

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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The 2017 Summer Reading Book List was created by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). Titles on this list were selected by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

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A vertical graphic for the Summer Reading List. At the top, a glowing yellow firefly with blue wings is positioned over a large, bright yellow circle. The text 'Summer READING LIST' is written in a dark blue, serif font across the circle. Below the circle is a yellow horizontal band with the text 'Grades 6-8' in a dark blue, cursive font. At the bottom, an open book with white pages and a yellow cover is shown against a dark blue background with white stars and dots. The ALSC logo is at the very bottom.

Summer READING LIST

Grades 6-8

The logo for the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). It features the letters 'ALSC' in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. To the right of the letters is a stylized purple icon of a person sitting and reading a book.

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Summer Reading List

GRADES 6-8

As Brave as You

by Jason Reynolds
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy
Books, 2016, ISBN:
9781481415903

Being sent to the country for the summer is culture shock for Genie and his older brother, but it offers an opportunity to get to know Grandpop and uncovers some dark family secrets.

Beetle Boy

by M. G. Leonard, illustrated
by Julia Sarda

Scholastic/Chicken House,
2016, ISBN: 9780545853460

A giant talking beetle and cast of crazy characters help Darkus search for his missing father, a famous entomologist. *First in a series.*

Booked

by Kwame Alexander

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,
2016, ISBN: 9780544570986

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.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

by Phillip Hoose
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015,
ISBN: 9780374300227

A group of teenagers in Denmark resist the Nazi invasion of their country and inspire others to follow suit in this award-winning nonfiction book.

Dream On, Amber

by Emma Shevah, illustrated
by Helen Crawford-White
Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky,
2015, ISBN: 9781492622505

Amber's father left when she was little, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations to help her deal with art projects, bullies, and little sisters.

Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary

by Gail Jarrow
Calkins Creek, 2015, ISBN:
9781620915974

Learn about this dreaded disease that ravaged our country early in the twentieth century in this nonfiction title that reads like a medical mystery.

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods

by Hal Johnson, illustrated
by Tom Mead
Workman Publishing, 2015,
ISBN: 9780761184614

This reworking of American tall tales features stories of fearsome legendary creatures of the wooded wilds of early North America, including the snogigoster, the hodag, and the hoop snake, with glow-in-the-dark illustrations.

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda
Mullaly Hunt

Penguin/Nancy Paulsen Books,
2015, ISBN: 9780399162596

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

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

by Kelly Barnhill

Algonquin, 2016, ISBN:
9781616205676

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

Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel

by Megan Morrison
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine,
2015, ISBN: 9780545638265

After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Beanstalker on a perilous journey through the lands of Tyne. *First in a series.*

Hour of the Bees

By Lindsay Eagar

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN:
9780763679224

Carol is stuck in the New Mexican desert one summer with her family and her grandfather who suffers from dementia. Her world is rocked by the stories he tells her during that time.

The Inquisitor's Tale, or, the Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog

By Adam Gidwitz, illustrated
by Hatem Aly

Dutton Books, 2016, ISBN:
9780525426165

Three travelers unite in a journey through medieval

France to escape persecution and save their land.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

by Joseph Marshall,
illustrated by James Mark
Yellowhawk

Abrams, 2015, ISBN:
9781419707858

Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

Listen, Slowly

by Thanhà Lai

HarperCollins, 2015, ISBN:
9780062229182

Mai must spend her summer vacation in Vietnam with her grandmother (Ba). While there, Mai learns more about her family, while Ba learns what happened to her husband during the war.

Lost in the Sun

by Lisa Graff

Philomel Books, 2015, ISBN:
9780399164064

Trent blames an unfortunate event for his misfortunes and tries to turn things around. He is able to make that turn when he meets Fallon, and together they help him find the healing and redemption he seeks.

Mark of the Thief

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN:
9780545561549

Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. *First in a series.*

Masterminds

by Gordon Korman

Balzer + Bray, 2015, ISBN:
9780062299963

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. *First in a series.*

Me & Miranda Mullaly

by Jake Gerhardt

Viking, 2016, ISBN:
9780451475404

Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War

by Steve Sheinkin

Roaring Brook Press, 2015,
ISBN: 9781596439528

From the Oval Office to the editor's office of the *New York Times*, Sheinkin tells a gripping tale of government secrecy and manipulation that is still relevant today.

One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance

by Nikki Grimes, illustrated
by Cozbi Cabrera

Bloomsbury, 2017, ISBN:
9781619635548

Grimes evokes the emotion of the Harlem Renaissance through original poetry inspired by greats of the era.

Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West

by Candace Fleming

Roaring Brook Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9781596437630

A lively, visually detailed look at not only the life of "Buffalo Bill" Cody but also the history of his traveling show, which shaped America's view of the western frontier.

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound

by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Roaring Brook Press, 2015,
ISBN: 9781596439733

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

Roller Girl

by Victoria Jamieson

Dial, 2015, ISBN:
9780525429678

The summer before the start of junior high, Astrid notices her BFF is drifting away and Roller Derby camp is proving tougher than she had thought! Is she tough enough to lose one as she works hard on the other?

Samurai Rising

By Pamela S. Turner,
illustrated by Gareth Hinds

Charlesbridge, 2016, ISBN:
9781580895842

An epic tale of warriors and rebellion reveals how Minamoto Yoshitsune became the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

Short

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Dial, 2017, ISBN:
9780399186219

Sensitive about her height, Julia gains new perspective and self-acceptance when she is cast as a munchkin in a summer stock theater production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

