



2022 Summer Reading Rising 1st & 2nd Grades

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Picture Books

Barnett, *Shape* trilogy, *Just Because*
Barton, *Fire Truck vs. Dragon*
Beatty, *Sophia Perez*, *Future Prez*
Bell, *I Yam a Donkey*, *Ewe Loves You*
Black, *A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea*
Blackall, *Negative Cat*, *Hello Lighthouse*, *If You Come to Earth*
Broach, *My Pet Wants a Pet*
Choi, *Camp Tiger*
Coleman, *More Than a Princess*
Cronin, *Duck Stays in the Truck*
Daywalt, *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*, *The Day the Crayons Quit*
Dean, *Pete the Cat* early reader series
DiCamillo, *A Piglet Named Mercy*

DiPucchio, *Grace for President*
Donaldson, *My Camel Wants to be a Unicorn*
Ezra Stein, *David*, *Interrupting Chicken* series, *Honey*
Gilmore, *Little Doctor and the Fearless Beast*, *Freda & the Blue Beetle*
Harbo, Christopher, *Green Lantern is Responsible*
Helakoski, *Big Chickens Fly the Coop*
Henkes, *Penny* series, *Summer Song*
Jordan, *Salt in his Shoes*
Kann, *Pinkalicious* series
Kaufman, *Some Days*
Keller, *Pluto Gets the Call*, *Potato Pants*

Klassen, *Skunk & Badger, Hat Box*
Lamblet, *Dogs & Their People*
Lopshire, *Shut the Door*
Lē, *Drawn Together, Lift*
McNamara, *The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot*
McQuinn, *Lola* series, *Leo* series
Philip, *You Must Bring a Hat!*
Pizzoli, *The Book Hog*
Reagan, *How To... (Scare a Ghost, Babysit a Grandpa, etc.)* series
Reiss, *Turtle and Tortoise Are Not Friends*
Richards, *Once Upon a Goat*

Rubin, *Dragons Love Tacos* series, *High Five*
Santat, *After the Fall*
Santat & Willems, *Harold and Hog Pretend for Real!*
Schonfeld, *Birthday on Mars*
Snyder, *Charlie & Mouse* series, *Hungry Jim*
Staake, *The Book of Gold*
Sterling, *Karate Kids*
Van Dusen, *If I Built a School*
van Haeringen, *How to Knit a Monster*
Willan, *Jasper & Ollie Build a Fort*
Willems, *Elephant and Piggie*

High Interest Chapter Book Series for Young Readers

Adler, *Young Cam Jansen*
Arnold, *Fly Guy*
Barrows & Blackall, *Ivy & Bean*
Bell, *Chick & Brain, Rabbit & Robot*
Butler, *King & Kayla and the Case of Found Fred*
Cummings, *Notebook of Doom* series, *Binder of Doom* series
Cronin, *Chicken Squad* series
Daywalt, *Monkey & Cake*
DiCamillo, *Mercy Watson, Tales from Deckawoo Drive* series
Elliott, *Owl Diaries* series, *Unicorn Diaries* series
Farqui, *Meet Yasmin* series

Flintham, *Press Start* series
Hale, *Princess in Black*
Lobel, *Frog and Toad*
Maddox, *Jake Maddox Sports Series*
McDonald, *Judy Moody*
McNamara, *Robin Hill School*
Miles, *Puppy Place*
Park, *Junie B. Jones* series
Pope Osborne, *Magic Treehouse* series
Rylant, *Henry and Mudge, Mr. Putter & Tabby, Poppleton* series
West, *Dragon Masters* series

Nonfiction and Biographies

Alber, *Scribble Stones*
Berne, *Look Up With Me: Neil DeGrasse Tyson*
Buzzeo, *When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers Her T. Rex*
Clarke, *The Fascinating Animal Book for Kids*

Desmond, *The Elephant*
Eaton, *The Truth About Your Favorite Animal* series
Jenkins, *What Do You Do if You Work at the Zoo?*
King III, *My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Leung, *Paper Son: the Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist*
 Manslo, *Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala*
 McNulty, *Ocean! Waves for All*
National Geographic Animal early readers
 Olshan, *A Voyage in the Clouds*
 Palotta, *Who Would win? Series*
 Sanchez Vegara, *Little People Big Dreams* series

