



Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 4

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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
A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

Nonfiction

Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg
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
Natsumi Takes the Lead: The True Story of an Orphan Elephant Who Finds Family by Gerry Ellis
Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln by Margarita Engle
How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine by Amy Guglielmo
The Vast Wonder of the World by Melina Mangel
Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
All That Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff by Meghan McCarthy
Pass go and collect \$200 : the Real Story of How Monopoly was Invented by Tanya Lee Stone
Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton (S) by Don Tate
Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by Laurie Wallmark

Fiction

The One and Only Bob (S) by Katherine Applegate
A Whole New Ballgame: A Rip and Red Story by Phil Bildner
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy (T) by Jeanne Birdsall
The Wild Robot (R) by Peter Brown
The Bolds by Julian Clary
Lunch Money by Andrew Clements
Out of My Mind (S) by Sharon Draper
Avalanche! Survivor Diaries by Terry Lynn Johnson
American as Paneer Pie by Supriya Kelkar
Bob by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass
Brave Like My Brother by Marc Tyler Nobleman
Word of Mouse by James Patterson
Waylon! One Awesome Thing by Sara Pennypacker
Witch Switch by Sibéal Pounder

Series

Brixton Brothers (Q) by Mac Barnett
Humphrey Adventures (Q) by Betty Birney
The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
The Pandava Series by Roshani Chokshi
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
Raymond and Graham by Mike Knudson
Tristan Strong Series by Kwame Mbalia
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
I Survived (R/S) by Lauren Tarshis
Who was/What was series by Various Authors
Could You Survive? (You Choose) by Various Authors