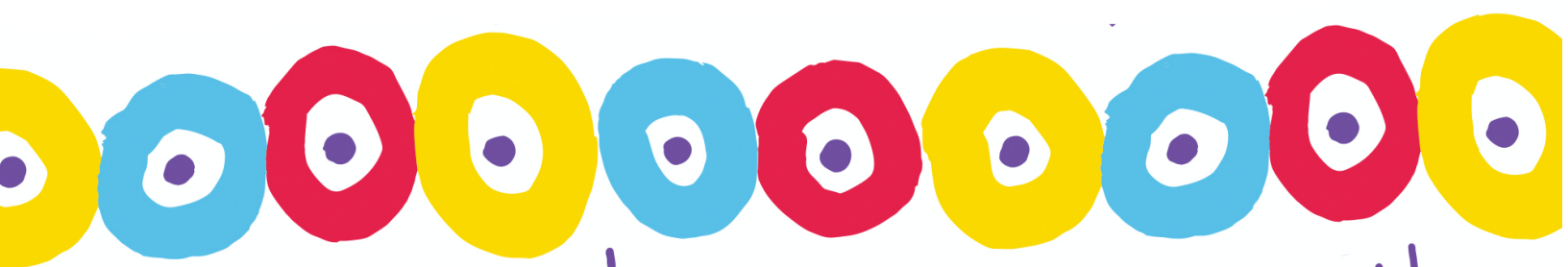


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Summer Reading Suggestions 2022
Entering Grade 1

Tips For Parents

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's love of reading.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see your enjoyment of your own reading.

Make it a shared activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading, or what you have read together. Discussing and retelling stories is a way to broaden your child's understanding of the world. It also improves reading skills, builds vocabulary and fosters parent-child bonding.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to share at least one book a day with your child. You can make reading a part of your child's bedtime routine, or perhaps a breakfast read-aloud works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Many of these titles can be found at your local public library and may also be available in eBook or audiobook formats. You and your child may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library and [Sora](#), our online eBook and audiobook collection.

Choosing A "Just Right Book"

One key to student success is ensuring the student's reading level, comprehension ability, and the difficulty level of the text are aligned. One quick way to assess whether a book is at the appropriate level is to use the "five finger rule." The student should choose a book that he or she wants to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As the child comes to words he or she can't pronounce or doesn't understand, put up a finger. If the reader puts up five fingers, put the book back and set it aside as something to read later on.

Suggested Libraries and Children's Bookstores

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[The New York Public Library](#)

[Book Culture](#)

[SHSH's Sora eBook Library](#)

[Books of Wonder](#)

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2022 Children's Literary Award Winners

Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2022 children's book awards include:

Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award (★honor)
Newbery Medal (★honor)
Pura Belpré Illustrator Award (★winner ★honor)
Randolph Caldecott Medal (★winner ★honor)
Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (★honor)
Schneider Family Book Award (★winner ★honor)
Stonewall Book Award (★honor)

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ∞Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ✚Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)
- ❖Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

New and Notable Titles

*Listed throughout and identified with an asterisk preceding the title. Links to titles available in Sora are included.

Keep Picture Books in the Picture

"When it comes to books, with a few exceptions, a child is never really too old for anything. That goes double and triple for picture books...with the assumption a parent will be reading them aloud, many picture books contain more sophisticated language than your newly independent reader can handle at this point; a reader who can manage "higher" level books on his own may still have trouble reading certain picture books himself."

– Paul, Pamela, and Maria Russo. "How to Raise a Reader." *The New York Times*,
www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader.

New Picture Books for 2022

- ✚Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)
- ❖Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

❖*Between Two Worlds: The Art and Life of Amrita Sher-Gil* – Meera Sriram

A woman of two countries, Amrita Sher-Gil used art to express herself and her love for both India and Hungary.

★*A Boy Named Isamu: A Story of Isamu Noguchi* – James Yang

Imagines a day in the boyhood of Japanese American artist, Isamu Noguchi, while wandering through an outdoor market, through the forest, and then by the ocean, seeing things Isamu sees through the eyes of a young artist. (A 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor Book)

❖*A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Rita Moreno: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer!* – Anika Aldamuy Denise
Rosita Dolores Alverio moved from Puerto Rico to New York and became award-winning entertainer Rita Moreno.