Shiraishi, *How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion*
 Simon, *Big Bugs* Thomas, *A Walk on the Wild Side: Join the Adventure to See Animals Around the World*
 Thornburgh, *Skulls!*
 Winter, *Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams*
 Wishinsky, *Remembering the Titanic*

Readers Choice Titles, 2022-2023

Bond, *My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World*
 Ferry, *Marsha is Magnetic*
 Naylor-Ballesteros, *The Suitcase*
 Smith, *Hugo and the Impossible Thing*

Tabor, *Mel Fell*
 Thomas, *The Chicken Who Couldn't Wang, Watercress*
 Wellins, *Saturdays are for Stella*
 Wheeler, *Someone Builds the Dream*
 Yuksel, *In My Mosque*

Graphic Novels/Comic

Burkes, *Bird & Squirrel* series
 Clanton, *Narwhal & Jelly* series
 Coudray, *Benjamin Bear* series
 Hatke, *Little Robot*
 Koch, et al, *Science Comic* series,
Maker Comic series
 Marko, *Kung Pow Chicken* series

Pizzoli, *Baloney and Friends*
 Runton, *Owly* series
 Sports Illustrated, *Kids Graphic Novels*
 Sturm, *Sleepless Knight*
 Thompson, *Cooking Comics*
 Venable, *Guinea Pig: Pet Shop Private Eye* series

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Read to someone on the phone.	Read while drinking lemonade.	Read while snuggling.	Read upside down.	Read twice in one day.
Read a book in bed.	Read for longer than usual.	Read with a flashlight.	Read to a pet.	Read to someone at home.
Read without being asked.	Read outside.	Have someone read to you.	Draw a picture of what you read.	Read in a funny voice.
Read your favorite book again.	Read a book someone else picks.	Read under a table.	Read in a tent.	Read a book and then act out a scene from it.



2022 Summer Reading Rising 3rd and 4th Graders

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~~Rising 3rd/4th Grade Book Suggestions~~

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Readers Choice Titles, 2021-2022

JD and the Great Barber Battle, by J Dillard

Ruby in the Sky, by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

The Silver Arrow, by Lev Grossman

Don't Check Out This Book, by Kate Klise

Allergic, by Megan Wagener Lloyd

The Elephant's Girl, by Celesta Rimington

Butterfly for a King, by Susan Roth

Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks, by Suzanne Slade

Skunk and Badger, by Amy Timberlake

Before the Ever After, by Jacqueline Woodson

General Fiction

Arnold, *A Boy Called Bat* series
Birdsall, *The Penderwicks* series
Clements, *The Report Card*, any
Clements books
Cleary, *Ramona* series, ANY of her
books!
Creech, *Love that Dog*
DiCamillo, *The Beatryce Prophecy*
Dominguez, *Stella Diaz has Something
to Say*
Grabenstein, *Mr. Lemoncello* series
Gutman, *Flashback Four* series
Harper, *Next Best Junior Chef* series
Holub, *Heroes in Training* series
Lord, *Because of the Rabbit*

Mysteries

Barnett, *Brixton Brothers* series
Clover, *Rory Branagan Detective* series
Cronin, *The Trouble with Chickens*
Gibbs, *Funjungle* series, *Tyrannosaurus
Wrecks*
Ginns, *Samantha Spinner* series
Kress, *The Explorers* series: *the Door in
the Alley*

Graphic Novels

Bell, *El Deafo*
Brooks, *Sanity & Tallulah*
Burkes, *Bird & Squirrel* series
Clanton, *Narwhal & Jelly* series
Coudray, *Benjamin Bear* series
Craft, *New Kid*
Emerson, *Recess Warriors* series
Hatke, *Little Robot*
Green, *Investigators* series
Grunberg, *Dream Jumper* series
Hale, *Best Friends*, etc.
Koch, et al, *Science Comic* series,
Maker Comic series
Martin, *The Babysitters Club Graphix*
series
Peirce, *Max and the Midnights* series

Lupica, *The Turnover*
Messner, *Ranger in Time* series
Mian & Mafaridik, *Planet Omar*:

Accidental Trouble Magnet (& series)
O'Connor, *Wonderland: A Novel*, *Wish*,
How to Steal a Dog
Palacio, *Wonder*, *Pony*
Pennypacker, *Waylon! The Most
Awesome of All*
Tarshis, *I Survived* series
Warga, *Other Words for Home*
Wiley, *The Oregon Trail* series (Choose
Your Own Adventure)
Yee, *Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)*

