



Suggested Summer Reading List

Grades K-3

- **A Day in the Life of Murphy**, Alice Provensen
- **A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder**, Walter Wick
- **Actual Size**, Steve Jenkins
- **Ants**, Melissa Stewart
- **Ape Escapes!: And More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly**, Aline Alexander Newman
- **Aunt Flossie's Hats**, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- **Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!**, Geoffrey Hayes
- **Big Wolf and Little Wolf**, Nadine Brun-Cosme
- **Buffy the Burrowing Owl**, Betty Gilbert
- **Buster**, Denise Fleming
- **Christian, the Hugging Lion**, Justine Richardson and Peter Parnell
- **Count Down to Fall**, Fran Hawk
- **Daddy & I**, Eloise Greenfield
- **Deep in the Swamp**, Donna Bateman
- **Diary of a Worm**, Doreen Cronin
- **Dino-Dinners**, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- **Discovery in the Cave**, Mark Dubowski
- **Flat Stanley**, Jeff Brown
- **Fly Danny, Fly**, Chip Gilbertson, Gina Restivo, and Michelle Kendrick
- **Frog and Toad Together**, Arnold Lobel
- **Gracias *Thanks**, Pat More
- **Hi! Fly Guy**, Tedd Arnold
- **Hot City**, Barbara Joose
- **How People Learned to Fly**, Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley
- **How to Eat Fried Worms**, Thomas Rockwell
- **I Always, Always Get My Way**, Thad Krasnesky

- **Iggy Peck Architect**, Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
- **Jitterbug Jam**, Barbara Jean Hicks
- **Leaf Jumpers**, Carole Gerber
- **Little Melba and Her Big Trombone**, Katheryn Russell-Brown and Frank Morrison
- **Little Skink's Tail**, Janet Halfmann
- **My Name is Yoon**, Helen Recorvits
- **No, David!**, David Shannon
- **Noisy Paint Box**, Barb Rosenstock and Mary GrandPré
- **Ocean Hide and Seek**, Jennifer Evans Kramer
- **Polar Slumber**, Dennis Rockhill
- **Poppleton in Winter**, Cynthia Rylant
- **River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River**, Hudson Talbott
- **Rosie Revere Engineer**, Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
- **She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader**, J.G. Annino
- **Sheep in a Jeep**, Nancy Shaw
- **The BFG**, Roald Dahl
- **The Chicken Sisters**, Laura Joffe Numeroff
- **The Most Magnificent Thing**, Ashley Spires
- **The Napping House**, Audrey and Dan Wood
- **The Secret Olivia Told Me**, N. Joy
- **The Story of Ruby Bridges**, Robert Coles
- **Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, Catherine Ipcizade
- **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?**, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- **What Pet Should I Get?**, Dr. Seuss
- **Wonder Horse**, Emily Arnold McCully

Grades 4-5

- **A Faraway Island**, Annika Thor
- **A History of US**, Joy Hakim
- **A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home**, Henry Cole
- **A Snicker of Magic**, Natalie Lloyd
- **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**, Lewis Carroll
- **AQUIFERious**, Margaret Ross Tolbert
- **Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal**, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- **Bud, Not Buddy**, Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Chasing Redbird**, Sharon Creech
- **Dare to Dream!** Carl Sommer
- **Discovering Mars**, Melvin Berger
- **Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets**, John Farndon

- **Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society**, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers
- **Eidi**, Bodil Bredsdorff
- **Elijah of Buxton**, Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Extreme Pets!** Jane Harrington
- **Heroes for My Son**, Brad Meltzer
- **Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms**, Patricia Lauber
- **Inside Out & Back Again**, Thanhha Lai
- **Island of the Blue Dolphins**, Scott O'Dell
- **Jason and Elihu**, Shelley Frazer Mickle
- **Just Being Audrey**, Margaret Cardillo
- **Life Under Ice**, Mary M. Cerullo
- **My Side of the Mountain**, Jean Craighead George
- **Number the Stars**, Lois Lowry
- **Princess Academy**, Shannon Hale
- **Quest for the Tree Kangaroo**, Sy Montgomery
- **Riddle-iculous Math**, Joan Holub
- **Sarah, Plain and Tall**, Patricia MacLachlan
- **Search for the Shadowman**, Joan Lowery Nixon
- **See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!** Diane Heiman, and Liz Suneby
- **The Birchbark House**, Louise Erdrich
- **The Black Stallion**, Walter Farley
- **The Indian in the Cupboard**, Lynne Reid Banks
- **The Underneath**, Kathi Appelt
- **This One Summer**, Mariko Tamaki
- **Viva Frida**, Yuyi Morales
- **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, Grace Lin
- **Whittington**, Alan Armstrong
- **Who Has Seen the Wind?** Christina G. Rossetti
- **Zlateh the Goat**, Isaac Bashevis Singer

