

Reading can be one of the many fun activities children fill their summer time with. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs not only avoid the “summer slide” in learning, but also score higher on reading achievement tests than those who do not participate.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, encourage your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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Bad Kitty

by Nick Bruel
Roaring Book Press, 2005
ISBN: 9781596430693.

In this alphabet book for older readers, sassy Kitty misbehaves when all of her favorite foods are gone.

A Big Guy Took My Ball!

by Mo Willems
Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423174912.

A whale took Piggie's ball! What will she and Elephant do?

Big Red Lollipop

by Rukhsana Khan,
illustrated by Sophie Blackall
Viking, 2010
ISBN: 9780670062874.

What is a big sister to do when she has to take her little sister along to the very first birthday party she has been invited to in the United States?

Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream

by Jenny Han, illustrated by Julia Kuo
Little, Brown; 2011
ISBN: 9780316070386.

Korean American Clara Lee dreams of being Little Miss Apple Pie, a dream that she isn't sure will come true, because she isn't brave enough to get up in front of the whole school and give a speech.

Count the Monkeys

by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Kevin Cornell
Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423160656.

Oh no, everyone keeps chasing the monkeys off the page—can you get them back so they can be counted?

Creepy Carrots!

by Aaron Reynolds,
illustrated by Peter Brown
Simon & Schuster, 2012
ISBN: 9781442402973.

Buster the rabbit is convinced he is being stalked by his favorite food source, and it will take desperate measures to rid him of his paranoia.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World

by Steve Jenkins
Houghton Mifflin, 2014
ISBN: 9780547959078.

An in-depth look at many different animals' eyes and their fascinating uses.

How Big Were Dinosaurs?

by Lita Judge
Roaring Brook Press, 2013
ISBN: 9781596437197.

In a series of funny, engaging portraits, all sizes of dinosaurs come into focus around real-life objects in the modern world.

I Want My Hat Back

by Jon Klassen
Candlewick Press, 2011
ISBN: 9780763655983.

A bear asks the animals he encounters if they have seen his hat.

Journey

by Aaron Becker
Candlewick Press, 2013
ISBN: 9780763660536.

Get caught up in an adventure with a girl whose imagination and red marker take her to amazing places.

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!

by Grace Lin
Little, Brown; 2010
ISBN: 9780316024525.

Two identical twins share many traits but in the end are quite unique.

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild

by Peter Brown
Little, Brown; 2013
ISBN: 9780316200639.

Mr. Tiger is tired of being so proper. What happens when he decides to . . . go a little wild?

Niño Wrestles the World

by Yuyi Morales
Roaring Brook Press, 2013
ISBN: 9781596436046.

Niño is the lucha libre champion of the world . . . until his sisters wake up from their naps!

Old Mikamba Had a Farm

by Rachel Isadora
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780399257407.

On Old Mikamba's "farm," we meet (and hear!) many different African animals.

Ol' Mama Squirrel

by David Ezra Stein
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780399256721.

Ol' Mama Squirrel always protects her babies, but her bravery is put to the test.

Panda Kindergarten

by Joanne Ryder,
photographs by Katherine Feng
HarperCollins, 2009
ISBN: 9780060578503.

Meet the sixteen panda cubs who live at the Wolong Nature Reserve in China.

Part-Time Princess

by Deborah Underwood,
illustrated by Cambria Evans
Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423124856.

At night a little girl dreams she is a princess who fights trolls and saves the day, too.

Pirates Love Underpants

by Claire Freedman,
illustrated by Ben Cort
Simon & Schuster/Aladdin, 2013
ISBN: 9781442485129.

Laugh along to rhyming text about pirates on the search for the Pants of Gold.

Rain!

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Houghton Mifflin, 2013
ISBN: 9780547733951.

When a rainstorm arrives, a young boy and an old man have two very different reactions.

Scaredy Squirrel

by Mélanie Watt
Kids Can Press, 2006
ISBN: 9781553379591.

Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to leave his tree, until one day he leaps into the great unknown.

Shark vs. Train

by Chris Barton, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
Little, Brown; 2010
ISBN: 9780316007627.

Two boys with two toys have a series of contests to see which toy is better.

This Moose Belongs to Me

by Oliver Jeffers
Philomel, 2012
ISBN: 9780399161032.

Wilfred has a pet moose that doesn't realize it is a pet.

The Three Ninja Pigs

by Cory Rosen Schwartz,
illustrated by Dan Santat
Putnam, 2012
ISBN: 9780399255144.

When the wolf starts to prowl, ninja pigs head to the dojo to train.

Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great

by Bob Shea
Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423159520.

Goat's life was A-OK until that oh-so-perfect unicorn came along—but do these two horned opponents have more in common than he thinks?

The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps

by Jeanette Winter
Random House/Schwartz & Wade, 2011
ISBN: 9780375867743.

This picture-book biography tells the story of the famous zoologist Jane Goodall and her years of studying chimpanzees.