Magaziner, *Case Closed* trilogy
Ponti, *Framed! Crime-Fighting
Collection*
Spratt, *Friday Barnes* series
Warner, *The Boxcar Children* series

Knetzger, *Bug Boys*
Marko, *Kung Pow Chicken* series
Pilkey, *Dog Man* series
Pizzoli, Runton, *Owly* series
Sturm, *Sleepless Knight*
Telgemeier, *Guts*, etc.
Venable, *Guinea Pig: Pet Shop Private Eye
series*
Wang, *Stargazing*
Winick, *Hilo* series

Nonfiction & Biographies

Alexander, *The Undefeated!*

Andros, *From a Small Seed: The Story of Eliza Hamilton*

Berne, *Look Up With Me: Neil DeGrasse Tyson*

Brockenbrough/Lin, *I Am An American: The Wong Kim Ark Story*

Brown, *Rocket to the Moon*

Camelot, *What if Soldiers Fought with Pillows?: True Stories of Imagination and Courage*

Chaffee, *Her fearless Run: Katherine Switzer's Historic Boston Marathon*

Jenkins, *What Do You Do if You Work at the Zoo?*

Keeting, *Big as a Giant Snail*

Latham, *Can I Touch Your Hair: Poems of Race, Mistake, & Friendship*

Leung, *Paper Son: the Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist*

Levy, *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice*

Manslo, *Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala*

*Multiple Authors, *Where is? and What was? Series*

Parsons, *Flying Free: How Bessie Coleman's Dreams Took Flight*

Poliquin, *Beastly Puzzles*

Redding, *Rescuing the Declaration of Independence: How We Almost Lost the Words That Built America*

Sanchez, *Rotten!*

Schonfeld, *Birthday on Mars*

Seluck, *The Brain is Kind of a Big Deal*

Shiraishi, *How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion*

Stabler, *Kid Athletes, Kid Presidents, Kid Scientists, Kid Authors, Kid Artists (Kid Legend series)*

Slader, *Epic Fails series*

Williams, *Hooray for Women* (graphic novel)

Zoboi, *The People Remember*

Fantasy

Clark, *The Adventurers Guild* trilogy

Cowell, *How to Train Your Dragon* series

Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (& any books by Dahl)

Eager, *Half Magic*

Gidwitz, *Unicorn Rescue Society* series

Lewis, *Narnia* series

Littler, *Voyage of the Frostheart*

Meriano, *Love Sugar Magic* series

Mlynowski, *Upside-Down Magic* series

Mlynowski, *Whatever After* series

Murray, *Molly & Pim*

Primavera, *Ms. Rapscott's Girls*

Riordan, *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series

Rowling, *Harry Potter* series

Shepherd, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*

Shurtliff, *Rump; Grump; Red; Jack (The True Story of...)*

Spratt, *Nanny Piggins* series

Sutherland, *Wings of Fire* series

Various Authors, *You Choose: Fractured Fairy Tales* series

Sports

Bildner, *A Whole New Ballgame*
Bowen, *All-Star Sport Story* series
Christopher, *Lacrosse Firestorm*
Fawaz, *NBA High Flying Stars*
Gutman, *Baseball Card Adventure* series
Krishnaswami, *Step up to the Plate, Maria Singh*

Lorenzi, *A Long Pitch Home*
Lupica, *Zach & Zoe Mysteries; Game Changer* series; *Comeback Kids* series
Wallace, *Winning Season* series
Warner, *Ellray Jakes* series
Winkler, *My Secret Life as a Ping Pong Wizard*

Humor

Barnett, *Mac B. Kid Spy* series
Blabey, *The Bad Guys* series
Blume, *Fudge a Mania*
Clover, *Rory Branagan: Detective* series
Davies, *The Crims* series
Falatko, *Two Dogs in a Trench Coat* series
Gibbs, *Spy School* series
Greenwald, *Crimebiters* series

Griffiths, *13 Story Treehouse* series
Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series
LaReau, *The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters* series
Pastis, *Timmy Failure* series
Phelan, *Knights vs. Dinosaurs*
Russell, *Dork Diaries* series
Warner, *Ellray Jakes* series
Winkler, *Ghost Buddy* series