★ *Grandad's Camper* – Harry Woodgate

A child who enjoys Grandad's stories of his travels and adventures with Gramps persuades him to fix up their old camper and take another trip, in honor of Gramps. (A 2022 Stonewall Honor Book)

★ *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* – Shawn Harris

A young child leaves the drab city for a multi-sensory experience among effervescent flowers in this electric celebration of our connection to, and place within, the natural world. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

★ *May Your Life Be Deliciosa* – Michael Genhart

Rosie's Abuela doesn't need a recipe because she truly cooks "by heart." Rosie compares the steps of making tamales to the wishes she has for her family. (A 2022 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Book)

★ *Mel Fell* – Corey R. Tabor

As Mel the kingfisher plunges from a treetop on her first flight, readers are invited to turn the book sideways and upside-down as they follow her journey. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

★ *My City Speaks* – Darren Lebeuf

A young girl explores her city with her father, taking in all its sensory details. (The 2022 winner of the Schneider Family Book Award)

★ *Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* – Traci N. Todd

A biography of Nina Simone, an acclaimed singer whose music gave voice to the struggle for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)

❖ *Ocean Speaks* – Jess Keating

Historical figure Marie Tharp breaks barriers and makes a big discovery about the ocean.

❖ *Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez* – Anna Harber Freeman and Barbara Gonzales

Tewa Pueblo potter, Maria Povika Martinez, developed a technique of creating shiny black pottery using traditional methods, sharing her work with her family and the world.

❖ *She Caught the Light: Williamina Stevens Fleming: Astronomer* – Kathryn Lasky

Williamina Fleming discovered the Horsehead Nebula, worked with other "human computers" to develop the first star classification system, and became the first woman to hold an official title at Harvard.

★ *A Sky-Blue Bench* – Bahram Rahman

Young Aria returns to school after recovering from an accident and being fitted with a prosthetic leg, but the school has no furniture and sitting on the floor is too painful. She finds a way to build her own bench, surprising and inspiring her classmates. (A 2022 Schneider Family Honor Book)

★ *Soul Food Sunday* – Winsome Bingham

On Soul Food Sunday, a young Black boy helps his granny grate the cheese, prep the greens, and skin and slice the meat for the meal before making the sweet tea all by himself. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)

✚ *Unbound: The Life and Art of Judith Scott* – Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler

In this visually splendid and moving book, Joyce Scott tells the story of her beloved twin sister and renowned artist Judith Scott, bringing to life and experiences of people with Down Syndromes.

★ ¡*Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge* – Raúl the Third

Pals Little Lobo, Bernabé, La Oink Oink, and El Toro get stuck on a bridge between sister cities in two different countries and make a party out of a difficult situation. (The 2022 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award winner)

★❖ *We Wait for the Sun* – Katie McCabe and Dovey Johnson Roundtree

Women working together become a symbol of hope in this gentle portrait of a formative experience in civil rights lawyer Dovey Johnson Roundtree's life. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)

★ *A Walk in the Woods* – Hudson Talbott

Hudson Talbott's inspiring story vividly reveals the challenges—and ultimately the rewards—of being a non-mainstream kind of learner. (A 2022 Schneider Family Honor Book)

★★★ *Watercress* – Andrea Wang and illustrated by Jason Chin

A Chinese American girl, too embarrassed to eat the watercress her family picked from the roadside, learns of her mother's childhood experience with famine in China. (The 2022 Caldecott Medal winner, a 2022 Newbery Honor Book and the 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature winner)

Importance of Reading Aloud: Suggested Chapter Books

"Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word."

—"Reading with Your Child." *Reading Rockets*, 17 Nov. 2013,
<https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/reading-aloud>

James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

Juana & Lucas – Juana Medina

A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

**The Provensen Book of Fairy Tales* – compiled by Alice and Martin Provensen

A collection of 12 well-known fairy tales, retellings, and newly-imagined tales, collected and illustrated by the award-winning husband-and-wife author-illustrator team, Alice and Martin Provensen.

Ramona the Pest – Beverly Cleary

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.

**Skunk and Badger: Eggs Mark the Spot* – Amy Timberlake

Roommates Skunk and Badger head out on a rock-finding expedition that becomes much more dangerous than they ever expected.

How to Support Your Emerging Reader?

"Mix it up. When children start to pick out words, allow them to read to you some of the time, but reading time shouldn't be strained, exhausting or feel like a test. At first, try pointing to words you know your child will recognize and have him or her read them. When your child knows more words, try reading alternating pages."

