

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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After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)
by Dan Santat, illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017, ISBN: 9781626726826
Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result.

The Bad Seed
by Jory John, illustrated by Pete Oswald
HarperCollins, 2017, ISBN: 9780062467768
The story of a baaaaaad sunflower seed who decides it's time for a change.

Beastly Verse
Various authors, 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 anthology.

Big Cat, Little Cat
by Elisha Cooper, illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017, ISBN: 9781626723719
This endearing story of the friendship between an older cat and a younger cat is a celebration of love and loss.

Blue Sky, White Stars
by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Dial Books, 2017, ISBN: 9780803737006
This poetic, patriotic tribute will help readers appreciate America's splendor.

The Book of Mistakes
by Corinna Luyken, illustrated by the author
Dial Books, 2017, ISBN: 9780735227927
Incorporating accidental splotches, spots and unusual shapes into her art, a young artist explores the creative process.

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!

Fly Guy Presents: Castles
by Tedd Arnold, illustrated by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780545917384
Fly Guy and Buzz learn about what it is like to have lived in a castle in this nonfiction reader.

Freedom in Congo Square
by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801033
In this work of historical fiction, enslaved people are forced to work hard 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.

Get a Hit, Mo!
by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks
Penguin Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9780670016327
Mo is used to striking out but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a homerun.

Good Night, Planet
by Liniers, illustrated by the author
Toon Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781943145201
After a busy day of play, a girl's favorite toy animal begins his day, befriending a dog, eating a cookie and exploring the unknown.

Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug
by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink
Schwartz & Wade, 2016, ISBN: 9780553511505
Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors in a sweet story of friendship and imagination.

Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall, illustrated by the author
Candlewick Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780763678388
The big moment has come for Jabari to jump off the diving board, but is he ready?

Little Elliot, Big Fun
by Mike Curato, illustrated by the author
Henry Holt and Co. (BYR), 2016 ISBN: 9780805098273
A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just right for him.

Marta! Big & Small
by Jen Arena, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
Roaring Brook Press, 2016, ISBN: 9781626722439
An exploring of opposites in English and Spanish with a very clever niña named Marta.

My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis
by Paul Meisel, illustrated by the author
Holiday House, 2017, ISBN: 9780823436712
Vibrant illustrations add whimsy to this five-month diary in the life of a praying mantis as it eats (its siblings!), hides from predators and learns to fly.

My Beautiful Birds
By Suzanne Del Rizzo, illustrated by the author
Pajama Press, 2017, ISBN: 9781772780109
Behind Sami, the Syrian skyline is full of smoke. The boy follows his family and all his neighbors in a long line, as they trudge through the sands and hills to escape the bombs that have destroyed their homes.

The Night Gardener
by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9781481439787
William and the elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

Now
by Antoinette Portis, illustrated by the author.
Roaring Brook Press, 2017, ISBN: 9781626721371
Following a girl's joys and experiences shows an appreciation of life's simple moments.

A Piece of Home
by Jeri Watts, illustrated by Hyewon Yum
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763669713
Moving from Korea to West Virginia is a big and scary adjustment for Hee Jun, but finding a flower in America that also grew in his grandmother's garden back in Korea makes him feel connected once again.

La Princesa and the Pea
by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017, ISBN: 9780399251566
In this twist on the classic fairytale, a Peruvian Principe goes to great lengths to marry the girl of his dreams.

Robinson
by Peter Sís, illustrated by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780545731669
Exquisite art and a heartfelt story of adventure and friendship come together in this imaginative, magical book.

Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeeun Yoo
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481416474
Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

This is My Dollhouse
by Giselle Potter, illustrated by the author
Schwartz and Wade, 2016, ISBN: 9780553521535
A little girl's homemade dollhouse inspires hours of creativity - but can it compare to her friend's store bought one?

What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom
Compendium Inc., 2016, ISBN: 9781943200009
The child experiences an unexpected problem, worrying and wrestling it through until he realizes it's not really a problem after all -- it's an opportunity.



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