

We hope you enjoy your free book
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Schools!

*Ansonia Public Schools
proudly presents*

Summer Reading 2021 Grades K-2

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 fifteen 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 popside 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.

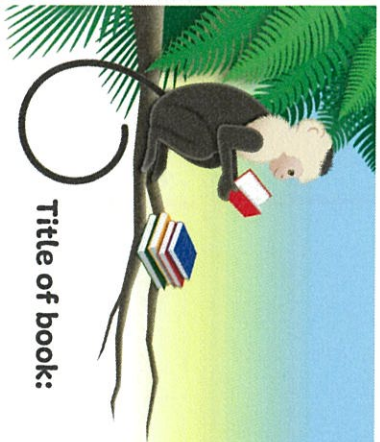
To access your child's summer reading materials, visit the Ansonia Public Schools website, www.ansonia.org. Click on "Teaching & Learning" located on the main banner of the website and then select "Summer Reading & Math." You can also locate these materials on each school's main website page.

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 K-2

Baloney and Friends

by Greg Pizzoli
DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020
ISBN: 9781368054346

This funny graphic novel for beginning readers stars Baloney the pig alongside his friends Blizz (a bee), Peanut (a horse), and Krabbit (a very cranky rabbit).

Black Is a Rainbow Color

by Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
ROARING BROOK, 2020
ISBN: 9781626726514

There's no black in rainbows, but Black is more than a color. It's a culture. This picture book celebrates African American history and identity.

Carpenter's Helper

by Sybil Rosen, illustrated by Camille Garoche
SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2021
ISBN: 9780593123201

A sweet story about a girl and her family bonding while building a birdhouse in their home.

The Electric Slide and Kai

by Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson
LEE & LOW, 2021
ISBN: 9781643790527

Kai's family is excited for his aunt's upcoming wedding, but since every family celebration means dancing, Kai's worried he will make a fool of himself on the dance floor again. A picture-book celebration of family, love, and overcoming one's fears.

Eyes That Kiss

in the Corners
by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho
HARPERCOLLINS, 2021
ISBN: 9780062915627

A picture book filled with wonderful illustrations that encourage children to be proud of who they are and how they look.

A Hatful of Dragons: And More than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems

by Vikram Madan
WORDSONG, 2020
ISBN: 9781684371501

A silly collection of interactive

poems and rhymes in a variety of formats with fun illustrations about mummies, dragons, and more!

I Am a Bird

by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hweon Yum
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9781536208917

A little girl, riding on the back of her father's bike, is wary of the mysterious woman with a bag they pass. One day, she finds out what the bag is for, and her wariness grows into kinship.

Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend

by Dawn Quigley, illustrated by Tara Audibert
HEARTDRUM, 2021
ISBN: 9780063015371

This early chapter book follows Jo Jo, a young Oljwe girl, as she navigates the troubles and tribulations of being in elementary school. This story also includes snippets of the Oljwe language with more information in the back matter.

Lift

by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat
DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020
ISBN: 9781368036924

Frustrated with her little brother taking over her job of pushing the elevator button, a girl takes a discarded button to transform her closet door into a magical elevator. In the process, she discovers that adventures are more fun when you share them.

Milo Imagines the World

by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
PUTNAM, 2021
ISBN: 9780339949083

While on the subway, Milo imagines different stories for the people he sees, but he soon realizes you can't tell who people really are just by their appearance.

A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart
by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Noa Demmon
FARRAR, STRAUS AND GROSS, 2020
ISBN: 9780374307417

A Black boy, shown all over his neighborhood, experiences a range of emotions: fear, pride, sorrow, and joy.

Sadq and the Green Thumbs

by Siman Nuurail, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar
PICTURE WINDOW, 2020
ISBN: 9781515645676

Sadq, a Somali American third-grader, starts a gardening club focused on helping neighbors. Part of a series.

Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano

Julio C. Tello
by Monica Brown, illustrated by Elisa Chavari
LEE & LOW, 2020
ISBN: 978082394234

In this Spanish-English picture-book biography, readers find out about this indigenous scientist who found skulls and artifacts in the mountains of Peru as a child and went on to become the founder of modern Peruvian archaeology.

Story Boat

by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh
TUNDRA BOOKS, 2020
ISBN: 9780735263598

Join a little girl and her younger brother as they leave behind the place they know as home and, along the way, make the best of times with what they find. A wonderful refugee story.

We Laugh Alike / Juntos nos reímos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun

by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by Alyssa Bernudez
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2021
ISBN: 9781623540968

Two groups of friends meet in the park, but one group only

speaks English, and the other only speaks Spanish. Watch how they play together and discover all sorts of similarities!

What about Worms?

by Ryan T. Higgins
HYPERION, 2020
ISBN: 9781368045735

Tiger is big and brave—except when it comes to worms! When faced with a worm-themed book and then a big group of worms, he must try to overcome his fear.

