

We hope you enjoy your free book
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Schools!

Ansonia Public Schools
proudly presents

Summer Reading 2021

Grades 3-5

Besides getting lots of fresh air and exercise to keep your body fit, take time this summer to keep your brain fit by reading regularly!

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country. You are encouraged to read from this list but are not limited to these titles. Your interests and abilities will determine your selection, but don't be afraid to experiment with new authors or topics. The titles included are a sampling of the many available at bookstores and libraries. Take some time to look over the list with an adult and see which titles seem inviting. Beginning in Kindergarten, your children will have access to EPIC, (<https://www.getepic.com/students>) a collection of books that they can read from various devices anytime, anyplace! Enjoy this reading time together whether it be at the beach, camping or in the comfort of your home! **You are asked to read at least six books over the summer.**

Keep a record of your summer reading in your journal. In August, if you return your journal to your teacher, **you will participate in a popsicle party and be eligible to enter your name to win a tablet!** School activities will focus on sharing summer reading experiences and an accurate list will help with recalling titles, authors, and story lines. You can access the journal and recommended books on the state website: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/CTRead/Connecticut-Reads>

Your public library card is welcome at all public libraries in the state. Books may be borrowed and returned to any public library in Connecticut. If you go away for the weekend or the week -- visit a nearby library! Many of the suggested books on this list may be borrowed from a Local Public Library.

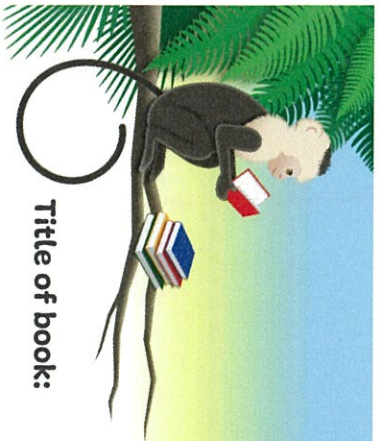
To access your child's summer reading materials, visit the Ansonia Public Schools website, www.ansonia.org. Click on "Teaching & Learning" located on the main banner of the website and then select "Summer Reading & Math." You can also locate these materials on each school's main website page.

In addition to summer reading, to keep those literacy skills sharpened, your child will have access to Lexia until July 31st! **You can access Lexia and via their Clever account. The Clever link can be accessed from each school's webpage.** Go to the Ansonia Public Schools website, www.ansonia.org, then select "Schools" from the main banner.

If you are interested in summer Reading or Writing programs for your child, please visit: <https://www.bridgeport.edu/summer-reading>

Have a fun and safe summer and we look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in August!





Connecticut Reads 2021

The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

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Total number of books read: _____

SUMMER READING LIST

GRADES 3-5

Any Day with You

by Mae Respiccio
WENDY LAMB BOOKS, 2020
ISBN: 9780525707578

Kaia enters a filmmaking contest, drawing inspiration from the many Filipino tales her great-grandfather tells. When taking decides to return to the Philippines, Kaia will do whatever it takes to keep him in California.

Bear

by Ben Queen, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton
ARCHAIA, 2020
ISBN: 9781684155316

This graphic novel follows a seeing-eye dog, Bear, as he loses his vision and embarks on an exciting adventure to return home after getting lost.

Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch

by Julie Abe

LITTLE, BROWN, 2020
ISBN: 9780316493888

Eva has only a pinch of magic, which makes passing the test to become a novice witch difficult. When she lands in a small coastal town, she sets up a magical repair shop to prove her worth.

The How and Wow of the Human Body: From Your Tongue to Your Toes and All the Guts in Between

by Mindy Thomas and Guy Raz, illustrated by Jack Teagle
HMH BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9780358306634

A fully illustrated comical tour of the human body focusing on disgusting, incredible, and hilarious facts about our very own, ever-oozing piece of machinery.

Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero

by Kelly J. Baptist

CROWN, 2020
ISBN: 9780593121368

Now the man of the house, a boy finds passion in poetry after discovering his late father's journal while struggling to hold his house together.

