



Summer Reading List

The following document contains the recommended summer reading lists for students attending Alice Harte, Andrew Wilson, Inspire 42, Dwight Eisenhower, Pierre Capdau, Eleanor McMain, McDonogh 35, and Edna Karr. Please scroll through the list to find recommended titles for the grade level your child will be entering this August.

Purchase of most of the listed books is not necessary; the New Orleans Public Library houses many of these books, and your child's school has some as well. If your closest library does not have a specific title available for checkout, feel free to request the librarian to order the book from another library, and they will notify you when it comes in.

If your child prefers to read on an electronic device, such as a Kindle, or he/she has the app on his/her phone, many titles can be downloaded for free from the New Orleans Public Library website: <http://www.neworleanspubliclibrary.org/>

Finally, please contact your child's school for any questions you may have regarding reading requirements over the summer.





Pre-K and Kindergarten

Please read picture books to and with your child daily. Though the list below is in no way exhaustive of all the books you can read to your child, it lists some recommended titles. At a minimum, please select five books to read with your child before the start of school.

- *1, 2, 3 to the Zoo*, Eric Carle
- *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep*, Jane Cabrera
- *Bear Counts*, Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman
- *Big Dog... Little Dog*, P.D. Eastman
- *Big Words for Little People*, Jamie Lee Curtis
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle
- *Corduroy*, Don Freeman Illustrated by Don Freeman
- *Curious George*, Margret Rey
- *Duck and Goose, Let's Dance!*, Tad Hills & Lauren Savage
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, Eileen Christelow Illustrated by Eileen Christelow
- *Frog on a Log?*, Kes Gray & Jim Field
- *Gaston*, Kelly DiPucchio & Christian Robinson
- *Giraffes Can't Dance*, Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees
- *Goodnight, Already!*, Jory John & Benji Davies
- *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*, Sherri Duskey Rinker & Tom Lichtenheld ES
- *Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors*, Roseanne Greenfield Thong & John Parra ES
- *Guess How Much I Love You*, Sam McBratney & Anita Jerman
- *Hey, Seymour!*, Walter Wick
- *Hop On Pop*, Dr. Seuss
- *How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends?*, Jane Yolen & Mark Teague ES
- *I Wish You More*, Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Peña & Christian Robinson
- *Little Owl's Colors*, Divya Srinivasan
- *Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa*, Anna Dewdney
- *Look and Be Grateful*, Tomie DePaola
- *Love Meez* series, Caroline Jayne Church
- *Make Way for Ducklings*, Robert McCloskey Illustrated by Robert McCloskey
- *Mother Goose's Pajama Party*, Danna Smith & Virginia Allyn
- *Night Animals*, Gianna Marino
- *Olivia*, Ian Falconer
- *Pat the Bunny*, Dorothy Kunhardt
- *Pat-a-Cake*, Mary Brigid Barrett



- *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*, James Dean & Kimberly Dean
- *Please, Mr. Panda*, Steve Antony
- *Press Here*, Herve Tullet
- *Red Light, Green Light*, Yumi Heo
- *Safe in a Storm*, Stephen R. Swinburne & Jennifer A. Bell
- *Scholastic Early Learners: Lift the Flap: First 100 Words*, Scholastic
- *Scholastic Early Learners: Noisy Touch & Lift Farm*, Scholastic ES
- *Scholastic Early Learners: Playful Pets: Woof!*, Scholastic
- *Scholastic Early Learners: Touch and Lift: Peek-a-Who? Who's My Mother?*, Scholastic
- *Shark vs. Train*, Chris Barton
- *Stone Soup*, Jon J. Muth
- *Swimmy*, Leo Lionni
- *Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure*, Derek Anderson ES
- *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, Dan Santat
- *The Pirate Jamboree*, Mark Teague
- *The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School*, Deborah Diesen & Dan Hanna
- *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Margery Williams Illustrated by Elizabeth J. Miles
- *The Very Busy Spider*, Eric Carle Illustrated by Eric Carle
- *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog!*, Lucille Colandro & Jared Lee ES
- *What's Your Favorite Animal?*, Eric Carle
- *Wolfie the Bunny*, Ame Dyckman & Zachariah Ohora
- *You Nest Here with Me*, Jane Yolen



First Grade

Please read with your child daily. Before, during, and after reading, ask your child questions about the pictures, words, and concepts in the book. Though the list below is in no way exhaustive of all the books you can read with your child, it lists some recommended titles. At a minimum, please select five books to read with your child before the start of school.

