

Reading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time.

Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

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, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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## BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

***Around the World: A Follow-the-Trail Book***  
by Katie Haworth, illustrated by Craig Shuttlewood  
little bee books, 2015, ISBN: 9781499800753

Use your fingers to trace the path and help the animals find their way.

***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 Baby***  
by Laurie Elmquist, illustrated by Elly MacKay  
Orca Book Publishers, 2016, ISBN: 9781459809543

From sand dollars to sandpipers, a baby's blissful day at the beach is recalled in lyrical verse and simple pastel-hued illustrations.

***Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!***  
by Todd Tarpley, illustrated by John Rocco  
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316254434

A boy and his three rambunctious robots get ready for bed.

***Canticos: Elefantos / Canticos: Little Elephants***  
by Susie Jaramillo  
Encantos Media Studios, 2016, ISBN: 9780996995917

This traditional Mexican counting song is perfect for putting youngsters to sleep, in English and Spanish.

***City Shapes***  
by Diana Murray, illustrated by Bryan Collier  
Little, Brown, 2016, ISBN: 9780316370929

Through the eyes of a young girl, shapes rise, shift, and compose the cityscape from the shimmering squares of a skyscraper to the circles in the sunglasses of a cop.

***Cockatoo, Too***  
by Bethanie Deeney Murguia  
little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801026

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

***Cricket Song***  
by Anne Hunter  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544582590

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

***Egg***  
by Kevin Henkes  
Greenwillow Books, 2017, ISBN: 9780062408723

When the fourth egg hatches—surprise! It is an alligator that is looking for a friend.

***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 that they can sense in this early nonfiction title.

***The Lending Zoo***  
by Frank Asch  
Aladdin, 2016, ISBN: 9781442466784

When a tiger goes missing, Miss Perkins, the zookeeper, and Molly search through ponds, streets, and beaches, only to be led back to where they started.

***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 Heart Fills with Happiness***  
by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Julie Flett  
Orca Book Publishers, 2016, ISBN: 9781459809574

A celebration of moments in life to reflect on and cherish.

***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.

***Puddle***  
by Hyewon Yum  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016, ISBN: 9780374316952

A rainy day doesn't stop a boy and his mother from having creative fun both inside and out.

***Puddles!!!***  
by Kevan Atteberry  
HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780062307842

Declan the monster loves to walk in the rain and splash in puddles. Will his bunny friends enjoy this as much as he does?

***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.

***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 with the turn of each page.

***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.

***Twenty Yawns***  
by Jane Smiley, illustrated by Lauren Castillo  
Two Lions, 2016, ISBN: 9781477826355

After a long, full day at the beach, everyone in the family falls asleep early except young Lucy and her stuffed animals.

***The Whale in My Swimming Pool***  
by Joyce Wan  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015, ISBN: 9780374300371

A boy goes out to swim, only to find a whale in his swimming pool. He tries everything he can think of to get him out before coming to the perfect solution.

***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 in this modern update to the traditional song—this time set in India!

***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons***  
by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Julie Morstad  
Roaring Brook Press, 2016, ISBN: 9781596438521

Beginning with the start of spring, poetic journal entries celebrate the sights and feelings evoked by the seasons.