– Paul, Pamela, and Maria Russo. "How to Raise a Reader." *The New York Times*, www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader.

Early Readers Series by publisher

Look for selections of stories that have large print with inviting illustrations.

- *Dive Into Reading* – Lee & Low Books
- *Easy to Read* books – Puffin
- "I Can Read" books – Harper
- *I Like to Read* – Holiday House
- *National Geographic Kids* readers series. – National Geographic
- *Step Into Books* – Little Brown & Company
- *We Both Read* – Treasure Bay

Early Readers Series

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| • <i>Amanda and Oliver Pig</i> – Van Leeuwen | • <i>Elephant and Piggie</i> – Mo Willems | • <i>Katie Woo</i> – Fran Manushikin |
| • <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> – Peggy Parish | • <i>Frog and Toad</i> – Arnold Lobel | • <i>Kick It, Mo!</i> – David A. Adler |
| • <i>Baloney and Friends</i> – Greg Pizzoli | • <i>Gus and Grandpa</i> – Cynthia Rylant | • <i>Lana's World: Let's Go to the Moon!</i> – Erica Silverman |
| • <i>Benjamin Bear in Brain Storms!</i> – Philippe Coudray | • <i>Henry and Mudge</i> – Cynthia Rylant | • <i>Lily's New Home</i> – Paula Yoo |
| • <i>Bink and Gollie</i> – Kate DiCamillo | • <i>Hi! Fly Guy</i> – Tedd Arnold | • <i>Little Monster</i> – Helen Ketterman |
| • <i>A Birthday for Bear</i> – Bonny Becker | • <i>Houndsley and Catina</i> – James Howe | • <i>Mercy Watson</i> – Kate DiCamillo |
| • Books by Dr. Seuss | • <i>Lost My Tooth</i> – Mo Willems | • <i>Mr. Putter and Tabby</i> – Cynthia Rylant |
| • <i>*Cornbread & Poppy</i> – Matthew Cordell | • <i>It's Shoe Time!</i> – Bryan Collier | • <i>A Narwhal and Jelly</i> Book – Ben Clanton |
| • <i>Dodsworth in Tokyo</i> – Tim Egan | • <i>JoJo and Daddy Bake a Cake</i> – Jane O'Connor | • <i>Nate the Great</i> – Marjorie W. Sharmat |

- **Parker Dresses Up* – Parker Curry
- *Pass the Ball, Mo* – David Adler
- *Penny and Her Marble* – Kevin Henkes
- *Poof! A Bot!* – David Milgrim
- **Pepper & Boo* – Charise Mericle Harper
- *Poppleton and Friends* – Cynthia Rylant
- *Princess in Black* – Shannon Hale
- *Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit* – CeCe Bell
- *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* – Dav Pilkey
- *Robin Hill School* – Margaret McNamara
- *See Pip Flap* – David Milgrim
- *Snail and Worm* – Tina Kügler
- *Sofia Martinez* – Jacqueline Jules
- **Sydney & Taylor* – Jacqueline Davies
- *That's My Book! And Other Stories* – Salina Yoon
- *There's a Pest in the Garden* – Jan Thomas
- *Toon Books* – various authors
- *Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mouse* – Herbert Wong Yee
- **Waffles and Pancakes* – Drew Brockington

Poetry Picks: 2022 Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye

Each month, Young People's Poet Laureate, [Naomi Shihab Nye](#) recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children's literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books.

S.T.E.M.: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

π MSRI's 2022 Mathematical Book Prize

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

❖ Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

∞ *The Beak Book* – Robin Page

This beautifully illustrated book helps young children determine how the different sizes and shapes of bird beaks are adapted to help birds weave nests, catch fish or climb trees.

∞ *Curious About Fish* – Cathryn Sill

Colorful, detailed illustrations are accompanied by clear descriptions of fish features and behaviors. This information helps young children learn all about fish.

∞ *The Dirt Book: Poems About Animals That Live Beneath Our Feet* – David L. Harrison

Dive into this book to read a series of poems about life beneath our toes from the perspective of insects, animals, and non-living things.

∞ *Fearless World Traveler: Adventures of Marianne North, Botanical Artist* – Laurie Lawlor

Spirited and adventurous, Marianne North traveled the world documenting plants; she created more than 800 oil botanical paintings. This picture book tells the story of her persistence, journeys, and contributions to the field of botany.