- *8: An Animal Alphabet*, Elisha Cooper
- *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, Judith Voist
- *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*, Eric Kimmel
- *Caps For Sale*, Esphyr Slobodkina
- *Chicken Soup With Rice: A Book of Months*, Maurice Sendak
- *Click, Clack, Moo. Cows that Type*, Doreen Cronin
- *Elephant & Piggie: I Really Like Slop!*, Mo Willems
- *Emma and Julia Love Ballet*, Barbara McClintock
- *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*, Lindsay Mattick
- *Fly Guy Presents: Snakes*, Tedd Arnold
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*, Mo Willems
- *Green Eggs and Ham*, Dr. Seuss
- *I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem*, Jamie Lee Curtis
- *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*, Simms Taback
- *Library Lion*, Michelle Knudsen
- *Maybe a Bear Ate It*, Robie Harris
- *Mirette on the High Wire*, E.A. McCully
- *Notebook of Doom: Rise of the Balloon Goons*, Troy Cummings
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, Peggy Rathmann
- *Ordinary People Change the World: I Am Jackie Robinson*, Brad Meltzer
- *Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival*, Rebecca Elliott
- *Scholastic Discover More™: Animal Faces*, Penelope Arlon
- *Song and Dance Man*, K. Ackerman
- *Ten Black Dots*, Donald Crews
- *The Cat in the Hat*, Dr. Seuss
- *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers
- *The Empty Pot*, Demi
- *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*, Oliver Jeffers
- *The Paperboy*, Dav Pilkey
- *The Three Little Pigs*, Paul Galdonne
- *What This Story Needs is a Pig in a Wig*, Emma J. Virjan
- *Where Do Balloons Go?: An Uplifting Mystery*, Jamie Lee Curtis
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, Maurice Sendak



Second Grade

Please read with your child daily and have them read independently. Ask your child about the books they are reading to show interest and enthusiasm for reading. The list below is in no way exhaustive of all the books you can have your child read, but here are some recommended titles:

- *A Bad Case of Stripes*, David Shannon
- *A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream*, Kristy Dempsey
- *A Light in the Attic*, Shel Silverstein
- *Amelia Bedelia*, Peggy Parish
- *Arthur*, Marc Brown
- *Eerie Elementary: The School is Alive!*, Jack Chabert & Sam Ricks ES
- *EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken*, Sally Warner
- *Falling Up*, Shel Silverstein
- *Feeding Time at the Zoo*, Sherry Shahan
- *Fox on the Job*, James Marshall
- *Frog and Toad are Friends*, Arnold Lobel
- *Grace for President*, Kelly DiPucchio
- *Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library*, Eth Clifford
- *Henry and Mudge*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion*, Suzy Kline
- *Hungry, Hungry Sharks!*, Joanna Cole
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*, Faith McNulty
- *Ladybugs*, Gail Gibbons
- *Little Roja Riding Hood*, Susan Elya
- *Louise: The Adventure of a Chicken*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Magic Tree House*, Mary Pope Osborne
- *Mary Clare Likes to Share*, Joy Hulme
- *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter*, John Steptoe
- *My Uncle Martin's Words for America*, Angela Farris Watkins
- *Noah Webster & His Words*, Jeri Chase Ferris
- *Orangutans are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer*, Jill Davis
- *Princess K.I.M. and the Lie that Grew*, Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- *Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover*, Cece Bell
- *Sophia Martinez*, Jacqueline Jules
- *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, William Steig
- *The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man*, Michael Chabon
- *The Long Way Westward*, Joan Sandin
- *The Magic Goose*, Daniel Pinkwater
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein



Third Grade

Please help your child pick at least two books from the recommend list below to read this summer.

- *All-Star Sports Stories*, Matt Christopher
- *Bailey School Kids*, Debbie Dadey, Marcia Jones
- *Cam Jansen*, David Adler
- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White
- *Dog Diaries*: Barry, Kate Klimo
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, Roald Dahl
- *Frindle*, Andrew Clements
- *Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale*, Candace Fleming
- *How to Train Your Dragon*, Cressida Cowell
- *Judy Moody*, Megan McDonald
- *Jumanji*, Chris Van Allsburg
- *Just Grace and the Trouble with Cupcakes*, Charise Harper
- *Katie Woo*, Fran Manushkin
- *Miss Daisy Is Crazy*, Dan Gutman
- *Molly Moon*, Georgia Byng
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Richard and Florence Atwater
- *Muggie Maggie*, Beverly Cleary
- *My Father's Dragon*, Ruth Gannett
- *Nate the Great*, Marjorie Sharmat
- *New Shoes*, Susan Meyer
- *Poems in the Attic*, Nikki Grimes
- *Ramona*, Beverly Cleary
- *Sail Away*, Langston Hughes
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, Patricia MacLachlan
- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, Louis Sachar
- *Stewart Little*, E.B. White
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, Judy Blume
- *The Day-Glo Brothers*, Chris Barton
- *The Hundred Dresses*, Eleanor Estes
- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, Beverly Cleary
- *The Show Must Go On!*, Kate Klise
- *Third Grade Angels*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Third Grade Detectives*, George Stanley
- *Time Warp Trio*, Jon Scieszka
- *Who Stole the Wizard of Oz*, Avi
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein



