Reading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

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, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.

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**Summer Reading List**

**GRADE 3–5**

**Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World** by James Sturm, illustrated by the author

Ape and Armadillo learn that achieving world domination is a lot less fun without your best friend at your side.

**Almost Paradise** by Corabel Shofner

A (stolen) pet pig, an ornery nun, and a feisty 12-year-old runaway from an unusual family in this lively debut novel.

**Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes

Charming short stories follow the heroic adventures of a brother and sister duo who搬家 with their grandfather, the moves in with her grandfather, the

**Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible (Hamster Princess #1)** by Ursula Vernon, illustrated by the author

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

**Hello, Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly, illustrated by Isabel Roxas

The lives of Virgil, Kaoi, Gen and Valencia are woven together in unexpected ways when a disaster brings them together to perform a rescue in this story of bravery and friendship.

**Lights, Camera, Middle School! (Babymouse Tales from the Locker #1)** by Jennifer L. Holm, illustrated by Matthew Holm

A moving and conversational graphic novel look at the violent forces that created our planet and continue to shape it today.

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