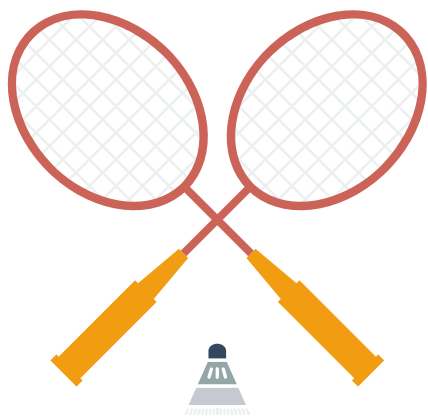


**R**eading can be one of the many fun activities children fill their summer time with. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs not only avoid the “summer slide” in learning, but also score higher on reading achievement tests than those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

**Better Nate Than Ever**  
by Tim Federle

Simon & Schuster, 2013  
ISBN: 9781442446892.

Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and land him a role in *E.T.: The Musical*.

**Brown Girl Dreaming**  
by Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780399252518.

Told in verse, this book explores what it was like for Woodson growing up during the civil rights movement.

**Counting by 7s**  
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Dial, 2013  
ISBN: 9780803738553.

Tragedy changes Willow's quirky but comfortable life, and as she adapts, she changes the lives of those around her.

**Dogs of War**  
by Sheila Keenan,  
illustrated by Nathan Fox

Graphix, 2013  
ISBN: 9780545128872.

This graphic novel tells the unforgettable true stories of three war heroes from three different eras—World War I, World War II, and Vietnam—and they all happened to have four legs.

**The Dolphins of Shark Bay**  
by Pamela S. Turner

Houghton Mifflin, 2013  
ISBN: 9780547716381.

Meet amazing dolphins that have learned to use tools to hunt for their dinner.

**Echo**  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Scholastic, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780439874021.

In an epic novel, three children find their lives changed through a magic harmonica and their own self-resilience.

**Fish in a Tree**  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780399162596.

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting in trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

**Flunked**  
by Jen Calonita

Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky,  
2015, ISBN: 9781492601562.

When a thief gets sentenced to Fairy Tale Reform School, she gets more than she bargained for as a mystery develops. *First in a series.*

**The Fourteenth Goldfish**  
by Jennifer L. Holm

Random House, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780375870644.

Ellie's scientist grandfather makes his greatest discovery when he reverses aging, but he has to live with the consequences of the effects on thirteen-year-old Ellie and her mother.

**The Great Greene Heist**  
by Varian Johnson

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine,  
2014, ISBN: 9780545525527.

Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

**Hook's Revenge**  
by Heidi Schulz,  
illustrated by John Hendrix

Disney-Hyperion, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781423198673.

Captain Hook's daughter sets out to avenge her father's death by slaying the crocodile. *First in a series.*

**I Kill the Mockingbird**  
by Paul Acampora

Roaring Brook Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596437425.

Over summer break, Lucy, Elena, and Michael launch a campaign to make a beloved teacher's favorite book "go viral."

**The Iron Trial**  
by Holly Black  
and Cassandra Clare

Scholastic, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780545522250.

Despite his father's warnings about the dangers of magic, Callum enrolls in the Magisterium and begins to learn about himself and his own bewildering powers.

**Lowriders in Space**  
by Cathy Camper,  
illustrated by Raul the Third

Chronicle Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781452121550.  
Flapjack, Elirio, and Lupe build a custom out-of-this-world lowrider car to enter in the Universal Car Competition and hope they will win the cash prize so they may finally make their dream come true of owning their own garage. *First in a series.*

**The Mark of the Dragonfly**  
by Jaleigh Johnson

Random House/Delacorte, 2014  
ISBN: 9780385376150.

When plucky machinist Piper rescues Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored train to escape the man chasing them.

**Mark of the Thief**  
by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Scholastic, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780545561549.

Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. *First in a series.*

**Masterminds**  
by Gordon Korman

Balzer + Bray, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780062299963.

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. *First in a series.*

**Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life**  
by James Patterson  
and Chris Tebbetts,  
illustrated by Laura Park

Little, Brown; 2011  
ISBN: 9780316101875.  
Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control. *First in a series.*

**The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights**  
by Steve Sheinkin

Roaring Brook Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596437968.

Exposing racism in the military, this is the gripping account of 50 African American sailors who were charged with mutiny after refusing to follow direct orders putting lives in danger.

**Road Trip**  
by Gary Paulsen  
and Jim Paulsen

Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2013  
ISBN: 9780385741910.

Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic, and other colorful characters.

**The Screaming Staircase**  
by Jonathan Stroud

Disney-Hyperion, 2013  
ISBN: 9781423164913.  
In a London overrun by ghosts, Lucy works with the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to combat hauntings. *First in a series.*

**Sisters**  
by Raina Telgemeier

Graphix, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780545540599.  
During a three-week road trip, the stormy relationship between Raina and her younger sister, Amara, unfolds. Sequel to *Smile* (2010).

**A Song for Bijou**  
by Josh Farrar

Walker, 2013  
ISBN: 9780802733948.

When Alex falls head over heels in love with the mysterious Bijou, he is going to have to break out of his shell to woo her.

**Tesla's Attic**  
by Neal Shusterman  
and Eric Elfman

Disney-Hyperion, 2014  
ISBN: 9781423148036.

When Nick holds a yard sale to get rid of the junk in the attic of his new home, he realizes too late that all the objects have mysterious powers and he needs to get them back.

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster**  
by Deborah Hopkinson

Scholastic, 2012  
ISBN: 9780545116749.

Survivors' accounts bring the *Titanic* disaster to life.