Your Mama

by NoNieqa Ramos, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara
VERISIFY, 2021
ISBN: 9781328631866

This super fun book is a spin on the “yo mama” jokes. The twist with this book is that everything included here is pleasant, comforting, and warm, with more than just a hint of humor.

Your Place in the Universe

by Jason Chin
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2020
ISBN: 9780822446250

An introduction to size, scale, and distance that goes from comparing an eight-year-old's height with a stack of books to examining the vastness of the universe.

Zonia's Rain Forest

by Juana Martinez-Neal
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9781536208450

Explore Zonia's home, the Amazon rain forest, and learn as Zonia respects and protects the Peruvian wildlife and her heritage.

For more top resources, visit the ALSC Book and Media Awards Shelf at [alsc-awards-shelf.org](https://www.alsc-awards-shelf.org).

DIGITAL EXPERIENCES

Children benefit from adult guidance while exploring digital content. For information about how children's librarians can be Media Mentors, visit ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/look-to-librarians #LookToLibrarians

Brains On! podcast

[brainson.org](https://www.brainson.org)
A podcast where different kid cohosts 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](https://www.funbrain.com)
This website for children features cool science experiments, read-aloud videos, and fun games to explore.

Go Nooodle website

[gonoodle.com](https://www.gonoodle.com)
Online videos that inspire movement for kids.

iCivics website

[icivics.org](https://www.icivics.org)
Activities and games for both families and educators, all aimed at providing fundamental lessons in civics knowledge.

The Imagine

[Imagine Neighborhood podcast](https://www.imagineneighborhood.org)
Kids will learn about social-emotional skills through stories, songs, and activities, prompting conversations between children and caregivers about big feelings.

Molly of Denali podcast

pbskids.org/molly/podcast
Listen to the adventures of 10-year-old Molly, an Alaska Native girl who lives with her bush pilot mom, adventure-guide dad, and her dog, Suki, in a small village.

Monterey Bay Aquarium

[live cams webpage](https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/live-cams/webpage/animals/live-cams)
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](https://www.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.

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

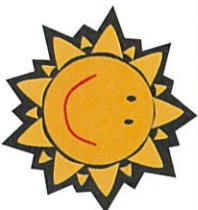
nationalgeographic.com/news/features/son-doong-cave/2/#s=pano37
Explore the world's largest cave in Vietnam with National Geographic's 360-degree tour of Hang Son Doong, with fun facts, nature sounds, and interactive questions.





Wow in the World podcast

[tinkercast.com/shows/wow-in-the-world](https://www.tinkercast.com/shows/wow-in-the-world)
A STEAM-themed podcast with silly (but scientifically) accurate humor for curious young listeners.

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





July 2021



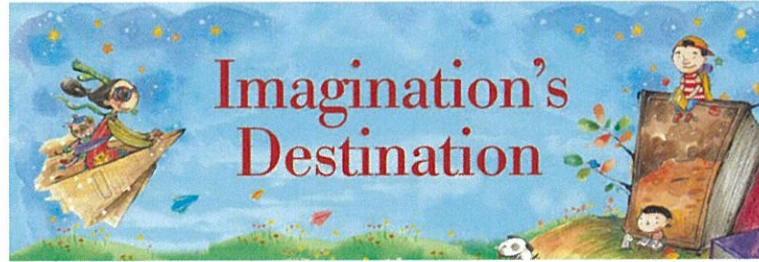
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Create questions that you would use to interview the main character.	2 Write a diary entry as if you were the character in the story.	3 Write a song or poem about your book. 
4 Read an extra 10 minutes. 	5 Sign up on Camp Wonderopolis http://camp.wonderopolis.org/	6 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-scholastic.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 book-mark. 	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

Spanish: 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

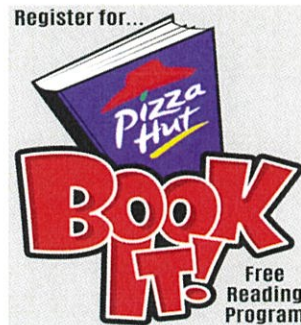
Ten (10) participants who review the most books will be eligible to win a Prize Pack of the seven books shown below. The next twenty-five (25) participants with the most reviews will be eligible to win a \$10 Gift Card.



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.

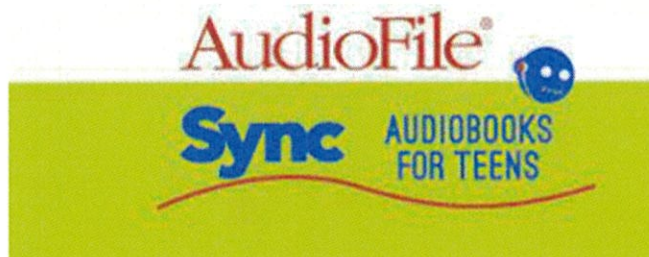
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Spanish: [https://www.chuckecheese.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/spanish reading rewards calendar 21.pdf](https://www.chuckecheese.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/spanish_reading_rewards_calendar_21.pdf)



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.

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