Animal Stories

Applegate, *Willodeen*
Birney, *Humphrey* series
Calkhoven, *G. I. Dogs*
Cameron, *A Dog's Purpose* series
Creech, *Saving Winslow*
Fleming, *Strongheart: Wonderdog of the Silver Screen*
Howe, *Waggit* trilogy

Mattick, *Winnie's Great War*
Parry, *A Wolf Called Wander*
Pennypacker, *Pax & Pax, Journey Home*
Pyron, *Stay*
Reiche, *Freddy to the Rescue*
Shotz, *Hero* series, *Scout* series

Science Fiction

Benton, *Franny K. Stein* series
Brallier, *The Last Kids on Earth* series
Brown, Jeffrey, *Jedi Academy* series
Brown, Peter, *Wild Robot & Wild Robot Escapes*

Hatke, *Zita the Spacegirl* series
Holm, *The Fourteenth Goldfish*
Pilkey, *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* series
Scieszka, *Frank Einstein* series

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Read without being asked.	Read outside.	Have someone read to you.	Draw a picture of what you read.	Read in a funny voice.
Read your favorite book again.	Read a book someone else picks.	Read under a table.	Read in a tent.	Read a book and then act out a scene from it.



Summer Reading for Rising 5th Grade 2022



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Books in Verse

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle

Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

The Red Pencil by Andrew Davis Pinkney

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

Top Picks

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds

The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

The Endling by Katherine Applegate

Eventown by Corey Ann Haydu



Escape from Aleppo by N.H. Senzai
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard
Last Shot by John Feinstein
The Mad Wolf's Daughter by Diane Magras
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
New Kid by Jerry Craft
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
Ruby on the Outside by Nora Raleigh Baskin
The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon
Sweep by Jonathan Auxier
When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin
Wilder Boys series by Brandon Wallace
Wild Robot series by Peter Brown

Flights of Fantasy

All the Answers by Kate Messner
Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August
Arlo Finch in the Lake of the Moon by John August
Aru Shah and the Song of Death by Roshani Chokshi
Beautiful Blue World by Suzanne LaFleur
Burning Maze by Rick Riordan
Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee
Edgeland by Jake Halpern
Endling: The First by Katherine Applegate
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Goldeline by Jimmy Cagoleas
Graceful by Wendy Mass
Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling
In Darkling Wood by Emma Carroll
Keeper of the Lost Cities series by Sharon Messenger
Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer
Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson
Last Kids on Earth series by Max Brallier
Lost Hero (Heroes of Olympus series) by Rick Riordan
Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds
Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty
Rebel Genius by Michael DiMartino
Saint Philomene's Infirmary for Magical Creatures by W. Stone Cotter



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The Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan
Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin
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The Unwanteds series by Lisa McCann
Warrior Genius by Michael DiMartino
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
Wundersmith (Nevermoor) by Jessica Townsend

Real World

Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
Best Man by Richard Peck
The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson
Class Action by Steven B. Frank
Cyclone by Doreen Cronin
Finding Orion by John David Anderson
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
I'm Just No Good at Rhyming by Chris Harris
Just Jamie by Terri Libenson
Knockout by K. A. Holt
The Line Tender by Kate Allen
My Life As a Book by Janet Tashjian
No Talking by Andrew Clements
Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
Patina by Jason Reynolds
Rebound by Kwame Alexander
The Report Card by Andrew Clements
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
Ruby and Olivia by Rachel Hawkins
Sunny by Jason Reynolds
Write This Down by Claudia Mills

Spy and the Sleuth

Absolutely Truly by Heather V. Frederick
Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
The Left Handed Fate by Kate Milford
FunJungle series by Stuart Gibbs
The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson
Lion Down by Stuart Gibbs
Lucky Little Things by Janice Erlbaum
Missing!: Mysterious Cases of People Gone Missing Throughout the Centuries by Brenda Z. Guiberson



Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game by Chris Grabenstein
The Ocean Between Stars (book 2) by Kevin Emerson
The Rivalry (SportsBeat series) by John Feinstein
Space Case series by Stuart Gibbs
Spy School series by Stuart Gibbs
Zap by Martha Freeman

Action!

