

Nonfiction

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch
by Chris Barton

Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries
from Perilous Places (V)
by Donna M. Jackson

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World
by Steve Jenkins

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's
Greatest Bookstore
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman (U)
by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of
the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower
by Greg Pizzoli

Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery
that Baffled All of France (R)
by Mara Rockliff

Animals Helping at Work, Animal Helpers series
(R)
by Ann O. Squire

Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story
by Thomas Yezerski

You Choose ... (T-W)
by Various Authors

You Wouldn't Want to ... (T-Y)
by Various Authors

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 5

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 Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
The War that Saved My Life (U) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko
The BFG (U) by Roald Dahl
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (T) by Chris Grabenstein
Full of Beans by Jennifer Holm
Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King by William Joyce
Astrotwins: Project Blastoff by Mark Kelly
Audacity Jones to the Rescue by Kirby Larson
Rain Reign by Ann Martin
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
When Mischief Came to Town by Katrina Nannestad
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Pax (T) by Sara Pennypacker
Woof: A Bowser and Birdie Novel (M) by Spencer Quinn
Two Naomis by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and Audrey Vernick
The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart
Loot: How to Steal a Fortune (Y) by Jude Watson

Series

Loki's Wolves: The Blackwell Pages by K. L. Armstrong
Origami Yoda (S/T) by Tom Angleberger
Frog Princess (V) by E.D. Baker
The Sisters Grimm: Fairy Tale Detectives (U) by Michael Buckley
Powerless (M) by Matthew Cody
Land of Stories (U/M) by Chris Colfer
The Lemonade War (S) by Jacqueline Davies
The Mother Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick
Big Game by Stuart Gibbs
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy by Nathan Hale
Warriors (U) by Erin Hunter
Game Changers (T-V) by Mike Lupica
Capture the Flag (M) by Kate Messner
The Tapper Twins (U) by Geoff Rodkey
Nightmares! (U) by Jason Segel
The Series of Unfortunate Events (M) by Lemony Snicket
Five Ancestors (R/T) by Jeff Stone
Wings of Fire (X) and The Menagerie by Tui Sutherland