

Recommended Summer Reading List

Upcoming 2nd Graders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fiction	Owl Moon	Jane Yolan
	This touching story of a child and parent finding magic and adventure in a simple, snowy nighttime search for the great horned owl - won the Caldecott Award.	
	L630	
	GRL-O	
Fiction	Crow Boy	Taro Yashima
	A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries	
	L690	
	GRL-L	
Fiction	Stellaluna	Jannell Cannon
	This story is about a little bat named Stellaluna. After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, the baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.	
	L550	
	GRL-N	
Fiction	The Polar Express	Chris Vanallsburg
	A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa.	
	L520	
	GRL-N	
Fiction	When I Was Young in the Mountains	Cynthia Rylant
	Growing up in the mountains was special. Each pleasure was one to share and remember. Each part of the story evokes the love of a way of life, of a family, and most of all, of a place.	
	L980	
	GRL-K	
Fiction	The Ghost-Eye Tree	Bill Martin, Jr.
	Walking down a dark lonely road on an errand one night, a brother and sister argue over who is afraid of the dread Ghost-Eye tree.	
	GRL-M	
Fiction	Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
	A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.	
Fiction	More Than Anything Else	Marie Bradby
	Nine-year-old Booker works with his father and brother at the saltworks but dreams of the day when he'll be able to read.	
	L660	
	GRL-N	
Fiction	Annie and the Old One	Miles Patricia Martin
	When Annie's Navajo grandmother says that when Annie's mother's rug is completely woven, grandmother will die, Annie tries to hold back time by unweaving the rug in secret.	
	L700	
Fiction	Bark George	Jules Feiffer
	When George, a lanky puppy, is told by his mother to bark, he answers with a "meow" and then a series of other animal noises. When she takes him to a human vet, the man pulls animal after animal out of George's throat.	
	L130	
Fiction	Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney
	As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.	
	L680	
	GRL-M	
Fiction	Millions of Cats	Wanda Gag
	This is an enchanting tale of a very old man who went off in search of the prettiest cat in the world for his wife and returned instead with millions to choose from.	
	L730	
	GRL-N	

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Fiction	The Amazing Bone	William Steig
	Pearl, a pig, and her new friend, a small talking bone, outwit a band of robbers and a hungry fox. When on her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.	
	L600	
	GRL-M	
Fiction	Bat Jamboree	Kathy Appelt
	With its exuberant text and enchanting illustrations, Bat Jamboree is both a counting book and a thrilling theatrical event.	
	L660	
	GRL-L	
Fiction	Big Al	Andrew Clements
	Big Al is big-hearted fish who is as loveable as he is scary-looking. While other fish swim together in schools, Big Al swims alone. He would rather swim with the others, but his size and his mouthful of sharp teeth frighten away fish.	
	L880	
	GRL-L	
Fiction	Bad Hair Day	Susan Hood
	When a girl's hair becomes too long, her mother decides to cut it. Will her hair ever be the same?	
	L210	
	GRL-H	
Fiction	Frog and Toad Series	Arnold Lobel
	Five delightful stories about true friendship. Told with "freshness, humor and a beguiling simplicity."	
	L400	
	GRL-J-K	
Fiction	Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day	Judith Voirst
	When Alexander wakes up he finds bubble gum in his hair...and from there the day only gets worse. An amusing account of a little boy's encounter with Murphy's law.	
	L970	
	GRL-L	
Fiction	The Doorbell Rang	Pat Hutchins
	Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.	
	L340	
	GRL-J	
Fiction	Daisy the Firecow	Vicki Woodworth
	Daisy the cow wants to see the world. She walks to the city and finds a job as a fire station mascot. She enjoys the job and shows the fire chief that a cow is the right choice for a mascot.	
	L200	
	GRL-I	
Fiction	Wally Walrus	Barbara de Rubertis
	Wally Walrus does not want to go to school because Squawky Hawk bullies him. Papa Walrus gives Wally advice about how to deal with a bully.	
	L300	
	GRL-G	
Fiction	Bad Kitty	Nick Bruel
	Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. So she: Ate my homework, Bit grandma, Clawed the curtains,	
	L280	
	GRL-I	
Fiction	The Littles Get Trapped	John Peterson
	Tom and Lucy Little feel sorry for Hildy, the Biggs' cat, because she hasn't been fed in two days. When they take on the task themselves, they become trapped inside the refrigerator.	
	L160	
	GRL-J	
Fiction	Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train	Cynthia Rylant
	Mr. Putter and his fine cat, Tabby, are going for a train ride with their neighbors, Mrs. Teaberry and her good dog, Zeke. They've planned the perfect afternoon trip. But when they get to the station, they're in for a big surprise.	
	L450	
	GRL-J	