Fourth Grade

Please help your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

- *A Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*, Jennifer Berne
- *A Nest for Celeste*, Henry Cole
- *Bayou Magic*, Jewell Rhodes
- *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Bunnicula*, James Howe
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, Beverly Cleary
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, Jeff Kinney
- *Dork Diaries*, Rachel Russell
- *Dumpling Days*, Grace Lin
- *Encyclopedia Brown*, Donald Sobol
- *Esperanza Rising*, Pam Ryan
- *Fourth Grade Rats*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Fudge-A-Mania*, Judy Blume
- *Goosebumps*, R.L.Stine
- *Helen Keller*, Polly and Stewart Graff
- *Holes*, Louis Sachar
- *How to Eat Fried Worms*, Thomas Rockwell
- *Inside Out and Back Again*, Thanhha Lai
- *Julian's Glorious Summer*, Ann Cameron
- *Little House in the Big Woods*, Laura Wilder
- *Lunch Money*, Andrew Clements
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*, Robert O'Brien
- *Shiloh*, Phyllis Reynolds Taylor
- *Smile*, Raina Telgemeier
- *Tales Our Abuelitas Told*, Alma Flor Ada
- *The BFG*, Roald Dahl
- *The Champ: The Story of Muhammad Ali*, Tonya Bolden
- *The Lemonade War*, Jacqueline Davies
- *The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo
- *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Trumpet of the Swan*, E.B. White
- *Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech
- *Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger*, Louis Sachar
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, Grace Lin
- *Zlateh the Goat and Other Stories*, Isaac Singer



Fifth Grade

Have your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

- *39 Clues*, Rick Riordan
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, Gennifer Choldenko
- *Alex Rider*, Anthony Horowitz
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll
- *Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell
- *Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson
- *Caddie Woodlawn*, Carol Brink
- *Call It Courage*, Armstrong Sperry
- *Coraline*, Neil Gaiman
- *Dear America*, Ann Turner
- *El Deafo*, Cece Bell
- *Ella Enchanted*, Gail Carson Levine
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, E.L. Konisburg
- *Ginger Pye*, Eleanor Estes
- *I Survived*, Lauren Tarshis
- *James and the Giant Peach*, Roald Dahl
- *Julie of the Wolves*, Jean Craighead George
- *Listen, Slowly*, Thanhha Lai
- *Maniac Magee*, Jerry Spinelli
- *One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, Rick Riordan
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor
- *Sir Cumference and the First Round Table: A Math Adventure*, Cindy Neuschwander
- *Sisters*, Raina Telgemeler
- *Sunder*, William Armstrong
- *Strawberry Girl*, Lois Lenski
- *The Chronicles of Narnia*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Elephant Scientist*, Donna Jackson and Caitlin O'Connell
- *The Incredible Journey*, Sheila Burnford
- *The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Mighty Miss Malone*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate
- *The Phantom Tollbooth*, Norton Juster
- *The Tiger Rising*, Kate DiCamillo
- *The Witches*, Roald Dahl
- *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*, Kelly Jones



Sixth Grade

Have your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

- *2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids*, Amy Zuckerman
- *A Little Princess*, Frances Burnett
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle
- *Artemis Fowl*, Eoin Colfer
- *At Her Majesty's Request*, Walter Dean Meyers
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Cheaper by the Dozen*, Ernestine Gilbreth
- *Dragonwings*, Laurence Yep
- *Drama*, Raina Telgemeler
- *Elijah of Buxton*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Harry Potter*, J.K. Rowling
- *Hoot*, Carl Hiassan
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Scott O'Dell
- *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*, James Patterson
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, Ransom Riggs
- *Ninth Ward*, Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, Rick Riordan
- *Rain Reign*, Ann Martin
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor
- *Stargirl*, Jerry Spinelli
- *The Black Stallion*, Walter Farley
- *The City of Ember*, Jeanne Dupra
- *The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman
- *The Indian in the Cupboard*, Lynne Banks
- *The Madman of Piney Woods*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Secret of the Old Clock*, Carolyn Keene
- *The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood
- *The Tower Treasure*, Franklin Dixon
- *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
- *Tikta Liktak: An Inuit-Eskimo Legend*, James Houston and Natalie Rosinsky
- *Tuck Everlasting*, Natalie Babbitt
- *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls
- *Who Could That Be at This Hour?*, Lemony Snickett
- *Wonder*, Raquel Palacio