The Last Bear

by Hannah Gold
HARPERCOLLINS, 2021
ISBN: 9780065041073

April's father has always told her that there are no more polar bears left on Bear Island. When April sees something that looks like a polar bear across the horizon, she is determined to save it.

Pepper Page Saves the Universe!

by Landry Q. Walker, illustrated by Eric Jones
FIRST SECOND, 2021
ISBN: 9781250216922

Twenty-fifth-century Pepper Page is obsessed with old comics, but when a high-school science experiment goes wrong and Pepper lands in the middle of a cosmic adventure of her own, Pepper's reading may not be enough to save her.

Shaking Up the House

by Yanile Saied Méndez
HARPERCOLLINS, 2021
ISBN: 9780062970725

Two sets of First Daughters shake up the White House with hysterical pranks on each other that escalate into an international affair!

Skunk and Badger

by Lori Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen
ALGONQUIN, 2020
ISBN: 9781643750057

No one wants a skunk as a roommate, but Badger doesn't have a choice. His quiet, solitary life is turned upside down by cheery Skunk in this odd-couple tale of friendship.

A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttmann Created the Paralympic Games

by Lori Alexander, illustrated by Allan Drummond

HMH BOOKS, 2020
ISBN: 9781328580795

Jewish neurologist Ludwig Guttmann, who escaped Hitler's Germany, had a revolutionary idea—sports might help patients labeled as "incubables." Discover

how his work evolved into the International Paralympic Games in this biography that includes photos and other illustrations.

Stella Diaz Dreams Big

by Angela Dominguez

ROARING BROOK, 2021
ISBN: 9781250763082

Stella learns how to navigate fourth grade, participate in several clubs, and have fun with her family and friends. Third book in a series.

Super Detectives: Simon and Chester Book #1

by Cale Atkinson

TUNDRA, 2021
ISBN: 9780735267428

A hilarious first volume in a new graphic novel series centered around ghost Simon and human Chester solving the case of a mysterious dog who shows up in their house one day.

Three Keys:

A Front Desk Novel

by Kelly Yang

SCHOLASTIC, 2020
ISBN: 9781338391585

The sequel to *Front Desk* finds Mia, now part owner of a motel, working to keep the motel afloat while facing anti-immigration sentiment and helping her best friend Lupe when her father is detained as an illegal immigrant.

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

by Adriana Cuevas

FABER, STRAUS AND GRIFFIN, 2020
ISBN: 9780374213609

Nestor wants to keep his ability to talk to animals a secret, but that's a challenge when animals go missing in Nestor's new town and rumors fly about a creature who lives in the forest.

Truman the Dog

by Debby Michiko Florence, illustrated by Melanie Demmer

PICTURE WINDOW, 2020
ISBN: 9781515844754

First in the *My Furry Foster* family series of illustrated chapter books about eight-year-old Kaia, whose family fosters

pets until they can find new homes for the animals.

We Are Still Here!

Native American Truths

by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac

CHARLESBRIDGE, 2021
ISBN: 9781625541927

A creatively organized picture book gives both Native and non-Native readers an overview of important topics including forced assimilation, sovereignty, and language.

We Got Game!

35 Female Athletes Who

Changed the World

by Aileen Weintraub, illustrated by Sarah Green

RUNNING PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9780762497805

With amazing facts and detailed information, this nonfiction book shines a spotlight on amazing female athletes at the top of their game. New players and retired competitors alike are showcased for the mark they have made on the world.

When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

RANDOM HOUSE, 2020
ISBN: 9781524715700

Lily makes a deal with a magical tiger in an attempt to heal her sick halmoni in this tale celebrating Korean folklore, strong women, and the power of the imagination.

The Year I Flew Away

by Marie Arnold

VERSE, 2021
ISBN: 9780358272755

When 10-year-old Gabrielle moves from Haiti to Brooklyn, she finds that America isn't quite what she expected. With the help of a magical friend, Marie transforms into the perfect American girl but makes sacrifices in the process.

DIGITAL EXPERIENCES

Brains On! podcast

brainson.org

A podcast where different kid hosts take the mic each week to tackle wide-ranging and fascinating science questions from listeners across the country.

