

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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The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel
by Michael Scott

Random House/Delacorte, 2007
ISBN: 9780385733571.

Siblings Josh and Sophie discover that the owner of a bookstore is none other than the famous Nicholas Flamel. *First in a series.*

Bad Island
by Doug TenNapel

Graphix, 2011
ISBN: 9780545314794.

In this graphic novel, Lyle, Karen, Janie, and Reese must find a way off an island while they dodge strange and dangerous creatures.

Better Nate Than Ever
by Tim Federle

Simon & Schuster, 2013
ISBN: 9781442446892.

Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and land him a role in *E.T.: The Musical*.

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

by Steve Sheinkin
Roaring Brook Press/Flash Point, 2012
ISBN: 9781596434875.

A gripping account of the development of nuclear weapons and the global fight for control of power.

Counting by 7s
by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Dial, 2013
ISBN: 9780803738553.

Tragedy changes Willow's quirky but comfortable life, and as she adapts, she changes the lives of those around her.

Does My Head Look Big in This?

by Randa Abdel-Fattah
Scholastic/Orchard Books, 2007
ISBN: 9780439919470.

Outspoken and funny sixteen-year-old Amal, lover of shopping and television, decides to wear the hijab full time and perseveres despite resistance from classmates, townspeople, and even relatives.

Dogs of War
by Sheila Keenan, illustrated by Nathan Fox
Graphix, 2013
ISBN: 9780545128872.

This graphic novel tells the unforgettable true stories of three wars heroes from three different eras—World War I, World War II, and Vietnam—and they all happened to have four legs.

The Dolphins of Shark Bay
by Pamela S. Turner
Houghton Mifflin, 2013
ISBN: 9780547716381.

Meet amazing dolphins that have learned to use tools to hunt for their dinner.

Drama
by Raina Telgemeier
Graphix, 2012
ISBN: 9780545326988.

Drama abounds on and off the stage in this hilarious graphic novel about school theater productions.

Ever After High: The Storybook of Legends
by Shannon Hale

Little, Brown, 2013
ISBN: 9780316401227.

In this fairy tale world, Raven Queen does not want to be evil like her mother, and Apple White, daughter of Snow White, is willing to be a little bad.

The Great Greene Heist
by Varian Johnson

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2014, ISBN: 9780545525527.

Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

The Grimm Legacy
by Polly Shulman

Putnam, 2010
ISBN: 9780399250965.

When Elizabeth begins working in the New York Circulating Material Repository, she learns that some of the objects (and people) aren't as normal as they seem.

Legend
by Marie Lu
Putnam, 2011
ISBN: 9780399256752.

For those who like *The Hunger Games*, meet slum-born Day and elite-born June as they fight to save their lives and their world. *First in a trilogy.*

The Lions of Little Rock
by Kristin Levine

Putnam, 2012
ISBN: 9780399256448.

In 1958, in Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration.

The Mark of the Dragonfly
by Jaleigh Johnson

Random House/Delacorte, 2014
ISBN: 9780385376150.

When plucky machinist Piper rescues Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored train to escape the man chasing them.

Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life

by James Patterson and Chris Tebbets, illustrated by Laura Park
Little, Brown, 2011
ISBN: 9780316101875.

Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control.

One Crazy Summer
by Rita Williams-Garcia

Amistad, 2010
ISBN: 9780060760885.

Three girls spend an unforgettable summer in the 1960s with their long-lost mother and learn about Black Power, revolution, and forgiveness.

Road Trip
by Gary Paulsen and Jim Paulsen
Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780385741910.

Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic, and other colorful characters.

The Screaming Staircase
by Jonathan Stroud
Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423164913.

In a London overrun by ghosts, Lucy works with the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to combat hauntings. *First in a series.*

A Song for Bijou
by Josh Farrar

Walker, 2013
ISBN: 9780802733948.

When Alex falls head over heels in love with the mysterious Bijou, he is going to have to break out of his shell to woo her.

Tesla's Attic
by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman

Disney-Hyperion, 2014
ISBN: 9781423148036.

When Nick holds a yard sale to get rid of the junk in the attic of his new home, he realizes too late that all the objects have mysterious powers and he needs to get them back.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster
by Deborah Hopkinson

Scholastic, 2012
ISBN: 9780545116749.

Survivors' accounts bring the *Titanic* disaster to life.

The Wednesday Wars
by Gary D. Schmidt

Clarion, 2007
ISBN: 9780618724833.

A heartfelt story of the coming of age of seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood in the 1960s, as he struggles with the everyday traumas of adolescence and matures under the watchful eyes of his teacher and through the words of William Shakespeare.

When You Reach Me
by Rebecca Stead

Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2009
ISBN: 9780385737425.

Miranda receives a series of mysterious notes, but will she be too late to stop the tragedy the notes predict?

Wonder
by R. J. Palacio

Alfred A. Knopf, 2012
ISBN: 9780375869020.

August Pullman, a fifth-grader born with a facial deformity, is about to start mainstream school for the first time in this funny, touching book.