Grades 6-8

- **A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story**, Linda Sue Park
- **A Long Way from Chicago**, Richard Peck
- **Any Which Wall**, Laurel Snyder,
- **Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident**, Eoin Colfer
- **Brave New World**, Aldous Huxley
- **Breaking Stalin's Nose**, Eugene Yelchin
- **Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson
- **Brown Girl Dreaming**, Jacqueline Woodson
- **Carver, a Life in Poems**, Marilyn Nelson

- **Dead End in Norvelt**, Jack Gantos
- **Dragonwings**, Laurence Yep
- **Eragon**, Christopher Paolini
- **Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini**, Sid Fleischman
- **Esperanza Rising**, Pam Munoz Ryan
- **Fire From the Rock**, Sharon Draper
- **Flush**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Football Genius**, Tim Green
- **Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott**, Freedman, Russell
- **Gifted Hands: The Story of Ben Carson**, Ben Carson
- **Heart of a Samurai**, Margi Preus
- **Hugo Cabret**, Brian Schnick
- **If I Ever Get Out of Here**, Eric Gansworth
- **Leverage**, Joshua Cohen
- **Little Women**, Louisa May Alcott
- **Lockdown**, Walter Dean Myers
- **Lost in the River of Grass**, Ginny Rorby
- **Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition**, Laurie Lawlor
- **Mockingbird, (Mok'ing:buerd)**, Kathryn Erkine
- **Moon over Manifest**, Clare Vanderpool
- **My Left Foot**, Christy Brown
- **Never Fall Down**, Patricia McCormic
- **Old Yeller**, Fred Gipson
- **One Crazy Summer**, Rita Williams-Garcia
- **Peter and the Starcatchers**, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
- **Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia**, Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop
- **Scat**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Slob, Ellen Potter**
- **Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood** Ibtisam Barakat
- **The Anybodies**, N.E. Bode,
- **The Lightning Thief**, Rick Riordan
- **The Lost Hero**, Richard Riordan
- **The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins**, Bea Uusma Schyffert
- **The Road Not Taken**, Robert Frost
- **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi
- **The Trumpet of the Swan**, E.B. White
- **The View from Saturday**, E.L. Konigsburg
- **The Wednesday Wars**, Gary D. Schmidt
- **The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers**, Richard Maurer
- **Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson

- **Turtle in Paradise**, Jennifer Holm
- **Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali**, Charles R. Smith
- **Waiting for Normal**, Leslie Connor
- **Wangari's Tree of Peace**, Jeanette Winter
- **When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone**, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- **Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls
- **Wild Things**, Clay Carmichael

Grades 9-12

- **A Separate Peace**, John Knowles
- **Adventurer's Against Their Will**, Joanie Schirm
- **All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque
- **Allegiant**, Veronica Roth
- **Bunheads**, Flack, Sophie
- **Cloaked**, Alex Flinn
- **Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers**, Tanya Lee Stone
- **Darius & Twig**, Walter Dean Myers
- **Divergent**, Veronica Roth
- **Ender's Game**, Orson Scott Card
- **Fat Angie**, E. E. Charlton-Trujillo
- **Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**, Kate Dicamillo
- **Florida Cowboys**, Carlton Ward Jr.
- **Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story**, Ben Carson
- **Imaginary Enemy**, Julie Gonzalez
- **Insurgent**, Veronica Roth
- **Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft**, Thor Heyerdahl
- **Looking for the New Deal**, Elna C. Green
- **Marcelo in the Real World**, Francisco Stork
- **Money Hungry**, Sharon Flake
- **Monster**, Walter Dean Myers
- **Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein**, Susan Goldman Rubin
- **Night**, Elie Wiesel
- **November Blues**, Sharon Draper
- **P.S. Be Eleven**, Rita Williams Garcia
- **Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida**, Jeff Klinkenberg
- **Poof: A Play**, David Auburn
- **Resurrecting Lazarus, Texas**, Nathan Barber
- **Reubin O'D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics**, Martin A. Dyckman
- **Rose Under Fire**, Elizabeth Wein
- **Silent Spring**, Rachel Carson

