

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 5

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

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

Willodeen by Katherine Applegate and Charles Santoso

Across the Desert by Dusti Bowling

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

Cat Ninja by Matthew Cody and Yehudi Mercado

The Girl in White by Lindsay Currie

A Tale as Tall as Jacob: Misadventures with My Brother by Samantha Edwards

A Leopard Diary: My Journey into the Hidden World of a Mother and Her Cubs by Suzi Eszterhas

Music for Tigers by Michelle Kadarusman

Mystery on Magnolia Circle by Kate Klise and Celia Krampien

Chester Keene Cracks the Code by Kekla Magoon

The Undercover Book List by Colleen Nelson

Dare Sisters by Jess Rinker

Not Your All-American Girl by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg

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Nonfiction Fiction Series

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch by Chris Barton
Kid Start-Up: How YOU Can Become an Entrepreneur by Mark Cuban
Marley Diaz Gets It Done: and So Can You by Marley Diaz
Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World by Steve Jenkins
Solve This: Super Science and Curious Capers by Kate Messner and Ann Rupert
Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery by Sandra Neil
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
Separate is Never Equal : Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation (T) by Duncan Tonatiuh
You Wouldn't Want to (T-Y) by Various Authors
Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story by Thomas Yezerski

The War that Saved My Life (U) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson The Last-Last-Day-of Summer by Lamar Giles Rain Reign by Ann Martin Capture the Flag (V) by Kate Messner Greenglass House by Kate Milford The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen Pax (T) by Sara Pennypacker We're Not From Here (V) by Geoff Rodkey Mañanaland by Pam Muñoz Ryan The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart Wait Till Helen Comes (U) by Mary **Downing Hahn** When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Some Places More than Others by

Renee Watson

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 (V) by Matthew Cody Land of Stories (U/V) by Chris Colfer The Lemonade War (S) by Jacqueline Davies The Ranger's Apprentice Series by John Flannagan The Mother Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick Spy School (Spy School series) by Stuart Gibbs Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (T) by Chris Grabenstein Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy by Nathan Hale Warriors (U) by Erin Hunter Game Changers (T-V) by Mike Lupica Woof: A Bowser and Birdie Novel (V) by Spencer Quinn The Tapper Twins (U) by Geoff Rodkey Nightmares! (U) by Jason Segel The Series of Unfortunate Events (V) by Lemony Snicket Wings of Fire (X) and The Menagerie by Tui Sutherland