



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

GRADES K-2

Are We There Yet?

by Dan Santat

Little, Brown, 2016, ISBN: 9780316199995

On a seemingly endless car trip, hours move so slowly that a boy imagines that time is actually moving backwards, sending him into a past full of pirates, dinosaurs, and adventure.

Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!

by Bob Shea

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484713792

Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

Beastly Verse

Illustrated by JooHee Yoon

Enchanted Lion Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781592701667

Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems in this award-winning book.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur

by Kallie George

Illustrated by Oriol Vidal

HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780062353085

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

Earmuffs for Everyone!

How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs

by Meghan McCarthy

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481406376

Learn about the invention of earmuffs by prolific inventor

and successful businessman Chester Greenwood in this humorous picture book.

8: An Animal Alphabet

by Elisha Cooper

Orchard Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780545470834

In this counting alphabet book, Cooper delivers a unique gamelike quality to his story as readers learn about animals—both familiar and exotic—in this alphabetically arranged book that contains eight illustrations of each animal on its pages.

Flowers Are Calling

by Rita Gray

Illustrated by Kenard Pak

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121

Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Freedom in Congo Square

by Carole Boston

Weatherford

Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801033

Because of the unjust system of nineteenth-century Louisiana, the slaves are forced to work all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing, and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

Gaston

by Kelly DiPucchio

Illustrated by Christian Robinson

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014, ISBN: 9781442451025

What does it take for a bulldog to fit in with his proper poodle family? It turns out to be something simple: love.

Get a Hit, Mo!

by David A. Adler

Illustrated by Sam Ricks

Penguin, 2016, ISBN: 9780670016327

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

The Grasshopper & the Ants

by Jerry Pinkney

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316400817

The third in his retellings of Aesop's Fables, Pinkney shows the grasshopper why the ants have worked so hard, and the ants learn the value of sharing.

Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons

by Jon J. Muth

Scholastic, 2014, ISBN: 9780545166683

Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

Ice Cream Summer

by Peter Sis

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545731614

Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

I Don't Want to Be a Frog

by Dev Petty

Illustrated by Mike Boldt

Doubleday Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780385378666

A frog imagines what it would be like to be a rabbit, a cat, and other animals in this silly story.

I Got the Rhythm

by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Illustrated by Frank Morrison

Bloomsbury, 2014, ISBN: 9781619631786

A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

Lenny & Lucy

by Philip C. Stead

Illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781596439320

Peter uses his imagination and pillows to create Lenny, the Guardian of the Bridge, and realizes that something is missing—a friend for Lenny.

My New Friend Is So Fun!

by Mo Willems

Disney-Hyperion, 2014, ISBN: 9781423179580

Will a new friend break apart Piggie and Gerald's friendship?

The Night Gardener

by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

Simon & Schuster, 2016, ISBN: 9781481439787

William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest

by Lulu Delacre

Children's Book Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780892393275

Explore the cloud forest of the Andes in Ecuador in this bilingual alphabetical book in verse.

Power Down, Little Robot

by Anna Staniszewski

Illustrated by Tim Zeltner

Henry Holt, 2015, ISBN: 9781627791250

This little robot has no plans to go to bed!

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

by Mac Barnett

Illustrated by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2014, ISBN: 9780763662295

Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

Strictly No Elephants

by Lisa Mantchev

Illustrated by Taeoon Yoo

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481416474

Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

Surf's Up

by Kwame Alexander

Illustrated by Daniel Miyares

NorthSouth Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780735842205

Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

Ten Rules of Being a Superhero

by Deb Pilutti

Henry Holt, 2014, ISBN: 9780805097597

Anyone can be a superhero as long as they follow these ten important rules!

Treat

by Mary Sullivan

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544472709

Learn the many things this dog does in order to get a treat to eat in this light tale filled with humor.