Boy by Roald Dahl
Blackthorn Key series by Kevin Sands
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson
Lost in the Antarctic by Tod Olson
Merits of Mischief series by T. R. Burns
Peak by Roland Smith
Summer Ball by Mike Lupica
Treasure Hunters by James Patterson

Past Times

Full of Beans by Jennifer Holm
Once Was a Time by Leila Sales
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Sunder by William Armstrong
Strange World by Emma Carroll
Unbound by Ann E. Burg
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Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
The Hobbit by J.R. Tolkien
Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Shadow Magic series by Joshua Khan
A Tale Dark and Grimm series by Adam Gidwitz
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
Track series by Jason Reynolds
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Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald



Non Fiction

Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle
The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougias
Game On by Dustin Hansen
How They Choked / How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg
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Hidden Figures (Young Readers) by Margot Lee Shetterly
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai



The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis
Like Vanessa by Tami Charles
Lion (Young Readers) by Saroo Brierley
Monstrous Devices by Damien Love
Orphan Train Girl (Young Readers) by Christina Baker Kline
The Other Boy by M.G. Hennessy
The Port Chicago 50 by Steve Sheinkin
The Riverman series by Aaron Starmer
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
The War I Finally Won by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Witch's Boy by Kelly Barnhill
Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

Action!

Ascent by Roland Smith
Blackthorn Key series by Kevin Sands
Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth
Earthfall by Mark Walden
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
Hideout by Watt Key
Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson
Skyjacked by Paul Griffin
The Trials of Apollo series by Rick Riordan
The Walk On (Triple Threat series) by John Feinstein
Warcross by Marie Lu
Waste of Space by Stuart Gibbs
York by Laura Ruby
Zero Day by Jan Gangsei

Flights of Fantasy

A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz
Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August
Batman by Marie Lu
Beautiful Blue World by Suzanne LaFleur
Black Panther by Ronald L. Smith
The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman
Burning Maze by Rick Riordan
Cinder (Lunar Chronicle series) by Marissa Meyers
Crown of Three series by J.D. Rinehart
Edgeland by Jake Halpern
Elizabeth and Zenobia by Jessica Miller



The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Goldeline by Jimmy Cajoleas
In Darkling Wood by Emma Carroll
Last Gargoyle by Paul Durham
Lost Hero (Heroes of Olympus series) by Rick Riordan
Midnight Thief and Daughter of Dusk by Livia Blackburne
Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds
Nyxia by Scott Reintgen
Prince in Disguise by Stephanie Stroh
Rebel Genius by Michael DiMartino
The Seven Wonders series by Peter Lerangis
Shadow Magic series by Joshua Khan
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
Spy School series by Stuart Gibbs
The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase series) by Rick Riordan
Under Their Skin by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Unwanteds by Lisa McCann
Warrior Genius by Michael DiMartino
Wonder Woman: Warbringer by Leigh Bardugo

Past Times

Alex and Eliza by Melissa de la Cruz
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
Calico Girl by Jerdine Nolen
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Jefferson's Sons by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Curtis
The Left Handed Fate by Kate Milford
Lost in the Pacific by Tod Olson
Love and War: An Alex and Eliza Story by Melissa de la Cruz
Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypush
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Jackson
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
The Only Game series by Mike Lupica
Strange World by Emma Carroll
Unbound by Ann E. Burg
Until Tomorrow, Mr. Marsworth by Sheila O'Conner
Uprising by Margaret P. Haddix
War Below by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch



Real World

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds
Ashes to Asheville by Sarah Dooley
Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
Best Man by Richard Peck
Brave by Svetlana Chmakova
Cyclone by Doreen Cronin
Escape from Aleppo by N. H. Senzai
Evie's Been Eavesdropping by George Wickham
Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Knockout by K. A. Holt
Like Vanessa by Tami Charles
The Line Tender by Kate Allen
My Life As a Book by Janet Tashjian
Rebound by Kwame Alexander
Someday Birds by Sally Pla
Sunny by Jason Reynolds
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T Lamana
Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail
Wilder Boys series by Brandon Wallace
Windfall by Jennifer Smith

Non Fiction

Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle
The Finest Hours by Michael J. Touglas
Game On by Dustin Hansen
Legends: The Best Players, Teams, and Games in Baseball by Howard Bryant
Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb
My Dance With Grace by Weldon Bradshaw
The President Has Been Shot by James L. Swanson
Pure Grit by Mary Cronk Farrell
Lion (Young Readers) by Saroo Brierley
Hidden Figures (Young Readers) by Margot Lee Shetterly
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai
Be a Changemaker by Laurie Ann Thompson
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverted Kids by Susan Cain
The Port Chicago 50 by Steve Sheinkin



Summer Reading for Rising 8th Grade 2022



The following is a list of suggested books for summer reading. They are not requirements. The list covers a wide variety of reading levels and interest areas. You are encouraged to read any title by any of these authors - or any books that look interesting to your family

We strongly encourage you to visit your local public library throughout the summer! Most have wonderful summer programs for young readers, including the North Chicago Public Library.

