildflowers she finds while walking, transforming the lives of all she meets.

Smick

by Doreen Cronin
Illustrated by Juan Medina
Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780670785780

A dog, a chick, a stick . . . a lick! Youngsters will lap up this enjoyable tale of new friendship.

Snapsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!)

by Julie Falatko
Illustrated by Tim Miller
Viking, 2016, ISBN: 9780451469458

Snapsy learns that having a pesky narrator demanding details about him is not such a bad thing after all.

Steam Train, Dream Train 1-2-3

by Sherri Duskey Rinker
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452149141

"Three rabbits hopping as they ride . . ." Count along in this board book as the cars of Steam Train, Dream Train pass by.

Thank You and Good Night

by Patrick McDonnell
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316338011

Three friends at a sleepover enjoy life's simple pleasures in this, the perfect bedtime story.

Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book

by Britta Teckentrup
Doubleday Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781101932421

Learn about colors and seasons and meet the animals who make a tree their home.

Wait

by Antoinette Portis
Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781596439214

On the way to the bus, a mother pulls her preschooler along until, finally, she pauses to enjoy a special site with him.

The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk

by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal
Illustrated by Jess Golden
Beach Lane Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781481448314

"The Wheels on the Bus" has never been so fun as in this modern update to the traditional song, this time set in India!

