

## Suggested Books for Summer Reading

American Library Association ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

### Ages 0-2

Adams, Pam

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

ISBN 0-8595-3053-1 \$6.99

With each line of the song, a new animal is discovered in the farmyard along with the sound it makes.

Barrett, Judith

Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing

ISBN 0-6897-0807-6 \$4.79

This is a book about the funny things that might happen if animals wore clothing.

Brown, Margaret Wise

Goodnight Moon

ISBN 0-0644-3017-0 \$5.95

A short poem of goodnight wishes from a young rabbit preparing--or attempting to postpone--his own slumber.

Brown, Margaret Wise

The Runaway Bunny

ISBN 0-0644-3018-9 \$5.95

A little bunny thinks about running away until he realizes how much his mother loves him.

Fox, Mem

Hattie and the Fox

ISBN 0-6897-1611-7 \$4.79

Hattie, the big black hen, notices the fox in the bushes; the other farm animals have various, hilarious responses.

Fox, Mem

Time for Bed

ISBN 0-1520-1066-1 \$.6.95

This modern classic is the perfect bedtime story, with quiet repetition and muted, but engaging animals on each pages.

Fleming, Denise

In the Small, Small Pond

ISBN 0-8050-5983-0 \$6.95

Brilliant colors and delightful rhyming text bring a pond to life for small readers.

Galdone, Paul

Three Little Kittens

ISBN 0-8991-9766-5 \$5.95

A classic nursery rhyme for toddlers.

Ginsburg, Mirra

Good Morning, Chick

ISBN 0688087418 \$5.95

Tap-tap and crack! A little chick pops out of its shell. With mama by its side, it explores the barnyard and experiences the world for the first time.

Greenfield, Elosie

Daddy & I

ISBN 0-8631-6206-1 \$4.95

A little boy and his daddy do everyday things together.

Hudson, Cheryl

Animal Sounds for Baby

ISBN 0-5904-8029-4 \$5.95

Baby meets animals and learns what they say.

Inkpen, Mick

Kipper

ISBN 0-152-2294-5 \$5.05

Tired of sleeping on his old blanket in his chewed-up basket, Kipper, the dog goes in search of a better place to sleep. He considers a flowerpot, the grass, a lily pad, and other spots before returning to his own cozy bed.

Kraus, Robert

Whose Mouse Are You?

ISBN 0-6897-1142-5 \$4.95

A little mouse finds his family.

Krauss, Ruth

The Carrot Seed

ISBN 0-0644-3210-6 \$4.95

Only the little boy knows it will come up.

Miller, Virginia

Be Gentle!

ISBN 0-7636-0693-6 \$5.99

Don't hurt the little black kitten!

Newcome, Zita

Toddlerobics

ISBN 0-7636-0113-6 \$5.99

Toddlers enjoy exercising.

Oxenbury, Helen

Tom & Pippo at the Beach

ISBN 0-7636-0163-2 \$3.99

Tom and his toy monkey, Pippo, enjoy the beach.

Tafari, Nancy

Have You Seen My Duckling?

ISBN 0-6881-0994-2 \$4.95

Mother Duck sails around the pond, with the rest of her brood behind her searching for her little lost duckling. Readers can see that duckling isn't lost at all--just adventuring, and never far away.

Wells, Rosemary

Max's Bedtime

ISBN 0-8037-2267-1 \$5.99

Max can't sleep without his red rubber elephant and his sister, Ruby, tries to help.

Wells, Rosemary

Bunny Cakes

ISBN 0-1405-6667-8 \$5.99

Max and Ruby surprise Grandma with two cakes.

Williams, Sue

I Went Walking

ISBN 0-1523-8011-6 \$5.95

The farmyard becomes an exuberant event when a small child goes for a walk and discovers a parade of animals "looking at me."

Wood, Audrey

Piggies

ISBN 0-1520-0217-0 \$5.95

A cast of ten little piggies cavort on the fingers of a child's hands. At bedtime, the piggies skip down my tummy, dance on my toes, then run away and hide until the child puts them all together-by joining his fingers, for series of goodnight kisses.

### **Ages 3-5**

Albournough, Jez

Where's My Teddy?

ISBN 1-5640-228-3 \$5.00

In rhyming text, Eddie's in for a big surprise when he discovers that his teddy bear has grown much too big to cuddle. Then Eddie meets up with a real bear who's got just the

opposite problem--his lost teddy bear has shrunk to a size much too small for such an enormous bear to cuddle.

Allard, Harry

Miss Nelson Is Missing!

ISBN 0-3954-0146-1 \$5.95

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a substitute, Miss Viola Swamp, their worst nightmare.

Barrett, Judith

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

ISBN 0-6897-0746-5 \$4.99

In the town of Chewandswallow, the food is delicious and arrives with the Weather until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Brett, Jan

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

ISBN 0-6981-1358-6 \$5.99

A lavish retelling of an old favorite about a curious girl who makes herself at home in an empty cottage, only to be discovered by the three bears that live there.