Design Squad Global website

pbskids.org/designsquad

Kids can take on challenges, watch videos, play games, and be wowed by the power of engineering.

Funbrain website

funbrain.com

This website for children features cool science experiments, read-aloud videos, and fun games to explore.

Go Noodle website

gonoodle.com

Online videos that inspire movement for kids.

iCivics website

icivics.org

Activities and games for both families and educators, all aimed at providing fundamental lessons in civics knowledge.

I Survived Book Club website

survivedbookclub.com/site

Watch videos and download printable games and resources to go along with the *I Survived* book series, written by Lauren Tarshis.

Monterey Bay Aquarium live cams webpage

montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams

Jellyfish, sea otters, and sharks, oh my! Learn about and watch live videos with these sea animals and more.

NASA STEM @ Home website

nasa.gov/stem

For children ages five and up, this website includes many activities both on- and off-screen based around NASA and space. Activities are broken down into three sections based on grade level: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

National Geographic Kids website

kids.nationalgeographic.com

This fun and educational website for children features games, videos, and brain boosters.

The Past and the Curious podcast

thepastandthecurious.com

Kids and families can learn about shocking, inspirational, and often humorous historical events and people through short stories, humor, music, and fun.

Scratch website

scratch.mit.edu

An innovative block-based programming language that allows for the creation and remixing of limitless programming, from games to music to animation.

"Son Doong 360: Exploring the World's Largest Cave" virtual tour

nationalgeographic.com/news/features/son-doong-cave/2/#s:pano37

Explore the world's largest cave in Vietnam with National Geographic's 360-degree tour of Hang Son Doong, with fun facts, nature sounds, and interactive questions.

Wow in the World podcast

linkercast.com/shows/wow-in-the-world

A STEM-themed podcast with silly (but scientifically accurate) humor for curious young listeners.

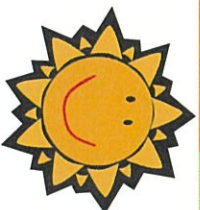
For more top resources, visit the ALSC Book and Media Awards Shelf at alsc-awards-shelf.org.







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These activities are not mandatory to complete but for literacy enrichment over the summer.





July 2021



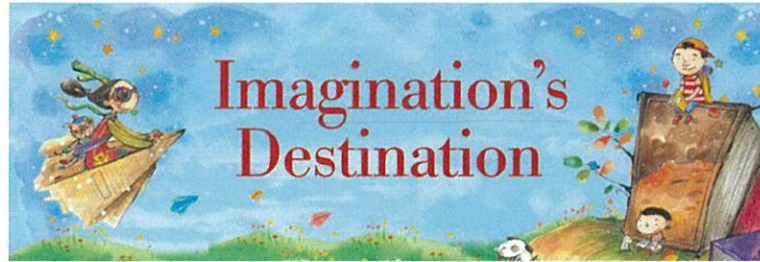
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Create questions that you would use to interview the main character.	2 Write a diary entry as if you were the character in the story.	3 Write a song or poem about your book. 
4 Read an extra 10 minutes. 	5 Sign up on Camp Wonderopolis http://camp.wonderopolis.org/	6 What do you visualize while reading? Create a picture to share.	7 Make a prediction. What do you think will happen next?	8 Why do you think the author wrote this story?	9 What does this book remind you of?	10 Tell someone about the characters / person in the story.
11 Go to: https://www.startwithabook.org/	12 Take the time and stop to ask questions while reading.	13 Read out loud with a friend or family member.	14 Write about your favorite day so far.	15 What do you know about this book's topic?	16 Tell someone about the story you are reading.	17 Write a letter to the author about your feelings on the book.
18 Write down what you want to be when you grow up.	19 Find out what your name means.	20 Sign onto BookIt! https://www.bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents	21 Create a wordless picture book on your story.	22 Name one thing you like and dislike about the story so far.	23 Why do you think the author wrote this story?	24 Book Review: http://teach-scholarastic.com/activities/swyar/
25 Rewrite a scene from a different point of view.	26 Does this book remind you of another book? Which one? Why?	27 Make a bookmark. 	28 Read to a younger child. 	29 Write a riddle and see how many people can guess it.	30 Create a postcard. Write as if you were the character in the book.	31 Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home/

