

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.

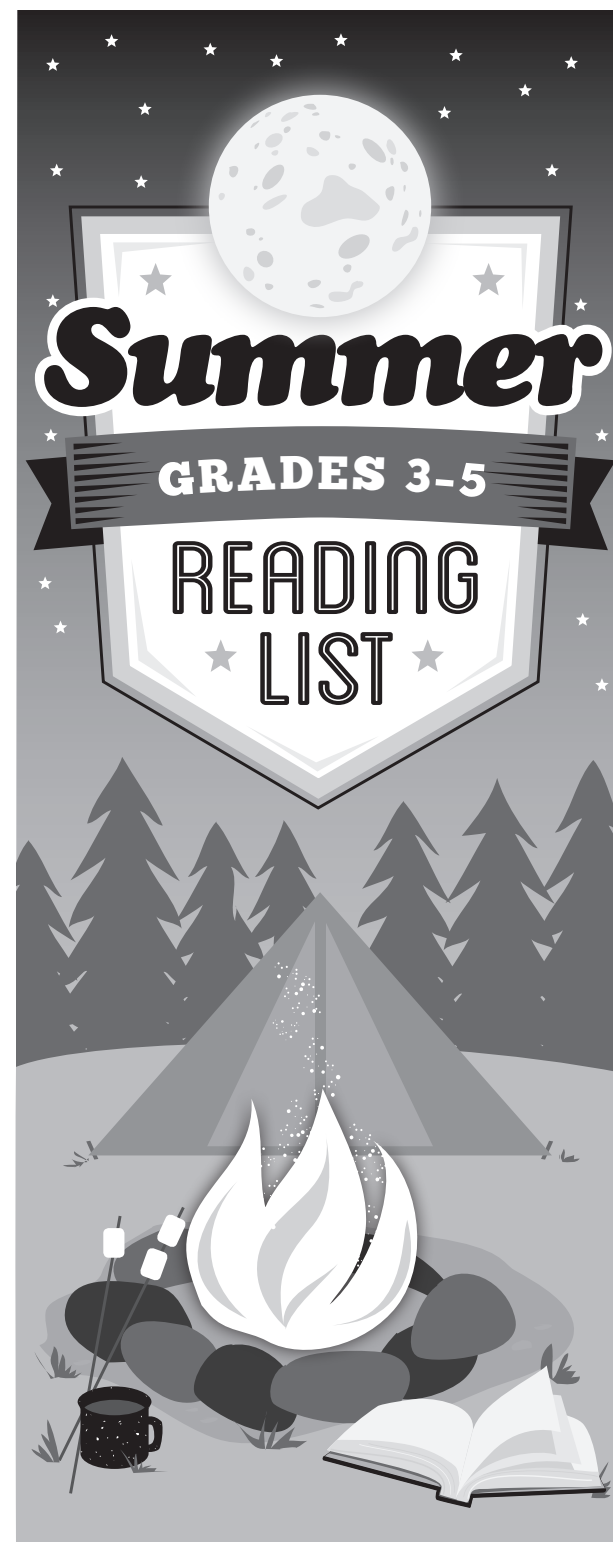
The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, encourage your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



Association for Library Service to Children

www.ala.org/alsc

This Summer Reading Book List was created by the Association for Library Service to Children's Quicklists Consulting Committee and the School Age Programs and Services Committee through a 2013 Carnegie Whitney Grant funded by the American Library Association Publishing Committee. The 2014 list was updated by ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee. For more booklists from ALSC visit www.ala.org/alsc/booklists.



Summer Reading List

The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut: Bowling Alley Bandit

by Laurie Keller
Henry Holt/Christy Ottaviano Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780805090765.

Arnie the pet “doughnut dog” always has a fun time at the bowling alley, until something causes his owner to throw gutter ball after gutter ball.

Battle Bunny
by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett, illustrated by Matthew Myers

Simon & Schuster, 2013
ISBN: 9781442446731.
Gran Gran gave Alexander a beautiful book about Birthday Bunny, but Alexander decides to “create” his own book about Battle Bunny, which suits his tastes much better.

Big Nate: In a Class by Himself

by Lincoln Peirce
HarperCollins, 2010
ISBN: 9780061944345.

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.
First in a series.

