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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GRADE 6–8

Have the lessons she has learned growing up in the Renaissance Fair prepared Imogene for her most difficult quest yet...starting middle school?

Among prejudice and change, how do you stay true to yourself and blend in to a new community simultaneously?

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016.
Is it possible to find belonging in a new school, among prejudice and change? How do you stay true to yourself simultaneously?

Fella and her sister Zany take their deceased mother s ashes and the pieces of your life elevate this coming of age story.

Since she was a young girl, discovers what she is really hiding.

Two young photographers set out to change the world with their photo story in the 1930s.

A gruesome and fascinating account of the indispensable role forensic science plays in our criminal justice system.

The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are all explored in this exciting, extraordinary novel in verse.

Malu struggles to pull together all the different threads of her life (her love of punk rock, her Mexican heritage, her dislike of cilantro) into an identity all her own.

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

Luna, having been turned into a witch as a young girl, discovers the magic within her while facing an evil force.

The Inquisitor s Tale by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9780525426165
Three travelers unite in a journey through medieval France to escape persecution and save their land.

It All Comes Down to This by Celia C. Perez Feiwel & Friends, 2017, ISBN: 9781250107114
Fred and his friends start a band to help a family in foster care to help a family in need.

After a move from Cuba to New York City, an unexpected accident traps Ruthy in a body cast for months, cutting her off from friends, school and fun, leading her to explore her world through art.

A historical narrative of the Motown record label: the business, the music, the people, and the cultural context of its times.

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Like many other city children during World War II, Ada and Jamie are being evacuated to live with strangers in the countryside, away from the bombings. They are leaving their mother and all they have ever known. How could this be the best thing that could ever have happened to them?

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"Marvel" at 20 thrilling tales of bravery, deceit, trickery and treasure in which Viking gods and magical beings struggle for power.

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