Seventh Grade

Have your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

- *A Black Hole is Not a Hole*, Carolyn DeCristofano
- *Across Five Aprils*, Irene Hunt
- *A Little Princess*, Frances Burnett
- *A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park
- *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*, Ann Frank
- *Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past*, James Deem
- *Brian's Winter*, Gary Paulsen
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, James Swanson
- *Confetti Girl*, Diana Lopez
- *Crash*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Doll Bones*, Holly Black
- *Dragonwings*, Laurence Yep
- *Fever 1793*, Laurie Anderson
- *Flush*, Carl Hiassan
- *Gathering Blue*, Lois Lowry
- *Homecoming*, Cynthia Voigt
- *Life As We Knew It*, Susan Pfeffer
- *Little Women*, Louisa Alcott
- *March*, John Lewis
- *Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens
- *Savvy*, Ingrid Law
- *Serpent Never Sleeps*, Scott O'Dell
- *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, Ann Brashares
- *The Book Thief*, Zusak
- *The Breadwinner*, Deborah Ellis
- *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
- *The Golden Compass*, Philip Pullman
- *The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman
- *The Jungle Book*, Rudyard Kipling
- *The Man Who Was Poe*, Avi
- *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner
- *The Prince and the Pauper*, Mark Twain
- *The Schwa Was Here*, Neal Shusterman
- *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March*, Cynthia Levinson
- *Wonder*, Raquel Palacio



Eighth Grade

Have your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

- *A Gathering of Days*, Joan Blos
- *A Little Princess*, Frances Burnett
- *A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith
- *Across Five Aprils*, Irene Hunt
- *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*, Ann Frank
- *Artemis Fowl*, Eoin Colfer
- *Auggie & Me*, Raquel Palacio
- *Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past*, James Deem
- *Brian's Winter*, Gary Paulsen
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Bucking the Sarge*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, James Swanson
- *Confetti Girl*, Diana Lopez
- *Drowned City*, Don Brown
- *Fever 1793*, Laurie Anderson
- *Homecoming*, Cynthia Voigt
- *I am Malala*, Malala Yousafzai
- *Jacob Have I Loved*, Katherine Paterson
- *Little Women*, Louisa Alcott
- *March*, John Lewis
- *Monster*, Walter Dean Meyers
- *Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens
- *Savvy*, Ingrid Law
- *Serpent Never Sleeps*, Scott O'Dell
- *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, Ann Brashares
- *The Face on the Milk Carton*, Caroline Cooney
- *The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman
- *The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros
- *The Omnivore's Dilemma* Young Readers Edition, Michael Pollan
- *The Pearl*, John Steinbeck
- *The Secret Garden*, Frances Burnett
- *The Secret Life of Bees*, Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Skin I'm In*, Sharon Flake
- *The Wolves in the Walls*, Neil Gaiman



High School

Have your child select at least two books from the recommended list below to read this summer.

1. *Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith- All Ida Mae Jones wants to do is fly. Her daddy was a pilot, and years after his death she feels closest to him when she's in the air. But as a young black woman in 1940's Louisiana, she knows the sky is off limits to her...until America enters World War II, and the Army forms the WASP Women Airforce Service Pilots. Ida has a chance to fulfill her dream if she's willing to use her light skin to pass as a white girl. She wants to fly more than anything, but Ida soon learns that denying one's self and family is a heavy burden, and ultimately it's not what you do, but who you are, that's most important.

2. *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myer- Enter the world of fourteen-year-old Reese, who is locked up at Progress juvenile detention facility for making destructive choices. Can he get a second chance?

3. *Humans of New York* by Brandon Stanton- An intriguing photo collection of NYC's most fascinating inhabitants.

4. *Heist Society* by Ally Carter- For as long as she can remember, Katarina has been a part of the family business-thieving. When Kat tries to leave "the life" for a normal life, her old friend Hale conspires to bring her back into the fold. Why? A mobster's art collection has been stolen, and Kat's father is the only suspect. Caught between Interpol and a far more deadly enemy, Kat's dad needs her help.

5. *What the World Eats* by Faith D'Aluisio- A riveting photographic exploration of what the world eats through portraits of families from different countries surrounded by a week's worth of food, along with recipes and grocery lists with prices.

6. *Romiette and Julio* by Sharon Draper- Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.

7. *Swagger* by Carl Deuker- When high school senior Jonas moves to Seattle, he is glad to meet Levi, a nice, soft-spoken guy and fellow basketball player. Suspense builds like a slow drumbeat as readers find out that Jonas has to decide whether he should risk his future career to protect his new friend. Pitch-perfect basketball plays, well-developed characters, and fine storytelling make this psychological sports novel a slam dunk.