- **Solomon**, Marilyn B. Shaw
- **Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place**, Sudy Cauthen
- **Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science**, Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos
- **Taken**, Edward Bloor
- **The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope**, William Kamkwamba
- **The Carnival at Bray**, Jessie Ann Foley
- **The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death**, Jean-Dominique Bauby
- **The Everglades, River of Grass**, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas
- **The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking**, Shawn Bean
- **The Great Wide Sea**, M. H. Herlong
- **The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story**, Richard Preston
- **The House on Mango Street**, Sandra Cisneros
- **The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery**, Steve Sheinkin
- **The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemingway
- **The Real Question**, Adrian Fogelin
- **The Shakespeare Stealer**, Gary Blackwood
- **The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference**, Malcolm Gladwell
- **The Yearling**, Marjorie K. Rawlings
- **Things Fall Apart**, Chinua Achebe
- **This One Summer**, Clare Vanderpool
- **Through Her Eyes**, Jennifer Archer
- **We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper
- **Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)**, Sue Macy
- **When You Reach Me**, Rebecca Stead
- **Whispers from the Bay**, John Tkac
- **Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland**, Sally M. Walker

Below are a few websites that will provide reading levels for many of the books listed above. Please feel free to use one of these to find a reading level or use any similar tool that may be available to you. Librarians and teachers are also experts in helping pair students with appropriate books.

- [AR BookFinder](#)
- [Lexile Find a Book](#)
- [Scholastic Book Wizard](#)

- If a reader tackles a book above his or her reading level, consider what additional instruction or lower-level reading resources might help.
- Ask the reader to keep track of unknown words within the book, and look them up together.
- Take turns reading aloud to each other to help process the information into smaller portions.

The logo for the 2016 Summer Literacy Adventure is located in the top left corner. It features the year '2016' in large red numbers, 'SUMMER' in yellow, 'LITERACY' in blue, and 'ADVENTURE' in smaller blue letters below it, all set against a black background.

JUST READ, FLORIDA!

PARENT TIPS FOR SUMMER READING

1. **Read to preschool children at least 20-30 minutes a day. Have older children read to you.** Reading is the most basic of the basic skills. Make reading a natural part of your child's daily routine.
2. **Keep good books, magazines and newspapers in the house.** Get a library card and use it. Make it easy, both for adults and children, to find something interesting to read.
3. **Add to your children's enjoyment of reading by discussing each book they read.** It helps them learn to express themselves. You'll enjoy the conversations, too.
4. **Make sure your children see you read for at least 20-30 minutes a day.** Remember, you're their primary role model.
5. **If you have difficulty reading, tell your children stories.** Hearing about your family history and your experiences will help your children develop an appreciation of language, storytelling and the past.
6. **Limit TV viewing and monitor what your child watches.** Studies show that excessive television viewing is directly linked to poor school performance. Inappropriate television programming can also adversely affect your child's behavior.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT, PARENT AND TEACHER RESOURCES:

Students:

- The *Just Read, Florida!* website provides a list of suggested summer reading selections as well as tips for helping children with reading skills at home. <http://www.justreadflorida.com>
- **Sunshine State Young Reader Awards Program** is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. <http://www.floridamediaed.org/>

Teachers and Parents:

- **Florida Public Libraries** <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/research/florida-information/libraries/florida-libraries/public-library-homepages/#Public>
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- *Just Read, Florida!* parents site <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/parents.shtml>
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