



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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READING LIST



Birth–Preschool

Summer Reading List

All the Way to Havana

by Margarita Engle,
illustrated by Mike Curato
Henry Holt & Co. (BYR), 2017,
ISBN: 9781627796422

A boy and his family have an unforgettable road trip across Cuba to see his new baby cousin.

Alphabet Family Band

by Sarah Jones,
illustrated by the author
Blue Manatee Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781936669592

A musical Hawaiian family introduces readers to the alphabet with a variety of instruments.

Beach Baby

by Laurie Elmquist,
illustrated by Ellie 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 Books for Young Readers, 2015,
ISBN: 9780316254434

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

Before & After

by Jean Jullien
Phaidon Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780714874081

A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

Canticos: Elefantitos* *Canticos: Little Elephants

by Susie Jaramillo,
illustrated by the author
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 and Company, 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.

Clive and His Bags

by Jessica Spanyol,
illustrated by the author
Child's Play International, 2016,
ISBN: 9781846438844

Clive loves his collection of bags of all kinds, and he and his friends enjoy them together.

Flora and the Chicks: a Counting Book

by Molly Idle,
illustrated by the author
Chronicle Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9781452146577

Flora tries to keep up with an increasing number of hatching chicks.

Good Day, Good Night

by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Loren Long
HarperCollins, 2017,
ISBN: 9780062383105

Reminiscent of the author's beloved Goodnight Moon, share a day - and night- in the life of a busy little bunny.

Hello Humpback!

by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd

Harbour Publishing, 2017,
ISBN: 9781550177992

First Nations artist Vickers takes toddlers to the wild and magical West Coast.

Littles: And How They Grow

by Kelly DiPucchio,
illustrated by AG Ford
Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2017,
ISBN: 9780399555268

From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in lives of growing children.

Looking for Bongo

by Eric Velasquez,
illustrated by the author
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?

Lucia the Luchadora

by Cynthia Leonor Garza,
illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

POW!, 2017,
ISBN: 9781576878279

Lucia's abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies by sharing that Lucia

comes from a long line of strong women Luchadoras.

Music is...

by Brandon Stosuy,
illustrated by Amy Martin
Little Simon, 2016,
ISBN: 9781481477024

Musical instruments and styles are engagingly introduced to young children in a format that also features opposites.

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.

One Lonely Fish : A Counting Book with Bite!

By Andy Mansfield,
illustrated by the author
and Thomas Flinham
Bloomsbury USA Childrens, 2017, ISBN: 9781681192017

Bold colors, die-cut pages and a twist ending assure repeated readings of this cleverly designed concept book.

Puddle

by Hyewon Yum,
illustrated by the author
Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), 2016, ISBN: 9780374316952

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

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

The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!

By Carmen Agra Deedy,
illustrated by Eugene Yelchin
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545722889

After a new mayor outlaws singing in the village of La Paz, It's up to one brave rooster to remind the villagers of the joys of song!

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,
illustrated by the author
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

Wheels on the Bus has never been so fun in this modern update to the traditional song, this time set in India!

Windows

by Julia Denos, illustrated by E.B. Goodale
Candlewick Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780763690359

In a lively neighborhood, just before dark, a boy walking his dog enjoys the view through the windows.

Why Am I Me?

By Paige Britt, illustrated by Selina Alko and Sean Qualls
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781338053142

Presented as a thoughtful, poetic exchange between two characters -- who don't realize they are thinking and asking the very same questions -- this beautiful celebration of our humanity.