August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Write about your favorite day so far.	2 Read a poem aloud for anyone!	3 Make a prediction. What do you think will happen next?	4 Draw a map of your book's setting.	5 Create a poem: https://www.poetrygames.org/	6 Which book is your favorite so far and why?	7 Write a feature article with a headline about your story.
8 Draw a picture of your favorite character. Ask someone to guess it.	9 Create a postcard. Write as if you were the character in the book.	10 Read to a younger child. 	11 Place 3 items in a bag about your book and see if someone can guess your book.	12 Find a new word. Look it up in the dictionary and try it out.	13 Read aloud with a friend or family member.	14 Write a diary entry as if you were the character in the story.
15 Write three things you do well as a reader?	16 Write a song or poem about your book. 	17 Go to: https://learningally.org/Summer-Reading-Together	18 What types of books do you like to read? Why?	19 Create a poem about your character.	20 Write a biography on a character that most interests you.	21 Take the time and stop to ask questions while reading.
22 Design a story jacket for your book.	23 Make a list of things you need to begin school.	24 Make a list of your goals for this school year.	25 Get a good night rest for the first day of school! We can't wait to see you!	26 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 		28
29	30	31	SUMMER READING IS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd. Bring in your journal to receive a popsicle coupon!			

Reading Incentives and Programs



Kids read any 8 books and record them on the Barnes and Noble's journal. Kids can choose a FREE BOOK when they turn in their completed journal at a local Barnes and Noble between July 1 – August 31, 2021.

Find your journal here:

English: [https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2021/BN Summer Reading 21 Journal English.pdf](https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2021/BN_Summer_Reading_21_Journal_English.pdf)

Spanish: [https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2021/BN Summer Reading Journal Spanish.pdf](https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2021/BN_Summer_Reading_Journal_Spanish.pdf)

Barnes and Noble's Summer Reading lists:

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/>



DOGObooks
Book reviews by kids for kids

<https://www.dogobooks.com/programs/summer-reading-2021>

Read & Win Prizes! How it works...

1. Join and add your favorite books to your summer reading log
2. Read books and write as many original reviews as you can
3. The more reviews you write, the higher your chances of winning

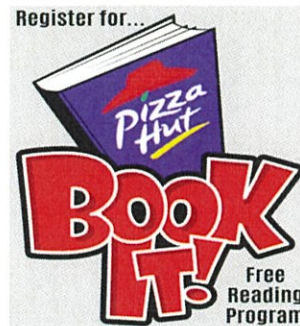
Ten (10) participants who review the most books will be eligible to win a Prize Pack of the seven books shown below. The next twenty-five (25) participants with the most reviews will be eligible to win a \$10 Gift Card.



With the Chuck E. Cheese kids summer reading program, kids earn 10 FREE tokens each time they read for two weeks in a row. Complete the form to claim the free tokens. A food purchase is required.

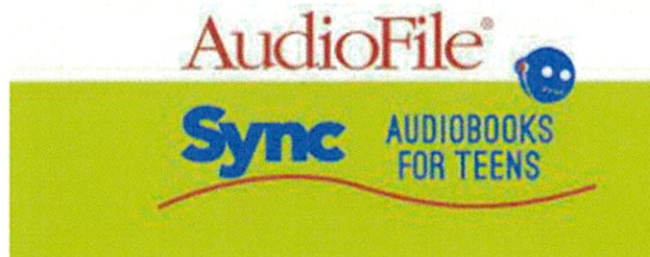
English: https://www.chuckecheese.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/LSM_Reading_Rewards_Calendar_21.pdf

Spanish: https://www.chuckecheese.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/spanish_reading_rewards_calendar_21.pdf



BOOK IT! Motivated children to read by rewarding their reading accomplishments with praise, recognition and pizza! It is available for PreK-6th grade students.

https://www.bookitprogram.com/bookit_enrollment/form/enrollment



Teenagers (13 and older) can get two free audiobook downloads every week during the summer via Sora, the student reading app from OverDrive. Enter your email address to register, and you'll be given instructions to download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

<https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/sync/>