

Nonfiction

The Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus
by Jennifer Bryant

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille
by Jennifer Bryant

Green City: How One Community Survived a
Tornado and Rebuilt for a Sustainable Future
by Allan Drummond

Natumi Takes the Lead: A True Story of an Orphan
Elephant Who Finds Family
by Gerry Ellis

Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of
Sportswriter Mary Garber
by Sue Macy

Earmuffs for Everyone!
by Meghan McCarthy

Rascally Rabbits! National Geographic Chapters
(P)
by Aline Newman

Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of
Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic
by Mara Rockliff

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses
Horton (S)
by Don Tate

Becoming Babe Ruth (S)
by Matt Tavares

Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine
by Laurie Wallmark

Summer Reading Guidelines

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the next grade is to keep reading over the summer. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year.

This list is designed to give you some ideas of books that librarians across the district and state have found appealing to students at this age. Students can even vote for their favorite Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice Award book next spring if they have read at least three of the nominees.

Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. Some students might know their Fountas and Pinnell level which is stated in parentheses after the book title if it is available. For other books or students who are not aware of their level, we encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Our students have grown so much in the past school year. Let's make sure that they keep growing and learning over the summer!

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Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 4

Wallingford-Swarthmore
School District

Martha Lambertsen
Wallingford Elementary

Sandie Liacouras
Nether Providence Elementary

Roberta Shapiro
Swarthmore Rutledge Elementary

Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards-Grades 3-6

Ms. Bixby's Last Day
by John David Anderson

Woosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions
by Chris Barton

Gertie's Leap to Greatness
by Kate Beasley

Serafina and the Black Cloak
by Robert Beatty

Shipwreck Island
by S. A. Bodeen

The War that Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Pax
by Sara Pennypacker

Tucky Jo and Little Heart
by Patricia Polacco

The Hero Two Doors Down
by Sharon Robinson

Dorothea's Eyes: Dorothea Lange Photographs the Truth
by Barb Rosenstock

Fuzzy Mud
by Louis Sachar

Paper Wishes
by Lois Sepahban

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary
by Laura Shovan

Ghosts
by Raina Telgemeier

Save Me a Seat
by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Fiction

The One and Only Ivan (S)
by Katherine Applegate

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy (T)
by Jeanne Birdsall

A Whole New Ballgame: A Rip and Red Story
by Phil Bildner

The Bad Guys
by Aaron Blabey

The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown

The Bolds
by Julian Clary

Out of My Mind (S)
by Sharon Draper

Oona Finds an Egg
by Adele Griffin

Skunked: Calpurnia Tate Girl Vet
by Jacqueline Kelly

11 Birthdays (S)
by Wendy Mass

Firefly Hollow
by Alison McGhee

Brave Like My Brother
by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Word of Mouse
by James Patterson

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures (Q)
by Jackson Pearce

Waylon! One Awesome Thing
by Sara Pennypacker

Witch Switch
by Sibeal Pounder

Appleblossom the Possum
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Series

Brixton Brothers (Q)
by Mac Barnett

Humphrey Adventures (Q)
by Betty Birney

Skateboard Party: The Carver Chronicles
by Karen English

Baseball Card Adventures (T)
by Dan Gutman

Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training)
by Joan Holub

Diamond Brothers Mysteries (P-T)
by Anthony Horowitz

Little Rhino (P)
by Ryan Howard

Raymond and Graham by Mike Knudson

Alvin Ho (P)
by Lenore Look

Upside Down Magic (S)
by Sara Mlynowski

Timmy Failure (Q)
by Stephan Pastis

Frank Einstein and The Time Warp Trio
by Jon Scieszka

Sasquatch Escape: The Imaginary Veterinary #1
by Suzanne Selfors

Billy Sure: Kid Entrepreneur
by Luke Sharpe

Encyclopedia Brown (P)
by Donald J. Sobol

I Survived (R/S)
by Lauren Tarshis