

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.*

American Born Chinese

by Gene Luen Yang
First Second, 2006, ISBN: 9781596431522 (PB).
In this graphic novel, three linked tales blend traditional Chinese lore with contemporary high-school scenes to create a humorous message about acceptance.

Axe Cop

by Malachai Nicolle, illustrated by Ethan Nicolle
Dark Horse Comics, 2011, ISBN: 9781595826817 (PB).
Axe Cop, an axe-wielding police officer, tries to save the world in this humorous graphic novel.

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 into *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 their power.

Bone: Out from Boneville

by Jeff Smith
Scholastic, 2005, ISBN: 9780439706230.
When three intrepid adventurers find themselves lost in an unfamiliar wilderness, they discover that it may be up to them to fight a great darkness threatening the land. *First in a series.*

Close to Famous

by Joan Bauer
Viking, 2011, ISBN: 9780670012824.
Foster's determination and her delicious home-baked cupcakes help her fit into her new home in Culpepper, West Virginia.

Does My Head Look Big in This?

by Randa Abdel-Fattah
Scholastic/Orchard Books, 2007, ISBN: 9780439922333 (PB).
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.

Ender's Game

by Orson Scott Card
Starscape, 1985, ISBN: 9780765342294 (PB).
Ender Wiggin must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.

Friends with Boys

by Faith Erin Hicks
First Second, 2012, ISBN: 9781596435568 (PB).
In this graphic novel, new freshman Maggie is determined to make friends (other than her brothers) and to figure out why a ghost keeps following her around.

The Giver

by Lois Lowry
Laurel Leaf, 1993, ISBN: 9780440237686 (PB).
A young boy chosen to be the Receiver of Memories realizes that his utopian society is not as perfect as it appears.

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.

The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins
Scholastic, 2008, ISBN: 9780439023481.
Katniss Everdeen is forced

by the Capitol to compete in the Hunger Games, a ruthless fight to the death. *First book in a trilogy.*

Life as We Knew It

by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Graphia, 2006, ISBN: 9780152058265.
When an asteroid hits the moon and knocks it out of orbit, Earth as we know it is devastated. *First in a series.*

The Lions of Little Rock

by Kristin Levine
Putnam, 2012, ISBN: 9780399256448.
In 1958 in Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts; 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.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club

by Heather Vogel Frederick
Simon & Schuster, 2007, ISBN: 9781416970798 (PB).
When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find that they have

much more in common than they could have imagined. *First in a series.*

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.

The Red Pyramid

by Rick Riordan
Hyperion, 2010, ISBN: 9781423113386.
Carter and Sadie find themselves thrust into ancient Egyptian lore when their father unleashes five Egyptian gods. *First in a series.*

Smile

by Raina Telgemeier
Graphix, 2010, ISBN: 9780545132053.
In this graphic novel, Raina survives middle school after getting her front teeth knocked out in an accident.

Stormbreaker

by Anthony Horowitz
Philomel, 2001, ISBN: 9780399236204.
Fourteen-year-old Alex becomes a spy in order to

prove that his uncle's death was not an accident. *First book in the Alex Rider series.*

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster

by Deborah Hopkinson
Scholastic, 2012, ISBN: 9780545116749.
Survivors' accounts bring the *Titanic* disaster to life.

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?

The Wild Book

by Margarita Engle
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012, ISBN: 9780547581316.
In Cuba in 1912, Fefa struggles with dyslexia but learns to love reading as she writes in her diary, *The Wild Book*.

Wonder

by R. J. Palacio
Random House, 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 touching, funny book.

