

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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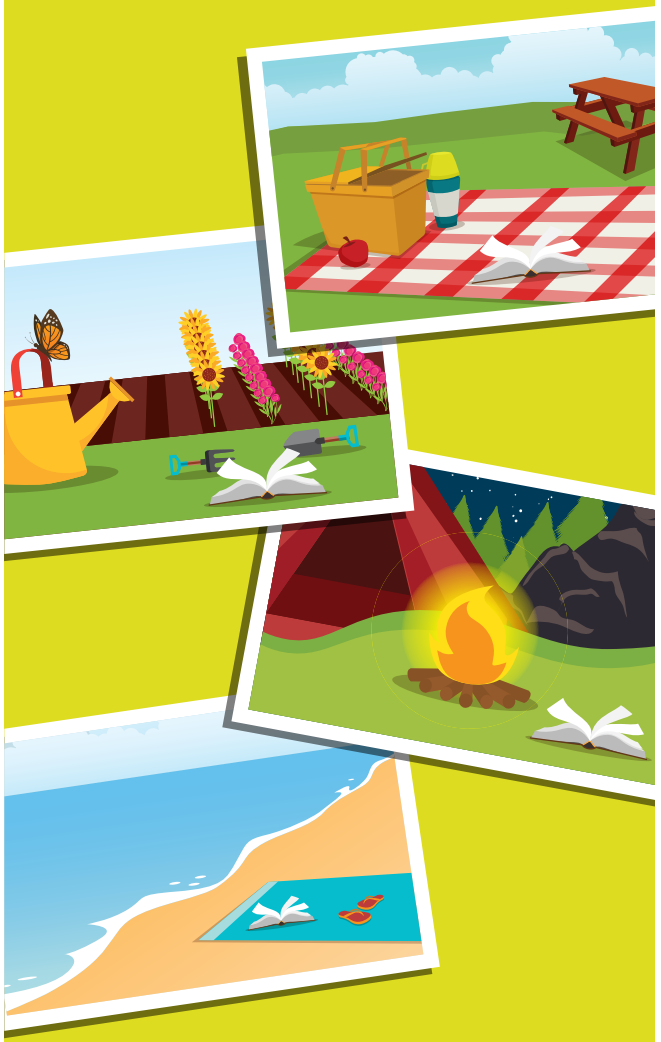
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Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World
by James Sturm, illustrated by the author
Toon, 2016,
ISBN: 9781943145096
Ape and Armadillo learn that achieving world domination is a lot less fun without your best friend at your side.

Almost Paradise
by Corabel Shofner
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017,
ISBN: 9780374303785
A (stolen) pet pig, an ornery nun, and a feisty 12-year-old runaway from an unusual family in this lively debut novel.

Charlie & Mouse
by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes
Chronicle, 2017,
ISBN: 9781452131535
Charming short stories follow the exploits of two brothers as they organize a neighborhood party, earn ice cream money and invent the “bedtime banana”. First in a series.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground
by Rita Williams-Garcia, illustrated by Frank Morrison
Amistad, 2017,
ISBN: 9780062215918
When his beloved grandfather, the blues man Cool Papa Byrd, dies suddenly, Clayton's anger and misplaced alliances get him into trouble. This story of family grief, reconciliation, and the power of music is set in New York City.

Cucumber Quest: The Doughnut Kingdom
by Gigi D.G.
First Second, 2017,
ISBN: 9781250158031
A brother and sister duo take on a mission to stop the maniacal "Queen" Cordelia and her henchman, The Nightmare Knight. First in new series.

Flying Lessons & Other Stories
Edited by Ellen Oh
Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017,
ISBN: 9781101934593
Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates and more in a highly readable, relatable short story collection.

Grand Canyon
by Jason Chin, illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook, 2017,
ISBN: 9781596439504
As a father and daughter hike up and out of the canyon, Chin introduces readers to this National Park's unique geology, plants and animals.

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible (Hamster Princess #1)
by Ursula Vernon, illustrated by the author
Puffin Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780142427019
Princess Harriet is not your typical princess, what with all the ogre-slaying, cliff-diving, and battle quail-riding. But she knows that the curse that is destined to befall her on her 12th birthday must also keep her alive until then - making her invincible!

Hello, Universe
by Erin Entrada Kelly, illustrated by Isabel Roxas
HarperCollins, 2017,
ISBN: 9780062414151
The lives of Virgil, Kaori, Gen and Valencia are woven together in unexpected ways when a disaster brings them together to perform a rescue in this story of bravery and friendship.