Bridwell, Norman

Clifford the Big Red Dog

ISBN 0-5904-4297-X \$3.25

Emily Elizabeth introduces her enormous pet.

Burton, Virginia Lee

Katy and the Big Snow

ISBN 0-3951-8562-9 \$5.56

Bright, vigorous pictures show Katy, a beautiful red crawler tractor, as she plows snow for the Highway Department.

Burton, Virginia Lee

Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel

ISBN 0-3952-5939-8 \$4.76

Mike Mulligan proves that Mary Ann, his faithful old steam shovel, can work just as well as the fancy new machines.

Carle, Eric

The Mixed-Up Chameleon

ISBN 0-0644-3162-2 \$5.95

Chameleon's life is not very exciting until the day he discovers he can change not only his colors, but his size and shape.

Carle, Eric

The Grouchy Ladybug

ISBN 0-0644-3450-8 \$6.95

A grumpy ladybug challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size.

Carle, Eric

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

ISBN 0-5900-3029-9 \$2.50

A beautifully, illustrated counting book about a caterpillar turning into a butterfly.

Fleming, Denise

In the Tall, Tall Grass

ISBN 0-8050-3941-4 \$5.95

Rhyming text tells of the creatures to be found in the grass.

Guarnio, Deborah

Is Your Mama a Llama?

ISBN 0590447254 \$4.95

Rhyming story that allows all of friends of Lloyd, the llama, to describe their mamas.

Keats, Ezra Jack

Whistle for Willie

ISBN 0-1450-2025 \$5.95

Peter learns how to whistle.

Lionni, Leo

Frederick

ISBN 0-3948-2614-0 \$5.00

While the other mice are gathering food for the winter, Frederick daydreams the summer away. But when dreary winter comes, it is Frederick, the poet, who warms the hearts of his friends with his words.

London, Jonathan

Froggy Gets Dressed

ISBN 0-1405-4457-7 \$5.99

Froggy discovers snow! He wants to go out and play but his sleepy mother tells him that frogs are suppose to sleep all winter. But Froggy insists and off he goes, but only after his mother has dressed him properly for the cold weather.

McCloskey, Robert

Blueberries for Sal

ISBN 0-1405-0169-X \$5.99

Sal and her mother set off in search of blueberries before winter comes. At the same time a cub and mother bear are searching for food for the winter. A comedy of errors ensues when the young ones wander off and trail the wrong mothers.

Sendak, Maurice

Where the Wild Things Are

ISBN 0-0644-3178-9 \$6.95

A naughty little boy, who is sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of wild things where he becomes their king.

Shaw, Nancy

Sheep in a Jeep

ISBN 0-3954-7030-7 \$4.95

Rhyming tale of the adventures of a group of sheep encounters while riding a jeep.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll

Mouse Count

ISBN 0-4520-0223-5 \$5.50

A hungry snake finds ten little mice and counts them into a jar for dinner. But the clever mice soon outwit the snake and "uncount" themselves--until they have all gotten away.

Williams, Vera

More, More, More Said the Baby: Three Love Stories

ISBN 0-6881-4736-4 \$4.95

Williams' award-winning style captures the warmth and humor of three different babies and the adults that adore them.

Ziefert, Harriet

Bob and Shirley: A Tale of Two Lobsters

ISBN 0-1403-8792-7 \$3.99

Based on a true story, Bob and Shirley are two huge lobsters caught in a net and end up in a tank in a fish store window until some concerned humans picket the store.

## **Ages 6-11**

**\*These titles are appropriate for a child who is first learning to reading independently.**

Adler, David

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones

ISBN 0-1403-8715-3 \$3.99

Cam (short for "Camera") Jansen has a photographic memory--which comes in handy when she notices something wrong at a museum exhibit.

Atwater, Richard

Mr. Popper's Penguins

ISBN 0-3160-5843-2 \$4.95

Mr. Popper's life is changed forever when he receives an unexpected delivery of an Antarctic penguin.

Butterworth, Oliver

The Enormous Egg

ISBN 0-3161-1920-2 \$4.95

Nate discovers a gigantic egg laid by one of the family's hens. However, Nate is unprepared for what hatches out. A triceratops?!!

Cleary, Beverly

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

ISBN 0-3807-0956-2 \$4.99

Ramona enters third grade with humorous results.

Dahl, Roald

James and the Giant Peach

ISBN 0-1403-7424-8 \$4.99

An old man gives James a bag of dark green crystals with a promise. Unfortunately, James accidentally drops them near the peach tree, which grows to the size of a house. When he crawls inside, a magical adventure begins to take place changing his life forever.

