



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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### *All's Faire in Middle*

**School**  
by Victoria Jamieson  
Dial Books, 2017.  
ISBN: 9780525429982

Have the lessons she has learned growing up in the Renaissance Faire prepared Imogene for her most difficult quest yet....starting middle school?

### *Amina's Voice*

by Hena Khan  
Salaam Reads, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781481492065

Among prejudice and change, how do you stay true to yourself and blend in to a new community simultaneously?

### *As Brave as You*

by Jason Reynolds  
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016.  
ISBN: 9781481415903

Being sent to the country for the summer is culture shock for Genie and his older brother but an opportunity to get to know Grandpop and some dark family secrets.

### *Ashes to Asheville*

by Sarah Dooley  
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780399165047

Fella and her sister Zany take their deceased mother's ashes and run away to Asheville - the last place they were happy as a family - where they hope to scatter them as per her wishes.

### *Beyond the Bright Sea*

by Lauren Wolk  
Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781101994856

Orphaned and determined to uncover her past, Crow sets sail on a journey of self-discovery.

### *Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA*

by Bridget Heos  
Balzer & Bray, 2016,  
ISBN: 9780062387622

A gruesome and fascinating account of the indispensable role forensic science plays in our criminal justice system.

### *Booked*

by Kwame Alexander  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544570986

The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are all explored in this exciting, extraordinary novel in verse.

### *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*

by Pablo Cartaya  
Viking Books for Young Readers, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781101997239

A shady real estate developer threatens Arturo's Miami community. Can he help the neighborhood and stop being so awkward around his cute neighbor Carmen? Maybe Jose Marti can help.

### *Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism*

By Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos  
Henry Holt & Co. (BYR), 2017,  
ISBN: 9780805098358

Two young photographers set out to change the world with their photo story in the 1930s.

### *The First*

**Rule of Punk**  
by Celia C. Perez  
Viking Books for Young Readers, ISBN: 9780425290408  
Malu struggles to pull together all the different threads of her life (her love of punk rock, her Mexican heritage, her dislike of cilantro) into an identity all her own.

### *Fish in a Tree*

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
Puffin Books, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780142426425

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting in trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

### *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*

by Kelly Barnhill  
Algonquin Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9781616205676

Luna, having been turned into a witch as a young girl, discovers the magic within her while facing an evil force.

### *Greetings from Witness Protection!*

by Jake Burt  
Feiwei & Friends, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781250107114  
Streetwise Nikki is plucked from foster care to help a family in trouble stay hidden; how far will she go to protect her newfound home?

### *Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel*

by Megan Morrison  
Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780545638265

After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Beanstalker on a perilous journey through the lands of Tyme. First in a series.

### *In the Footsteps of Crazy*

**Horse**  
by Joseph Marshall III, illustrated by Jim Yellowhawk  
Amulet Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781419707858  
Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

### *The Inquisitor's Tale*

By Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly  
Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9780525426165

Three travelers unite in a journey through medieval France to escape persecution and save their land.

### *It All Comes Down to This*

By Karen English  
Clarion Books, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780544839571

In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an upper middle class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

### *Love, Ish*

by Karen Rivers  
Algonquin Young Readers, 2017, ISBN: 9781616205706  
Mischa "Ish" Love's dreams of escaping life in her small town and living on Mars one day are threatened by a sudden illness.

### *Listen, Slowly*

by Thanh Hà Lai  
HarperCollins, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780062229182  
Mai must spend her summer vacation in Vietnam with her Grandmother (Ba). While there, Mai learns more about her family, while Ba learns what happened to her husband during the war.

### *Lucky Broken Girl*

by Ruth Behar  
Nancy Paulsen, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780399546440.

After a move from Cuba to New York City, an unexpected accident traps Ruthy in a body cast for months, cutting her off from friends, school and fun, leading her to explore her world through art.

### *Me & Miranda Mullaly*

by Jake Gerhardt  
Viking Books for Young Readers, 2016,  
ISBN: 9780451475404

Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

### *Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki*

by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love  
Candlewick Studio, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780763695002  
"Marvel" at 20 thrilling tales of bravery, deceit, trickery and treasure in which Viking gods and magical beings struggle for power.

### *Piecing Me Together*

by Renee Watson  
Bloomsbury USA, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781681191058  
Set in present day, rapidly gentrifying Portland, Oregon, Jade struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures. Literary allusions of collage art and the

themes of making yourself out of the pieces of your life elevate this coming of age story.

### *Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound*

by Andrea David Pinkney  
Roaring Brook Press, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781596439733

A narrative history of the Motown record label: the business, the music, the people, and the historical, political, and cultural context of its times.

### *Samurai Rising*

By Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Gareth Hinds  
Charlesbridge, 2016,  
ISBN: 9781580895842

An epic tale of warriors and rebellion reveals how Minamoto Yoshitsune became the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

### *The War that Saved My Life*

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
Dial Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780803740815

Like many other city children during World War II, Ada and Jamie are being evacuated to live with strangers in the countryside, away from the bombings. They are leaving their mother and all they have ever known. How could this be possibly the best thing that could ever have happened to them?

