

**R**eading 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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grades  
**3-5**



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## *Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle*

by **Hilda Eunice Burgos**

Tu Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781620143629

Ana Maria tries to carve out space in her large (and growing) family by focusing her ambitions on attending a private school.

## *Aquicorn Cove*

by **Katie O'Neill**

Oni Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781620105290

Lana discovers the Aquicorns, magical sea-dwelling creatures who need her help to stop the overfishing that is destroying their home.

## *Beavers: Superheroes*

by **Rachel Poliquin**

Houghton Mifflin, 2018, ISBN: 9780544949874  
Uses humor to describe why the beaver is such an extraordinary animal.

## *The Cardboard Kingdom*

by **Chad Sell**

Knopf Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524719371

A diverse group of kids create their own world of play and safe self-expression using a little cardboard and a lot of imagination.

## *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.

## *Drawn Together*

by **Minh Lê**, illustrated by **Dan Santat**

Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781484767603

When lack of a shared verbal language threatens to ruin a visit between a boy and his grandfather, the power of art is just the thing to bridge their differences.

## *Flying Lessons & Other Stories*

Edited by **Ellen Oh**

Crown Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781101934593

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates, and more in a highly readable, relatable short-story collection.

## *Front Desk*

by **Kelly Yang**

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781338157796

A young girl and her family manage a motel and adjust to a new life in America after emigrating from China.

## *Hello, Universe*

by **Erin Entrada Kelly**, illustrated by **Isabel Roxas**  
Greenwillow Books, 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.

## *The House That Lou Built*

by **Mae Respcio**

Wendy Lamb Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524717940

Lou dreams of building a tiny house on the property her father willed to her. When taxes on the land become too high for her mother to pay, Lou needs all her ingenuity to find a way to save her dream.

## *Julián Is a Mermaid*

by **Jessica Love**

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763690458

Julián LOVES mermaids! A summer afternoon of dress-up fantasy is only improved by a surprise from his abuela.

## *Knights vs. Dinosaurs*

by **Matt Phelan**

Greenwillow Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780062686237

Action and comedy rule when boasting sends four of King Arthur's knights back in time to battle a legion of "terrible lizards."

## *Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble*

by **Anna Meriano**, illustrated by **Mirelle Ortega**

Walden Pond Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780062498465

Leo is delighted to discover she is part of a long line of brujas running a magical bakery in Texas.

## *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 1860s.

## *Me and Marvin Gardens*

by **Amy Sarig King**

Scholastic/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, fight monsters, and receive help from unexpected sources.

## *National Parks of the U.S.A.: Rookie Readers*

by **Jodie Shepard**

Children's Press, 2019, ISBN: 9780531126509

Get an advance look at your vacation destination or take an armchair tour through some of your favorite National Parks, like Joshua Tree, Yosemite, Grand Canyon and more.

## *The Parker Inheritance*

by **Varian Johnson**

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780545946179

Candace would rather be home in Atlanta with her friends this summer, instead of where she is, in her grandmother's small town of Lambert, South Carolina. But the discovery of clues to an intricate puzzle entwined in the town's complicated history could lead to a hidden fortune.

## *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 her true friends really are.

## *Sanity & Tallulah*

by **Molly Brooks**

Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781368008440

Two best friends decide to engineer a three-headed kitten named Princess Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds. If only her name didn't turn out to be a little too appropriate.

## *Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome*

by **Monica Brown and Sarai Gonzalez**, illustrated by **Christine Almeda**

Scholastic, 2018, ISBN: 9781338236682

For Sarai, awesome means amazing, love, family, and fun—and it's going to take all that and more to help save the day.

## *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say*

by **Angela**

**Dominguez** Roaring Brook Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781626728585

Stella builds her confidence through the support of her family, friends, and her beloved betta fish.

## *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster*

by **Jonathan Auxier**

Abrams, 2018, ISBN: 9781419731402

Nan is an orphan, alone and working in a dangerous, cruel world. She discovers a friendly monster, and together, they try to start a new life.

## *Waste of Space*

by **Stuart Gibbs**

Simon & Schuster, 2018, ISBN: 9781481477796

In this exciting conclusion to the Moon Base Alpha trilogy, everyone is a suspect after billionaire Lars Sjöberg is poisoned, and it's up to thirteen-year-old Dash to figure out who did it.

## *We're Not from Here*

by **Geoff Rodkey**

Crown Books, 2019, ISBN: 9781524773045

Follow the story of a family from Earth who moves to a new planet in this sci-fi adventure that explores concepts such as immigration, culture shock, and a galaxy of differences.



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