To help guide you in your selections, we have created a link with professional reviews for most books on this list. These reviews come primarily from *School Library Journal*, the largest publication in the world for librarians and information specialists who work with children and teens.

Enjoy!

Top Picks

The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Discovering Wes Moore (YA adaptation) by Wes Moore
Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham
Emergency Contact by Mary H.K. Choi
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Hey Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez
Internment by Samira Ahmed



The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Jackson
Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu
The Reader by Traci Chee
To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han
Scythe by Neal Shusterman
Shadow of the Fox by Julie Kagawa
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli
Stupid Fast by Geoff Herback
Unbroken (Young Readers) by Lauren Hillenbrand
Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin
Warcross by Marie Lu
Windfall by Jennifer Smith
You Bring the Distant Near by Mitali Perkins

Real World

Ashes to Asheville by Sarah Dooley
Because You'll Never Meet Me by Leah Thomas
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson
Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead
Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky
Her Royal Highness by Rachel Hawkins
Hope and Other Punchlines by Julie Buxbaum
In Some Other Life by Jessica Brody
Knockout by K. A. Holt
Lu by Jason Reynolds
Mike by Andrew Norriss
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
Rebound by Kwame Alexander
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
The Summer of Broken Things by Margaret Peterson Haddix
They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
The Tragedy Paper by Elizabeth Laban
The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B by Teresa Toten

Past Times

Adventures of the Greek Heroes by Mollie McLean
Alex and Eliza by Melissa de la Cruz



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Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
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The Left Handed Fate by Kate Milford
Lost in the Pacific by Tod Olson
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Orphan Train Girl by Christina Baker Kline
The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Strange World by Emma Carroll
Survivors Club by Michael Bornstein
Unbound by Ann E. Burg
Uprising by Margaret P Haddix

Action!

Bad Call by Stephen Wallenels
Blackthorn Key series by Kevin Sands
Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth
The Dogs by Allan Stratton
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
Hideout by Watt Key
In the After series by Demetria Lunetta
No Safety in Numbers series by Danya Lorentz
The Paladin Prophecy by Mark Frost
Peak by Roland Smith
The Rig by Joe Duce
Rule of Three series by Eric Walters
The Six by Mark Alpert
The Walk On (Triple Threat series) by John Feinstein
Under Their Skin by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Zero Day by Jan Gangsei

Non Fiction

Basketball: A Love Story by Josh Chetwynd
Captured: An American POW in Vietnam by Alvin Townley
The Chicago Cubs: Story of a Curse by Mike Pesca
The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougias
Game On by Dustin Hansen
I am Malala (young readers ed.) by Malala Yousafzai
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer



A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in WWII by Elizabeth Wein
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March trilogy by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
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Sabotage by Neal Bascomb
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Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert
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Nyxia by Scott Reintgen
Rosemarked by Livia Blackburne
Shadow and Bone series by Leigh Bardugo
Shadow Magic series by Joshua Khan
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
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Throne of Fire by Rick Riordan
The Trials of Apollo series by Rick Riordan
Wonder Woman: Warbringer by Leigh Bardugo

READING LOG

*Filling this sheet out is optional. If you track your summer reading, please bring this log to Ms. McGraw and Ms. Serbus in the fall!

Title	Author	Date

That's 10!

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Page 2: You're a Champ!

Title	Author	Date

That's 20!

READING LOG

Page 3: You're still reading? You are a SUPERSTAR!

Title	Author	Date

That's 30!

READING LOG

Page 4: That's it... You're officially HOOKED on books!

Title	Author	Date

That's 40!

READING LOG

Page 5: If this were an Olympic sport, you'd be on the GOLD MEDAL platform!
We are so proud of you!

Title	Author	Date

That's 50!