Her Right Foot
by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Shawn Harris
Chronicle, 2017,
ISBN: 9781452162812
A moving and conversational description of the history of the Statue of Liberty and how some of the smallest details contribute to her symbolism as a welcoming beacon to the world.

Juana and Lucas
by Juana Medina, illustrated by the author
Candlewick, 2016,
ISBN: 978-0763672089
A little girl growing up on Bogota is determined to learn English before her trip to the U.S. and her visit to Spaceland.

The Jumbies
by Tracey Baptiste
Algonquin Young Readers, 2015, ISBN: 9781616204143
Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Just Dance
by Patricia MacLachlan
Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781481472524
Years ago, Sylvie's mother was a famous opera singer, but she gave it all up to marry Sylvie's father and move to small town Wyoming. Sylvie can't help but wonder - does her mother ever miss her glamorous former life? And is she ever tempted to go back to it?

Lemons
by Melissa Savage
Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017, ISBN: 9781524700126
When Lemonade Liberty Witt moves in with her grandfather, the last thing she expects is to join the Bigfoot Detective Inc. Are they on track to discover sasquatch or something more?

Lights, Camera, Middle School! (Babymouse Tales from the Locker #1)
by Jennifer L. Holm, illustrated by Matthew Holm
Random House Books for Young Readers, 2017,
ISBN: 9780399554384
Babymouse is in Middle School! She is ready to stand out! She is ready to direct an epic movie! She is ready to learn about the necessity of cooperation and friendship!? Typical.

Lola Levine is Not Mean!
by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominquez
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015,
ISBN: 9780316258364
Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field – and her friends – by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about.

Makoons
by Louise Erdrich
HarperCollins, 2016,
ISBN: 9780060577933
Twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee travel across the plains in search of buffalo with their family in the 1860’s.

Me & Marvin Gardens
by Amy Sarig King
Arthur A. Levine Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545870740
While picking up trash from Devlin Creek, Obe discovers a most extraordinary animal that may be the answer to the pollution.

Mighty Jack and the Goblin King
by Ben Hatke
First Second, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626722675
In this sequel to Mighty Jack, Jack and Lilly travel through a portal to a bridge between worlds where they encounter grave dangers and receive help from unexpected sources.

Older than Dirt: A Wild But True History of Earth
by Don Brown and Dr. Mike Perfit
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017, ISBN: 9780544805033
A groundhog and a worm narrate this irreverent yet fact-filled graphic novel look at the violent forces that created our planet and continue to shape it today.

Out of Wonder
by Kwame Alexander, Chris Colderly and Marjory Wentworth, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
Candlewick Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780763680947
The authors pay tribute t famed poets from arou world with imaginative gorgeous illustrations.

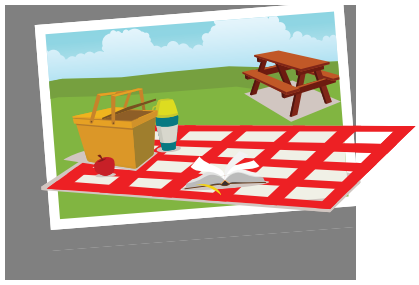
Rafi and Rosi: Pirates!
by Lulu Delacre, illustrated by the author
Children’s Book Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780892393817

Rafi y Rosi: ¡piratas!
Turtleback Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780606403931
Adventure-seeking frogs swashbuckle their way through Puerto Rico’s historic El Morro fort in three brightly illustrated short stories.

Real Friends
by Shannon Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
First Second, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626724167
Shannon is learning how to navigate the turbulent waters of childhood. Handling bullies, dealing with cliques, and finding out who your true friends really are.

Secret Coders (Secret Coders #1)
by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Mike Holmes
First Second, 2015,
ISBN: 9781626720756
New girl Hopper discovers some very strange goings-on at Stately Academy. Do she and her new friend Eni have what it takes to outwit the school's founder and solve the mysteries? Readers are invited to code along!

Wishtree
by Katherine Applegate
Feiwel & Friends. 2017,
ISBN: 9781250043221
Every May, neighbors tie their wishes to the old red oak tree. This year, with the threat of being taking down looming, Red knows it must help its neighbors, both human and animal, as they confront the hatred and prejudice being directed at the new family in house.



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