Dahl, Roald

Matilda

ISBN 0-1403-7985-1 \$4.99

Matilda overcomes the woes of idiot parents and a menacing school headmistress to help her wonderful teacher, Miss Honey.

Erickson, John R.

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog

ISBN 0-1413-0377-8 \$4.99

Hank is a scruffy, smart-alecky super sleuth with a nose for danger and an eye for the ladies.

Fitzhugh, Louise

Harriet the Spy

ISBN 0-0644-0331-9 \$5.95

A story about an intensely curious and intelligent girl, named Harriet, who loves to spy on people, keeping her observations in a secret notebook. When Harriet's classmates discover it and begin reading her candid comments about them, she soon finds her world turned upside down.

Gardiner, John Reynolds

Stone Fox

ISBN 0-0644-0132-4 \$3.96

A 10-year-old boy is pitted against an Indian with a formidable reputation in a Rocky Mountain dogsled race. An emotional and exciting book. Heide, Florence Parry

The Day of Ahmed's Secret

ISBN 0-6881-4023-8 \$5.95

Young Ahmed goes through his day in the crowded city of Cairo, all the while treasuring a special secret that he will share with his family that night. Henkes, Kevin

\*Chrysanthemum

ISBN 0-6881-4732-1 \$4.95

Chrysanthemum hates her long, unusual name--until her teacher makes her see how special it is.

Howe, Deborah

Bunnica

ISBN 0-6898-0659-0 \$3.99

When a baby rabbit comes into the family, Chester the cat decides it is a vampire and tries to warn his family.

Howe, James

\*Pinky & Rex

ISBN 0-3807-1190-7 \$3.99

Best friends, Pinky and Rex, visit the museum with Pinky's pesky little sister, Amanda.

Hurwitz, Johanna

Aldo Applesauce

ISBN 0-1403-4083-1 \$3.99

Aldo moves to a new school and learns how to make new friends.

Lawson, Robert

Ben and Me: a New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse Amos

ISBN 0-3165-1730-5 \$5.95

In this humorous tale, readers will discover that while Ben Franklin received considerable credit for many inventions, it was really Amos, a less-than-humble rodent, who originated these discoveries.

Lowry, Lois

Anastasia Krupnik

ISBN 0-4404-0852-0 \$1.99

Anastasia experiences an eventful 10th year.

MacDonald, Betty B.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle

ISBN 0-0644-0148-0 \$4.95

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's cures continue to delight children.

Marshall, James

\*Fox in Love

ISBN 0-1403-6843-4 \$3.99

Fox falls in love (several times) and enters a dance contest.

MacLachlan, Patricia

Sarah, Plain and Tall

ISBN 0-0644-0205-3 \$4.95

A warm and beautiful pioneer story.

Minarik, Elsa

\*A Kiss for Little Bear

ISBN 0-0644-4050-8 \$3.95

The animals in the forest carry a thank-you kiss to Little Bear from his Grandmother.

Lobel, Arnold

\*Frog and Toad are Friends

ISBN 0-0644-4020-6 \$3.95

Frog and Toad share adventures of stories, lost buttons, and letters.

O'Brien, Robert C.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

ISBN 0-6898-2966-3 \$2.99

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four young children, is faced with a monumental decision - how to move her children safely from their summer quarters immediately or be faced with certain death. Her youngest son is ill and must not be moved. She consults the Rats of NIMH, who devise a brilliant plan of action.

Palatini, Margie

\*Piggie Pie

ISBN 0-3958-6618-9 \$5.95

A romp through Old MacDonald's farm as Greedy Witch tries to capture some piggies to make Piggie Pie, her favorite dish. Outrageously disguised as other farm animals, the pigs outwit her. Greedy Witch and the wolf leave together to console each other; each imagining the other as a nice delectable sandwich.

Parish, Peggy

\*Amelia Bedelia

ISBN 0-3807-2860-5 \$3.99

The results are hilarious when Amelia Bedelia follows directions and takes literal-minded action.

Parish, Peggy

\*Amelia Bedelia & the Baby

ISBN 0-3807-2795-1 \$3.99

Amelia Bedelia babysits with hilarious results.

Polacco, Patricia

Mrs. Katz and Tush

ISBN 0-4404-0936-5 \$6.99

Ms. Polaco uses a skillful blend of multi-ethnic cultures and plot to tell about the kitten Mrs. Katz and Larnel care for together.

Polacco, Patricia

Just Plain Fancy

ISBN 0-4404-0937-3 \$6.99

The Amish live a plain life and do not hold with anything fancy. When Naomi's chickens hatch a "fancy" chick from an abandoned egg, she is concerned that the chick is "too fancy" to be Amish.

Pilkey, Dav

The Adventures of Captain Underpants

ISBN 0-5908-4628-0 \$3.50

Humorous fast paced adventure featuring an unusual super hero.

