

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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Big Red Lollipop
by Rukhsana Khan,
illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Viking, 2010,
ISBN: 9780670062874.

What is a big sister to do when she has to take her little sister along to the very first birthday party she has been invited to in the United States?

The Book with No Pictures
by B.J. Novak

Dial, 2014,
ISBN: 9780803741713.

Discover how much fun a picture book with no pictures can be in this absurd, hilarious book.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World
by Steve Jenkins

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014,
ISBN: 9780547959078.

An in-depth look at many different animals' eyes and their fascinating uses.

Flashlight
by Lizi Boyd

Chronicle Books, 2014,
ISBN: 9781452118949.

When he uses his flashlight, a boy discovers many things in the night.

Goodnight Already!
by Jory John,
illustrated by Benji Davies

HarperCollins, 2014,
ISBN: 9780062286208.

What happens when you

really want to sleep but your best friend doesn't?

Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons

by Jon J. Muth
Scholastic, 2014,
ISBN: 9780545166683.

Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

How Big Were Dinosaurs?
by Lita Judge

Roaring Brook Press, 2013,
ISBN: 9781596437197.

In a series of funny, engaging portraits, all sizes of dinosaurs come into focus around real-life objects in the modern world.

I Don't Want to Be a Frog
by Dev Petty,

illustrated by Mike Boldt
Random House, 2015,
ISBN: 9780385378666.

A frog imagines what it would be like to be a rabbit, a cat, and other animals in this silly story.

I Got the Rhythm
by Connie Schofield-Morrison,
illustrated by Frank Morrison

Bloomsbury, 2014,
ISBN: 9781619631786.

A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

Journey
by Aaron Becker

Candlewick Press, 2013
ISBN: 9780763660536.

Get caught up in an adventure with a girl whose imagination and red marker take her to amazing places.

Last Stop on Market Street
by Matt de la Peña,
illustrated by Christian Robinson

Putnam, 2015,
ISBN: 9780399257742.

C.J. and his grandma take an eye-opening bus ride across town. Where do they go every Sunday?

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild
by Peter Brown

Little, Brown; 2013
ISBN: 9780316200639.

Mr. Tiger is tired of being so proper. What happens when he decides to . . . go a little wild?

My New Friend Is So Fun!
by Mo Willems

Disney-Hyperion, 2014,
ISBN: 9781423179580.

Will a new friend break apart Piggie and Gerald's friendship?

Niño Wrestles the World
by Yuyi Morales

Roaring Brook Press, 2013
ISBN: 9781596436046.

Niño is the *lucha libre*

champion of the world . . . until his sisters wake up from their naps!

Old Mikamba Had a Farm
by Rachel Isadora

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780399257407.

On Old Mikamba's "farm," we meet (and hear!) many different African animals.

Pirates Love Underpants
by Claire Freedman,
illustrated by Ben Cort

Simon & Schuster/Aladdin,
2013, ISBN: 9781442485129.

Laugh along to rhyming text about pirates on the search for the Pants of Gold.

Power Down, Little Robot
by Anna Staniszewski,
illustrated by Tim Zeltner

Henry Holt, 2015,
ISBN: 9781627791250.

This little robot has no plans to go to bed!

The Princess in Black
by Shannon Hale
and Dean Hale,
illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Candlewick Press, 2014,
ISBN: 9780763665104.

Princess Magnolia trades her frilly dresses for a mask and cape to ward off monsters. *First in a series.*

Rain!
by Linda Ashman, illustrated
by Christian Robinson

Houghton Mifflin, 2013
ISBN: 9780547733951.

When a rainstorm arrives, a young boy and an old man have two very different reactions.

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole
by Mac Barnett,
illustrated by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2014,
ISBN: 9780763662295.

Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

Shark vs. Train
by Chris Barton, illustrated
by Tom Lichtenheld

Little, Brown; 2010
ISBN: 9780316007627.

Two boys with two toys have a series of contests to see which toy is better.

Ten Rules of Being a Superhero
by Deb Pilutti

Henry Holt, 2014,
ISBN: 9780805097597.

Anyone can be a superhero as long as they follow these ten important rules!

Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great
by Bob Shea

Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423159520.

Goat's life was A-OK until that oh-so-perfect unicorn came along—but do these two horned opponents have more in common than he thinks?

Weasels
by Elys Dolan

Candlewick Press, 2014,
ISBN: 9780763671006.

You might think weasels spend their days romping in the woods. What's the worst they do? Steal the occasional egg from a chicken coop? NO! They are secretly plotting world conquest!

Wolfie the Bunny
by Ame Dyckman, illustrated
by Zachariah OHora

Little, Brown; 2015;
ISBN: 9780316226141.

A funny book about a bunny family that adopts a wolf pup they find.