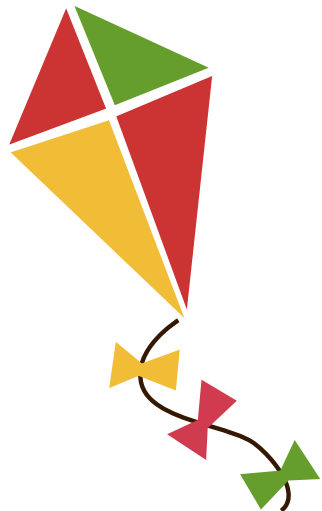


**R**eading can be one of the many fun activities children fill their summer time with. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs not only avoid the “summer slide” in learning, but also score higher on reading achievement tests than those 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

**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.

**Binny for Short**  
by Hilary McKay, illustrated by Micah Player

Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, 2013,  
ISBN: 9781442482753.

Binny’s family moves to a cottage by the seaside, where she finds adventure, a nemesis—and maybe even her long-lost dog. *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.

**The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure**  
by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Kevin Cornell

Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014, ISBN: 9781442496767.

Daring crime-solving chicks are out to solve a mystery. *First in a series.*

**Dory Fantasmagory**  
by Abby Hanlon

Dial, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780803740884.

Dory shows how much fun having an overactive imagination can be as she keeps herself entertained over the summer.

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

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder

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.*

**Ei Deafo**  
by Cece Bell

Abrams/Amulet Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781419710209.

This graphic novel is both funny and realistic as it shares the story of going to school and making friends while wearing a large hearing aid.

**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.

**House of Robots**

by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, illustrated by Juliana Neufeld

Little, Brown; 2014;  
ISBN: 9780316405911.

Sammy’s genius mom creates a robot and decides Sammy should take him to school so he can learn to be a student. *First in a series.*

**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.

**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.

**Nightmares!**  
by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller, illustrated by Karl Kwasny

Random House/Delacorte, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780385744256.

Twelve-year-old Charlie must save the day when nightmares start creeping into waking life. *First in a series.*

**Project Blastoff**  
by Mark Kelly with 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.*

**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.

**The Sasquatch Escape**  
by Suzanne Selfors, illustrated by Dan Santat

Little, Brown; 2013;  
ISBN: 9780316209342.

Ben and his friend Pearl discover the new veterinarian office in their small town treats magical creatures, and they have the adventure of their lives as they track down a Sasquatch. *First in a series.*

**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?

**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.*

**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 bowling alley, see-through swimming pool, lemonade fountain, and man-eating-shark tank! *First in a series.*

**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.*

**Tommysaurus Rex**  
by Doug TenNapel

Graphix, 2013,  
ISBN: 9780606319652.

Eli finds a full-grown T. rex on his grandpa’s farm and decides he would make the perfect pet.

**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 Cella 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. *First in a series.*

**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.*