- ★ *The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem* – Colleen Paeff
After multiple cholera outbreaks and an exceptionally smelly summer in Victorian London, engineer Joseph Bazalgette designs a sewage system for the city. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)
- ∞ *If Bees Disappeared* – Lily Williams
Imagine a world without chocolate or apples. If bees disappeared, we'd have neither. Learn about the plight of the bees in this picture book.
- ∞ *Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World* – Jan Paul Schutten
Stunning collection of x-ray photographs of organisms and their natural habitats with informative descriptions that encourage the reader to closely examine the photographs to uncover the hidden side of nature.
- ∞ *A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla* – Azadeh Westergaard
Explore the groundbreaking inventions and explore the private life of Nikola Tesla. Learn about his love of animals and his inventions that led us to use alternating current (AC).
- ∞ *Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures & Magnificent Mimics* – Marc Martin
This entertaining and engaging book showcases 12 animals from around the world through beautiful illustrations and detailed information about the adaptations of each master of disguise. The book also includes a fun hidden picture puzzle for each animal.
- ∞ *Over and Under the Canyon* – Kate Messner
A journey through a canyon helps the reader explore the different living creatures that call a canyon home and contribute to the ecosystem.
- ∞ *The Secret Life of the Sloth* – Laurence Pringle
It's no longer a secret! Beautiful illustrations and storytelling take the reader on a journey through a year in the life of a young female sloth.
- ∞ *She Persisted: Virginia Apgar* – Sayantani Dasgupta and Chelsea Clinton
The inspiring story of Dr. Virginia Apgar who revolutionized a method that vastly improved the life of newborn babies! Her unique style and persistence led the way for her students, her colleagues, and the medical world!
- ∞ ★ *Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate* – Melissa Stewart
Using comparisons and contrasts, this engaging nonfiction title introduces young readers to estivation, the summertime equivalent of hibernation. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)
- π *Uma Wimble Charts Her House* – Reif Larsen
A young chart maker faces a challenge when she is given an assignment to make a chart of her own home.

Wellness Building Blocks: Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- * *Y Is for Yet: A Growth Mindset Alphabet* – Shannon Anderson
Not your typical alphabet book, *Y Is for Yet* uses the ABCs as an accessible framework to introduce growth mindset and all its possibilities.

Why Audiobooks?

"Audio books are a wonderful way to expose your child to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audiobooks also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of using their own imaginations to visualize the people and places they're hearing about."

– "Listen and Learn with Audio Books." *Reading Rockets*, 4 April 2022,
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/listen-and-learn-audiobooks>

ALA's Notable Children's Recordings 2022

- **All Because You Matter* – Tami Charles, read by the author, published by Weston Woods Studios
Narrated by the author, the poetic text is enhanced by background music and sound effects that add depth to both the words and Bryan Collier's beautiful illustrations.
- **At the Mountain's Base* – Traci Sorell, read by Kimberly Guerrero, published by Listening Library
A Cherokee family separated by war waits for a cherished loved one to return in this lyrical story celebrating family and bravery.
- **Boogie, Boogie, Y'all* – C. G. Esperanza, read by the author, published by HarperAudio
With a hip-hop beat and perfect timing and cadence, this celebration of the city matches the energy of the often-overlooked art that illustrates public spaces. (The 2022 Odyssey Award winner for children)
- **The Cat Man of Aleppo* – Karim Shamsi-Basha and Irene Latham, read by Ramsey Faragallah, published by Listening Library
Set against a lush soundscape, complete with many meows, Faragallah's quiet narration tells the story of Alaa, who stayed in Syria at the start of the war to work as an ambulance driver
- **Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* – Laurie Ann Thompson, read by Adjoa Andoh published by Listening Library
Andoh's expressive voice, working in tandem with the warm musical score, brings out the joy and triumph in this uplifting story. (A 2022 Odyssey Honor audiobook)
- **I Talk Like a River* – Jordan Scott, read by the author, published by Dreamscape
Scott's stuttering narration of this autobiographical story gives an immersive experience unmatched by the picture book alone. (A 2022 Odyssey Honor audiobook)
- **Ivy* – Katherine Coville, read by Carmen Viviano Crafts, published by Full Cast Audio
A full cast of narrators successfully conjures dragons, griffins, trolls, and more in this exceptional recording the whole family can enjoy.
- **A Mind of Your Own* – The Bright Sidlers, published by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings
Through a mixture of singable lyrics and full cast skits, *A Mind of Your Own* highlights important topics for social emotional learning in this fun, family friendly recording.
- **Ohana Means Family* – Ilima Loomis, read by Lois Leinani Whitney, published by Live Oak
Soothing music and rhythmic description capture the lush natural beauty of Hawaii through the process of farming taro and creating the traditional dish of poi for a family luau.
- **The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* – Rita Lorraine Hubbard, read by Nikki M. James, published by Weston Woods Studios
The story of tenacious Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116, is presented through an engaging, emotional, and honest narration highlighted by vivid illustrations by Oge More.

