



## 2023 Tenafly Public Schools Summer Reading List

Dear Summer Readers,

It is our pleasure to share the 2023 Summer Reading List with you!

The district summer reading list was compiled to include a variety of genres, interest levels, and diverse authors. These titles are only recommendations, NOT requirements. We highly encourage you to explore other titles and authors as well.

It is most important that students continue to read over the summer. Our goal is to develop lifelong readers by providing positive reading experiences.

Don't forget to use your local public library and all of the resources they provide, including electronic books at [tenaflylibrary.org](https://tenaflylibrary.org)

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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## Books for Readers in Grades K-2

### **Berry Song**

written and illustrated by Michaela Goade

### **Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky**

by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond, illustrated by Daniel Minter

### **The Boy Whose Head Was Filled with Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble**

by Isabelle Marinov, illustrated by Deborah Marcero

### **Change Sings: A Children's Anthem**

by Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Loren Long

### **Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It!)**

by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman

### **Eyes that Speak to the Stars**

by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

### **Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight: Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight For Title IX**

by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Toshiki Nakamura

### **Farmhouse**

written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall

### **I Did It!**

written and illustrated by Michael Emberley

### **The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship**

by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly

### **Knight Owl**

written and illustrated by Christopher Denise

### **Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story**

by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon

### **Let Liberty Rise!: How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save the Statue of Liberty**

by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Chuck Groenink

### **Milo Imagines the World**

by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

### **Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, he did.)**

written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins

### **Pizza!: A Slice of History**

written and illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

### **Ten Beautiful Things**

by Molly Beth Griffin, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga

### **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**

by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

### **The Tree in Me**

written and illustrated by Corinna Luyken

### **This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowth**

written and illustrated by Sean Rubin



## Popular Series for Readers in Grades K-2

### **Amy Wu**

by Kat Zhang

### **The Crayons**

by Drew Daywalt

### **Creepy Tales!**

by Aaron Reynolds

### **Dory Fantasmagory**

by Abby Hanlon

### **Dragon Masters**

by Tracey West

### **Elephant and Piggie**

by Mo Willems

### **Fly Guy**

by Tedd Arnold

### **Fox + Chick**

by Sergio Ruzzier

### **Frog and Toad**

by Arnold Lobel

### **Grumpy Monkey**

by Suzanne Lang

### **Henry and Mudge**

by Cynthia Rylant

### **InvestiGators**

by John Patrick Green

### **Ivy and Bean**

by Annie Barrows

### **Ling and Ting**

by Grace Lin

### **Mercy Watson**

by Kate DiCamillo

### **My Weird School**

by Dan Gutman

### **Owl/Unicorn Diaries**

by Rebecca Elliott

### **Penelope Rex**

by Ryan T. Higgins

### **Pigeon Series**

by Mo Willems

### **Pinkalicious/Peterrific**

by Victoria Kann

### **Press Start!**

by Thomas Flintham

### **Princess in Black**

by Shannon Hale

### **Questioners**

by Andrea Beaty

### **Who Would Win?**

by Jerry Pallotta



## Books for Readers in Grades 3-5

### **Allergic**

by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter

### **Barakah Beats**

by Maleeha Siddiqui

### **Einstein: The Fantastic Journey of a Mouse through Space and Time**

by Torben Kuhlmann

### **Finally Seen**

by Kelly Yang

### **Freestyle**

by Gale Galligan

### **Freewater**

by Amina Luqman-Dawson

### **The Juneteenth Story: Celebrating the End of Slavery in the United States**

by Alliah L. Agostini, illustrated by Sawyer Cloud

### **Land of Stories**

by Chris Colfer

### **The Last Mapmaker**

by Christine Soontornvat

### **Linked**

by Gordon Korman

### **Maizy Chen's Last Chance**

by Lisa Yee

### **Odder**

by Katherine Applegate

### **The Ogress and the Orphans**

by Kelly Barnhill

### **Out of Wonder: Poets Celebrating Poets**

by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

### **A Rover's Story**

by Jasmine Warga

### **Stargazing**

by Jen Wang

### **Swim Team**

by Johnnie Christmas

### **The Tower of Life**

by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal

### **We Dream of Space**

by Erin Entrada Kelly

### **When Stars are Scattered**

by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

### **A Wish in the Dark**

by Christina Soontornvat



## Popular Series for Readers in Grades 3-5

### **The Baby-Sitters Club**

by Ann M. Martin

### **Baby-Sitters Little Sister**

by Gale Galligan

### **Bad Guys**

by Aaron Blabey

### **Dog Man**

by Dav Pilkey

### **Flashback Four**

by Dan Gutman

### **Front Desk**

by Kelly Yang

### **Hilo**

by Judd Winick

### **I Funny**

by James Patterson

### **I Survived**

by Lauren Tarshis

### **Keeper of the Lost Cities**

by Shannon Messenger

### **The Lemonade War**

by Jacqueline Davies

### **Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

by Chris Grabenstein

### **Mac B: Kid Spy**

by Mac Barnett

### **Magnus Chase**

by Rick Riordan

### **New Kid**

by Jerry Craft

### **A Series of Unfortunate Events**

by Lemony Snicket

### **Spy School/FunJungle**

by Stuart Gibbs

### **Story Treehouse**

by Andy Griffiths

### **Timmy Failure**

by Stephan Pastis

### **Wings of Fire**

by Tui T. Sutherland

### **Who Was? Who Is? What Is?**

by various authors