

Recommended Summer Reading

(Some reading levels have been identified to aid in book selection for independent reading)

Picture Books

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead

The Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan

The Very Fairy Princess by Julie Andrews & Emma Walton Hamilton

What If? by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

My Garden by Kevin Henkes

Happy Birthday Sophie Hartley by Stephanie Greene

Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni (Level F)

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Not Last Night But the Night Before by Colin McNaughton

Little Polar Bear and the Whales by Hans de Beer

Cat the Cat, Who Is That? by Mo Willems

Tacky Goes to Summer Camp by Helen Lester (Level L)

Summer Wonders by Bab Raczka

The Barefoot Book of Fairy Tales by Malachy Doyle

My Abuelita by Tony Johnston

King Midas: the golden touch by Demi

Love and Roast Chicken: a trickster tale from the Andes Mountains by Barbara Knutson

Illustrated Fiction (For Older Children)

The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen

Mississippi Mud by Ann Warren Turner (Level P)

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (Level Q)

Landed by Milly Lee (Level R)

The Rough-face Girl retold by Rafe Martin (Level S)
So Far From the Sea by Eve Bunting
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco (Level V)
The Elephant's Child by Rudyard Kipling

Easy Readers

Super Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (Level H)
<http://www.teddarnoldbooks.com/superflyguy.html>

Snow Trucking! by Jon Scieszka
<http://www.trucktown.com/>

Tea Party for Two by Michelle Poploff (Level K)

Vacation: We're Going to the Beach by David L. Harrison

This is a short book of verse, telling of a road trip and a day at the beach.

Andy Shane Hero at Last by Jennifer Jacobson (Level L)
<http://jenniferjacobson.com/andy-shane-hero-at-last/>

Babymouse Burns Rubber by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm
http://www.jenniferholm.com/02_mybooks/11_babymouse.html

Ling & Ting by Grace Lin

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxAFEUIi6PU&feature=related>

Busybody Nora by Johanna Hurwitz (Level N)
<http://www.johannahurwitz.com/works.htm>

Nonfiction

Duckling Days by Karen Wallace

Owls by Gail Gibbons (Level M)

Sharks! by Anne Schreiber

Butterflies & Moths by Nic Bishop

Season to Season: Nature's Cycles by Jason Cooper

Fish: Animals in Disguise by Lynn M. Stone

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca (Level N)

Storms: Weather Report by Ann Merk
Planets: Skywatch by Lynn M. Stone
Off-Road Motorcycles by Thomas Streissguth (Level P)
Amazing but True Sports Stories by Hollander (Level Q)
Pyramids and Mummies by Seymour Simon (Level R)
River of Dreams by Hudson Talbot
Pharoah's Boat by David L. Weitzman
An Egret's Day by Jane Yolen
Neo Leo: the ageless ideas of Leonardo DaVinci by Gene Barretta
Extraordinary Women Athletes by Judy Hasday (Level T)
Earthquakes by Seymour Simon (Level T)
Earth Matters by Yvonne Morrison (Level U)
How I Came to Be a Writer by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Level W)
I Live in Tokyo by Mari Takabayashi
A Rain Forest Food Chain: A Who-Eats-What Adventure in South America by Rebecca Hogue Wojahn
Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation by Jacqueline Jules
Everything Kids' Environment Book by Sheri Amsel
Water and Ice by Melinda Lilly

Poetry

Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes
Messengers of Rain: and Other Poems from Latin America by Claudia M. Lee
And the Green Grass Grew All Around: Folk Poetry From Everyone by Alvin Schwartz
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Fiction

(arranged from easiest to most difficult)

Bink & Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee

Here is a book with three humorous stories about two best friends who are unique in their personalities and style.

<http://www.katedicamillo.com/books/bink01.html>

Elmer and the Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett (Level M)

Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin (Level N)

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey (Level N)

Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary (Level O)

<http://www.beverlycleary.com/characters.aspx#Ralph>

Class Clown by Johanna Hurwitz (Level O)

<http://www.johannahurwitz.com/index.htm>

Encyclopedia Mythologica: Gods & Heroes by Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda

Hank the Cowdog by John Erickson (Level P)

Narrated by a dog named Hank, this book is one of a series of humorous mysteries with an interesting cast of characters.

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (Level S)

A fast-talking mouse and a city-wise cat welcome a country cricket to a new home in a NYC subway station.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (Level T)

Four English children go through a wardrobe door to Narnia where Aslan, the noble lion, fights the spell of the white witch.

Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery (Level V)

Author, Lucy Maude Montgomery draws upon her experiences growing up on Prince Edward Island. She tells the story of Anne, an irrepressible and truly memorable heroine.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (Level W)

<http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com/index.htm>

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan (Level W)

The first book in the Heroes of Olympus series.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (Level W)

A trio of whimsical characters, intent on helping Meg find her father, take her, her brother, and a friend on a voyage to a distant planet where an omnipotent brain has control over everyone.

Golden Tales: myths, legends, and folktales from Latin America by Lulu Delacre

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia (Newbery Honor)

Set during one of the most tumultuous years in recent American history, *One Crazy Summer* is the heartbreaking, funny tale of three girls in search of the mother who abandoned them.

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm (Newbery Honor)

This is a depression era story about an eleven year old girl who is sent to live with relatives in Florida. It is here that her world opens up in unexpected ways and that she emerges from her shell.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (Newbery Honor)

This book is an enchanted fantasy that teaches about the evil of greed and the joy of gratitude.

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool (Newbery Medal)

A story with multiple narratives set during and after World War I about a girl named Manifest who uncovers a mystery about her town and family. Social issues such as war, depression, labor issues, prohibition, poor race-relations, orphan trains, and immigration are presented.

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan (ALA Notable Book)

A fictional biography based on the true story of poet, Pablo Neruda.

This book offers an excellent introduction into the life of one of the world's most famous poets.

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus (Newbery Honor)

Based on a true story, Manjiro, a Japanese teenager living in the mid-19th century finds refuge on a remote island after a storm destroys the ship he is traveling on. Manjiro's efforts to return to Japan shape him into the admirable character he becomes.

The Batboy by Mike Lupica

When Brian Dudley becomes a batboy for his hometown's major league baseball team, he learns lessons far beyond the sport. This book will appeal to readers who love baseball.

Series Fiction

Captain Awesome by Stan Kirby

The Littles Go Exploring by John Lawrence Peterson (Level J)

Read the story of a loving family of very tiny characters and their many challenges and adventures.

Ivy & Bean: Doomed to Dance by Annie Barrows (Level M)

After Ivy and Bean read a book about ballet they decide that they should take ballet, so they can become ballerinas. The only problem is that ballet is not as fun or as easy as it seems.

Daisy Dawson and the Secret Pond by Steve Voake

With Daisy's ability to talk and understand animals, she is bound for adventure. Little girls will have a good role model in Daisy, a character who is brave, kind and spunky.

Zach Files by Dan Greenburg (Level N)

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (Level N)

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol (Level P)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan (Level S)

The 39 Clues written by various authors

<http://www.the39clues.com/>