



Reading 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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Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!
by Bob Shea

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484713792

Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

Beastly Verse
Illustrated by JooHee Yoon
Enchanted Lion Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781592701667

Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems in this award-winning anthology.

Cookie Fiasco
by Mo Willems and Dan Santat

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484726365

From the new Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series, a hippo, crocodile, squirrel with pigtails, and squirrel with glasses have to divide three cookies evenly between them.

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music

by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544102293

Based on the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, one of Cuba's first female drummers, this picture-book

biography inspires us all to follow our dreams.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur
by Kallie George, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780062353085

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

Flowers Are Calling
by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Pak

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121

Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Fly Guy Presents: Castles
by Tedd Arnold

Scholastic, 2017, ISBN: 9780545917384

Fly Guy and Buzz learn about what it is like to have lived in a castle in this nonfiction reader.

Freedom in Congo Square

by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801033

Slaves are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing,

and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

Get a Hit, Mo!
by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks

Penguin, 2016, ISBN: 9780670016327

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug

by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink
Schwartz & Wade, 2016, ISBN: 9780553511505

Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors in a sweet story of friendship and imagination.

Ice Cream Summer
by Peter Sis

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545731614

Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

Little Elliot, Big Fun
by Mike Curato

Henry Holt, 2016, ISBN: 9780805098273

A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just right for him.

The Night Gardener
by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

Simon & Schuster, 2016, ISBN: 9781481439787

William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest

by Lulu Delacre
Children's Book Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780892393275

Explore the cloud forest of the Andes in Ecuador in this bilingual alphabetical book in verse.

The Quickest Kid in Clarksville

By Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Frank Morrison
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452129365

In 1960, on her way to meet Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph at the hometown parade, Alta discovers that it is not shoes that make her fast.

Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Tae-eun Yoo

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481416474

Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

Surf's Up
by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Daniel Miyares
NorthSouth Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780735842205

Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

They All Saw a Cat
by Brendan Wenzel

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452150130

Difference in perspective is clearly demonstrated in this book as many animals all look at the same cat.

Treat
by Mary Sullivan

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544472709

Learn the many things this dog does in order to get a treat to eat in this light tale filled with humor.

Urgency Emergency! Itsy Bitsy Spider
by Dosh Archer

Albert Whitman, 2015, ISBN: 9780807583609

In this funny early reader, Doctor Glenda and Nurse Percy rush to work when the penguin paramedics bring in a very small spider who has fallen down a waterspout.

Waiting for High Tide
by Nikki McClure

Abrams, 2016, ISBN: 9781419716560

While the tide is out, a young boy and his family find treasures of all kinds in the muddy shoreline; stunning cut-paper illustrations make this a visual treat.

We Are Growing!
by Mo Willems and Laurie Keller

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484726358

While all of the other blades of grass find something at which they are the “-est” Walt, an ordinary blade, feels a bit left out in this Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series title. But, wait, what is that sound? Is that the . . . lawn mower!?

We Found a Hat
by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763656003

The final book in the hat trilogy, this one offers another unique twist to resolve who gets the hat.

What Do You Do with a Problem?

by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom

Compendium Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781943200009

A child experiences an unexpected problem, worrying and wrestling it through until he realizes it's not really a problem after all—it's an opportunity.

Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln?

by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763673116

To get away from her older sister, Eugenia, Baby Lincoln packs her suitcase for an adventure, discovering that there's no place like home.