Ringgold, Faith

Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky

ISBN 0-5178-8543-3 \$6.99

In a blend of fantasy and fact, a young girl follows Harriet Tubman and an escaping band of slaves on a remarkable journey along the Underground Railroad.

Rylant, Cynthia

\*Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures

ISBN -06898-1005-9 \$3.99

Part of an easy-to-read series, Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big lovable 180 pound dog named Mudge.

Waber, Bernard

\*Ira Sleeps Over

ISBN 0-395-20503-4 \$4.76

When Ira sleeps at his best friend's house, he is reluctant to let his friend know about his teddy bear, but he discovers his friend has a bear of his own.

White, E.B.

Charlotte's Web

ISBN 0-8712-9258-0 \$5.95

Wilbur the pig is saved because of Charlotte's care in this heart-warming fantasy.

Scieszka, Jon

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs as told by A. Wolf

ISBN 0-6897-1881-0 \$4.95

The story of the three little pigs told from the wolf's viewpoint

## **Ages 12-14**

Armstrong, William N.

Souder

ISBN 0-0644-0020-4 \$3.96

The story of a dog, who tries to save his master a black sharecropper, who has been driven to steal for his family's survival, from arrest, and a boy who loves them both.

Babbit, Natalie

Tuck Everlasting

ISBN 0-3744-8009-5 \$4.95

Ten-year-old Winfred Foster and a malicious stranger both accidentally discover the Tuck family and their secret, a hidden spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

Catling, Patrick

The Chocolate Touch

ISBN 0-4404-1289-7 \$4.99

A boy acquires a magical gift: everything he touch turns to chocolate!

Cooper, Susan

The Boggart

ISBN 0-6898-0173-4 \$4.50

After returning from a trip to Scotland, two school children find out they've brought something extra home with them.

Fleischman, Paul

Bull Run

ISBN 0-0644-0588-5 \$4.95

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

George, Jean Craighead

Julie of the Wolves

ISBN 0-0644-0058-1 \$5.95

Julie must find a way to survive in the harsh Alaskan tundra and the nearby wolf pack may be her only hope.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Running Out of Time

ISBN 0-6898-1236-1 \$4.99

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840s village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientist, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

Hamilton, Virginia

The House of Dies Drear

ISBN 0-0204-3520-7 \$4.99

Thomas Small discovers a secret in his family's home, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Henry, Marguerite

Misty of Chincoteague

ISBN 0-6897-1492-0 \$4.99

A brother and sister are determined to own one of the ponies their father helps to round up on Chincoteague Island.

Hesse, Karen

Sable

ISBN 0805057722 \$6.95

Tate has always wanted a dog, and when Sable shows up, her dream comes true. Will problems with the neighbors keep Tate and Sable apart?

Konigsburg, E.L.

The View From Saturday

ISBN 0-6898-2964-7 \$2.99

An academic competition brings four students together, and each tells the unlikely story of how they got there.

L'Engle, Madeleine

A Wrinkle in Time

ISBN 0-4409-9805-0 \$5.50

Classic adventure in space and time.

Mead, Alice

Junebug

ISBN 0-4404-1245-5 \$3.99

Living in the projects, Junebug must somehow withstand the daily pressures of drugs and gangs while still holding onto his dream of sailing. Namioka, Lensey

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear

ISBN 0-4404-0917-9 \$4.50

Yang is the only one in his entire family to be totally lacking in musical talent. He faces the agony of music lessons every day, when all he really wants to do is play ball.

Patterson, Katherine

Jacob Have I Loved

ISBN 0-0644-0368-8 \$5.95

While everyone adores and admires her twin sister, Sara Louise overcomes her jealousy and finds her own identity and inner strength.

Raskin, Ellen

Westing Game

ISBN 0-1403-8664-5 \$4.99

A millionaire's mysterious death, a fortune to inherit, and an unlikely assortment of heirs--can you figure out the mystery? Rawls, Wilson

Where the Red Fern Grows

ISBN 0-5532-7429-5 \$5.99

Having purchased two dogs for fifty dollars, young Billy is determined to create the valley's best hunting team. Follows the friendship of a boy and his two dogs and their adventures along the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country.

Rowling, J.K.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

ISBN 0-5903-5342-X \$5.99

Harry's a perfectly ordinary boy in a perfectly ordinary school--except for the fact that he happens to be a wizard and his classes include Transfiguration and Potions!

Spinelli, Jerry

Maniac Magee

ISBN 0-3168-0906-3 \$5.95

Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee, a twelve-year-old homeless boy, could hit a ball better and faster than anyone in Two Mills. Even more remarkable, he dares to cross the line that divides the white West End and the black East End, confronting prejudice and racism head on.

Wojciechowska, Maia

Shadow of a Bull

ISBN 0-6897-0298-1 \$3.95

Manolo Olivar demonstrates true courage as he faces his bull and makes his decision