



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 3-5

### ***Audacity Jones to the Rescue***

by Kirby Larson

Scholastic, 2016, ISBN: 9780545840569

Audie Jones finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime when she is whisked away to Washington, D.C., where sinister goings-on are afoot.

### ***The Blackthorn Key***

by Kevin Sands

Aladdin, 2015, ISBN: 9781481446518

This adventure, filled with rich suspense, mystery, and unforgettable characters, follows Christopher Rowe as he learns a mysterious cult is preying on London's apothecaries, and the trail of murders is growing closer and closer to Blackthorn's shop.

### ***Crimebiters! My Dog Is Better than Your Dog***

by Tommy Greenwald

Illustrated by Adam Stower  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545773324

Jimmy suspects his dog is a crime-fighting vampire; can the canine's superskills help track down who stole his mother's diamond necklace? First in a series.

### ***The Door by the Staircase***

by Katherine Marsh

Illustrated by Kelly Murphy  
Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781423134992

Orphan Mary Hayes hopes to escape the Buffalo Asylum for Young Ladies, only to find herself in peril when a mysterious woman named Madame Z adopts her.

### ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder; Illustrated by Mary GrandPré

Crown Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780385392280

A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

### ***Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile***

by Marcia Wells

Illustrated by Marcos Calo  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014, ISBN: 9780544238336

Sixth-grader Eddie is called on by the NYPD to help bust a gang of art thieves by using his photographic memory and talent for drawing. First in a series.

### ***Fable Comics***

Edited by Chris Duffy

First Second, 2015, ISBN: 9781626721074

Various graphic novelists retell twenty-eight fables from different cultures and traditions in this vibrant collection of comics

### ***Honey***

by Sarah Weeks

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545465571

When she realizes her dad may have a secret girlfriend, Melody sets out to find out who it is.

### ***Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph***

by Roxane Orgill; Illustrated by Francis Vallejo

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763669546

This collection of poetry focuses on the process

art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

### ***The Jumbies***

by Tracey Baptiste

Algonquin Young Readers, 2015, ISBN: 9781616204143

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

### ***The Key to Extraordinary***

by Natalie Lloyd

Scholastic, 2016, ISBN: 9780545552745

Emma must fulfill her Destiny Dream: to locate a legendary treasure. If she fails, she lets down not only the legacy of her ancestors but also the family business—the Boneyard Cafe.

### ***The Last Kids on Earth***

by Max Brallier; Illustrated by Douglas Holgate

Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780670016617

Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead, this postapocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

### ***Lola Levine Is Not Mean!***

by Monica Brown; Illustrated by Angela Dominiquez

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316258364

Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess

soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field—and her friends—by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about. First in a series.

### ***My Diary from the Edge of the World***

by Jody Lynn Anderson

Aladdin, 2015, ISBN: 9781442483873

Dragon season and homework about Sasquatches' involvement in American history aside, Gracie Lockwood lives in a normal, uneventful world until a Dark Cloud comes for her little brother. Can her family outrun this harbinger?

### ***My Pet Human***

by Yasmine Surovec

Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781626720732

An independent cat resists being tied down by a human pet in this fun tale.

### ***Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands***

by Katherine Roy

David Macaulay Studio, 2014, ISBN: 9781596438743

This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

### ***Oona Finds an Egg***

by Adele Griffin

Illustrated by Mike Wu  
Scholastic, 2016, ISBN: 9780545732796

Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. First in a series.

### ***Project Blastoff***

by Mark Kelly and Martha Freeman

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman, 2015, ISBN: 9781481415453

Twins Mark and Scott Kelly are about to embark on an adventure of epic proportions as they build and engineer their own rocket ship. First in a series.

### ***School for Sidekicks***

by Kelly McCullough

Feiwei & Friends, 2015, ISBN: 9781250039262

At the Academy for Metahuman Operatives, superhero wannabe Evan's wisecracks land him in double trouble: he angers the school's director and is partnered with has-been hero Foxman. First in a series.

### ***The Story of Diva and Flea***

by Mo Willems

Illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi

Disney-Hyperion, 2015, ISBN: 9781484722848

Pampered lapdog Diva and streetwise alley cat Flea strike up an unlikely friendship, finding adventure while exploring the stunning landmarks of Paris, France.

### ***The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)***

by Geoff Rodkey

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316297790

Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. First in a series.

### ***The Terrible Two***

by Mac Barnett and Jory John

Illustrated by Kevin Cornell  
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781419714917

Two pranksters team up for the greatest prank ever. First in a series.

### ***Upside-Down Magic***

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545800457

After some mishaps with unpredictable magic, Nory is sent to the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class in this funny and magical novel. First in a series.

### ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***

by Bob Raczka

Roaring Brook Press, 2016, ISBN: 9781626722361

Raczka offers a collection of twenty-one concrete poems that are a surefire way to draw the attention of young readers and inspire older ones.

### ***The Wild Robot***

by Peter Brown

Little, Brown, 2016, ISBN: 9780316381994

Robot Roz wakes up to find herself alone on a remote island.