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Fiction	When Sheep Cannot Sleep	Satoshi O'Neill
	When Woolly the sheep suffers from insomnia, he goes for a walk and gets into just about everything. Each illustration features objects for children to count.	
	L450	
	GRL-J	
Fiction	The Little Brown Jay: A Tale from India	Elizabeth Claire
	In this pour quoi tale from India, a magical brown jay helps the beautiful Princess Maya and is rewarded in a wonderful, unexpected way. Full color.	
	L450	
	GRL-I	
Fiction	Louanne Pig in the Perfect Family	Nancy Carlson
	Louanne wishes she had brothers and sisters, but after spending the weekend next door with the rabbit family, she finds what it's like to be in a family of twelve. Louanne is happy to go home.	
	L420	
	GRL-J	
Science	Bats	Scholastic Readers
	Bats was created especially to bring exciting nonfiction to beginning readers. Outstanding photography brings the natural world of bats alive within the cover of this exceptional book	
	L200	
	GRL-I	
Science	Bald Eagle	Lloyd G. Douglas
	When bald eagles became endangered by pollution and other problems, people thought up ways to help them. Learn about some of the solutions.	
	L620	
	GRL-F	
Science	Inside An Ant Colony	Allen Fowler
	Learn how ants live and work together in communities that are like cities in this book filled with color photographs.	
	L550	
	GRL-J	
Science	Pets at the Whitehouse	Marge Kennedy
	Tells the stories of pets who have lived at the White House	
Science	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This	Steve Jenkins
	A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book.	
	L620	
	GRL-J	
Science	Tool Box	Gail Gibbons
	Using simple text and colorful illustrations, this book depicts different types of tools and describes how they are used in building.	
	L190	
	GRL-H	
Science	Boat Book	Gail Gibbons
	This colorful book illustrates the many ways a person can travel on water.	
	L290	
	GRL-G	
Science	Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile	Paye and Lippert
	Mrs. Chicken likes how pretty she is until her vanity causes her to attract the attention of a hungry crocodile. Mrs. Chicken uses her wits to safely have her chicks and make friends - for a time - with a crocodile.	
	L290	
	GRL-E	
Science	Caves	David Harrison
	When Farmer Howe's cow, Millicent, strays in the pasture, she discovers a cave. How did the cave form, and what kind of creatures live there? This book uses simple language to explain how caves are formed, and how animals use them.	
	L710	
	GRL-K	
Social Studies	Rappaport and Collier	Martin's Big Words

Category

Title

Author

This tells the life story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a portrait of the great human rights leader. Watercolor and collage accompany the powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

L410

GRL-K

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Social Studies	Johnny Appleseed	Patricia Brennan Demuth
	This book recounts the story of the man who traveled west planting apple seeds to make the country a better place to live.	
	L170	
	GRL-H	
Social Studies	America the Beautiful	Catherine Lee Bates
	Stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece.	
Social Studies	Moses (Harriet Tubman)	Carole Boston
	We know Harriet Tubman as the Moses of her people. The American hero, Tubman guided enslaved Africans along the Underground Railroad from bondage in the South to freedom in North.	
Social Studies	The Statue of Liberty	Lloyd G. Douglas
	Learn about the construction, history, and symbolism of the Statue of Liberty, a gift to the United States from France, in this introductory text.	
	L510	
	GRL-F	
Social Studies	The Statue of Liberty	Lucille Recht Penner
	Young readers will enjoy learning about the Statue of Liberty through engaging, simple text and engaging illustrations detailing the construction and symbolism of the skyscraper-sized "Lady Liberty."	
	L250	
	GRL-L	
Social Studies	The Teddy Bear	David McPhail
	Here a boy's beloved teddy bear is cherished, lost, found by another, cherished, lost, and found by a boy who began to understand compassion.	
	L420	
	GRL-F	
Social Studies	My Name Is Yoon	Helen Recorvits and Gabi Swiatkowska
	Yoon loves the way that her name in Korean dances on the page. In the United states, however, writing her name in English makes her feel uncomfortable until she finds a friend.	
	L320	
	GRL-I	
Super Series	Magic Tree House Series	Mary Osborne Pope
	The escapades of time travelers Jack and Annie are brimming with adventure and magic (not to mention some subtly placed lessons on history and geography).	
	L290-580	
	GRL-M	
Super Series	Amelia Bedelia Series	Peggy Parish
	Popular book series for new readers about a fun-loving maid whose antics are always unexpected.	
	L220-290	
	GRL-J-L	
Super Series	Arthur Series	Mark Brown
	This delightful chapter book series starring Arthur continues, as he and his friends learn to get along.	
	L230-400	
	GRL-H-M	
Super Series	Froggie Series	Piper and London
	Stories about a humorous frog who learns about life in comical ways. Life is always an adventure for Froggy.	
	L280-500	
	GRL-I-J	
Super Series	Nate the Great Series	Marjorie Sharmat and Marc Simont
	Adventure series of Nate the Great, boy detective	
	L130-330	
	GRL-K	
Super Series	Iris and Walter	Elissa Haden Guest
	Beginning chapter book series about a girl named Iris who moves to the country and begins a new friendship.	
	GRL-K	
Super Series	Houndsley and Catina	James Howe
	Humorous tales about an unlikely, likeable pair.	
	GRL-K	
Super Series	Young Cam Jansen Series	David A. Adler

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Beginning chapter book mystery series of Cam Jansen GRL-J		
Super Series	Fly Guy Series	Tedd Arnold
Beginning chapter book series about the friendship between a boy and a fly. GRL-H to K		
Super Series	Henry and Mudge Series	Cynthia Rylant
Beginning chapter book series about a boy and his dog. GRL-J		
Nonfiction	National Geographic Readers Series	various
This high interest series of beginning readers features images from National Geographic, accompanied by text written by various children's book authors.		
Nonfiction	DK Reader Series	various
Nonfiction book series written by various children's book authors.		