The Birchbark House
by Louise Erdrich

Hyperion, 1999
ISBN: 9780786814541 (PB).
Omakayas, a young Ojibwa girl living near Lake Superior in the mid-1800s, cares for her baby brother and experiences the growing settlement of white people on her family’s land. *First in a series.*

Bluffton: My Summers with Buster
by Matt Phelan

Candlewick Press, 2013
ISBN: 9780763650797.
Muskegon, Michigan, is an ordinary town until a band of vaudeville performers, including young Buster Keaton, decide to spend the summer there.

Clementine
by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Maria Frazee

Hyperion, 2006
ISBN: 9780786838820.
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping banish the pigeons from her apartment building. *First in a series.*

The Day-Glo Brothers
by Chris Barton

Charlesbridge, 2009
ISBN: 9781570916731.
The true story of two brothers who, messing around in their basement, discover colors that glow in the dark.

Doll Bones
by Holly Black, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, 2013
ISBN: 9781416963981.
Three friends set off for an adventure to bury a haunted doll made of the bones of a long-ago girl.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library
by Chris Grabenstein

Random House, 2013
ISBN: 9780375870897.
Kyle, a huge lover of games,

gets to spend the night in Mr. Lemoncello’s amazing new library and join in the biggest game of all—with a prize beyond his imagination.

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything
by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Abigail Halpin

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2011
ISBN: 9781416995906 (PB).
Bollywood fan Dini is moving to India. Will she get a chance to meet her favorite movie star?

Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhha Lai
HarperCollins, 2011
ISBN: 9780061962783.
Hà escapes South Vietnam with her family and finds that life is very different in the United States.

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse
by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Josée Masse

Dutton, 2010
ISBN: 9780525479017.
Read these poems both forwards and backwards for a wild new spin on your favorite fairy tale characters!

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart, illustrated by Carson Ellis
Little, Brown, 2007
ISBN: 9780316057776.
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy
by Nathan Hale

Abrams/Amulet Books, 2012
ISBN: 9781419703966.
Just before Nathan Hale is hung as a spy in the Revolutionary War, he tells a British soldier and the hangman a bit of American history.

Out of My Mind
by Sharon M. Draper

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2010, ISBN: 9781416971702.
Considered by many to be intellectually disabled, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy is given her voice with a technological device, opening the door to a new life.

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin
by Liesl Shurtliff

Alfred A. Knopf, 2013
ISBN: 9780307977939.
Twelve-year-old Rump goes on a quest to discover his true identity and to break a magical curse in this humorous take on the classic fairy tale.

Serafina’s Promise
by Ann E. Burg

Scholastic, 2013
ISBN: 9780545535649.
Serafina, who lives in Haiti, longs to become a doctor, but how will she find the money and the time, when her family needs her help with chores, and earthquakes and floods keep setting them back?

Spirit Animals, Book One: Wild Born
by Brandon Mull

Scholastic, 2013
ISBN: 9780545522434.
In Erdas, four children have four mighty spirit animals, but can these kids and their animals save their world?
First in a series.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda
by Tom Angleberger

Abrams/Amulet Books, 2010
ISBN: 9780810984257.
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. *First in a series.*

The 13-Story Treehouse
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

Feiwel and Friends, 2013
ISBN: 9781250026903.
Join Andy and Terry for adventures in their amazing treehouse, complete with swimming pool, lemonade fountain, and man-eating-shark tank!

Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

by Stephan Pastis
Candlewick Press, 2013
ISBN: 9780763660505.
Introducing Total Failure, Inc., the best detective agency in town, run by eleven-year-old Timmy Failure and his partner, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear. *First in a series.*

Tuesdays at the Castle
by Jessica Day George

Bloomsbury, 2011
ISBN: 9781599906447.
On Tuesdays, Castle Glower takes on a life of its own, magically rearranging itself. When the castle is ambushed, it’s up to Princess Celie to save the day. *First in a series.*

Weird but True: 300 Outrageous Facts

National Geographic Children’s Books, 2010
ISBN: 9781426305948 (PB).
These facts are outrageous, wacky, funny, weird . . . and all true! You won’t be able to stop flipping through this incredible book.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

by Grace Lin
Little, Brown, 2009
ISBN: 9780316114271.
Minli and a dragon begin a quest to find the Old Man on the Moon, who may have answers to Minli’s family’s troubles.

Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy

by Tui T. Sutherland
Scholastic, 2012
ISBN: 9780545349185.
Five young dragons from different tribes must face treachery and deceit and work together to fulfill the prophecy that will bring an end to the dragon wars. *First in a series.*