- **Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* – Dav Pilkey, read by Oliver Wyman, published by Scholastic Audio
With non-stop sound effects and Wyman's squeaktastic performance, Ricky Ricotta's adventure is an uproarious good time.
- **Rise of the Slippery Sea Monster* – Gareth P. Jones, read by David Thorpe, published by Listening Library
In this installment of Adventures of the Steampunk Pirates, Thorpe delivers a side-splitting performance featuring spunky voices for an entire cast of characters.
- **The Strawberry Band* – Story Pirates, published by Face Cake Records
Inspired by stories written by children, this vibrant and zany mix of songs pays hilarious homage to concept albums.
- **The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal* – Nick Seluk, read by a full cast, published by Weston Woods Studios
An enthusiastic full cast humorously introduces the wonders of our solar system to children, focusing on the significance of the sun and all its amazing characteristics.
- **We Are Water Protectors* – Carole Lindstrom, read by the author, published by Weston Woods Studios
This Caldecott Medal-winning book, illustrated by Michaela Goade, is enhanced by Lindstrom's authentic, steady voice, immersive music, and sound effects. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)

Sora, the C. V. Starr's Online Audiobook and eBook Collection

Visit [Sora](#) for a selection of audiobooks your child might enjoy.

Sora encourages many of the traditional independent reading habits students learn during library such as perusing books, checking out and returning books, putting books on hold, and reading books by the same author. Sora also keeps track of time spent reading (a reading log of sorts), includes a built-in dictionary, and students can create their own lists of books they want to read.

Your child has access to two eBook collections:

1. St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's collection
2. Hudson Valley Library Association (HVLA) consortium collection

During the summer months, your child can access Sora by installing the Sora app on your personal device from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#), or go to soraapp.com. Please remember to sign in with your child's SHSH's gmail credentials.

The HVLA, and any public library collection, must be added to your child's Sora account manually the first time, and then will remain linked. For access to public libraries, a library card from that institution is required. You can apply online for a public library eCard by visiting your public library's website.

Suggested Resource for Parents and Caregivers

How to Raise a Reader – Pamela Paul and Maria Russo

Combining clear, practical advice with inspiration, wisdom, tips, and curated reading lists, *How to Raise a Reader*, from the authors of the original and viral New York Times Books feature, shows you how to instill the joy and time-stopping pleasure of reading.

Suggested Magazines Available in Sora

Alongside SHSH's existing eBook and audiobook collection, students can also access dozens of entertaining and educational magazines in [Sora](#). Check out a sample of some of the titles below.



Additional Magazines

Highlights High Five

Promotes reasoning, problem solving and creative self-expression. Ages 2-6.

Ladybug

Filled with enchanting stories and poems. Ages 3-7.







Ranger Rick

Suitable for children interested in learning about wildlife. Ages 7+

C. V. STARR LIBRARY SUMMER READING BINGO CHALLENGE!

ENTERING GRADE 1

Mark off each square as you complete the activity and try to get a BINGO! Can you fill the entire board? Remember, each square represents a separate book. Bring in your completed BINGO board to Ms. Perna in September and get a prize. Track the books you read by keeping a list. Happy reading!

	Read on a Monday.	Read by a window. 	Read in the morning.
Read a nonfiction book.	Read on a rainy day.	Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.	
Read a book in a series.	Listen to someone read to you.		Read outside.
Read in a favorite place.		Read a book of poems.	Read a book picked by a parent, or another grown up.
Read in a blanket fort. 	Listen to an audiobook. Try SHSH's Sora online library.	Read with a friend or a sibling.	Read in your pajamas.

NAME: _____

BOOKS I READ THIS SUMMER:

