

5th Grade Summer Reading

Name: _____

Requirements for entering Grade 5 in 2025:

- Read at least **4 books** at your reading level
- **1 of those books** needs to be about Colonial America (historical fiction or nonfiction).

Summer is a great time to **read**. Wherever you go, bring along a book to read. You can never be bored if you read a book. The more you read, the better reader you become. There are many ways to get yourself involved with reading:

- read to someone younger
- have someone read to you
- read along with someone
- read a book & see the movie
- visit library website & order a book
- listen to an audio book in the car
- go to a book talk, join a book club
- listen to an author read or speak

Summer can be a great time to **write** about the things you're learning and doing, places you visit, and people you meet. Do you keep a writing journal? Keep it going over the summer! Have an idea for a story? Write it! Here are some ways to have fun writing over the summer:

- keep a nature journal
- write a poem about a place you love
- write a long letter
- create a newspaper or newsletter
- write a story (or two)
- write a play and perform it with friends

Books about Colonial America at the Gleason Public Library

Fiction

1. *Chains and Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Teen Anderson)
2. *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Teen Anderson) (This one is about an epidemic.)
3. *The Fighting Ground* by Avi (J/pb Avi)
4. *Sophia's War* by Avi (Teen/pb Avi)
5. *Pocahontas* by Joseph Bruchac (Teen/pb Bruchac)
6. *The Winter People* by Joseph Bruchac (Teen/pb Bruchac)
7. *Blood on the River: JamesTown, 1607* by Elisa Carbone (Teen/pb Carbone)
8. *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier (Teen/pb Collier)
9. *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper (Teen/pb Draper)
10. *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes (J Forbes, Teen Forbes)
11. *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen (J Paulsen, Teen Paulsen)
12. *A Break with Charity* by Ann Rinaldi (Teen/pb Rinaldi)
13. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare (Teen/pb Speare)



Nonfiction

1. *The Notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin (Teen Bio Arnold)
2. *Life in Colonial America* by Russell Roberts
3. *Growing Up in Colonial America* by Tracy Barrett.
4. *Women Heroes of the American Revolution* by Susan Casey (Teen 973.3 Cas)
5. *Going to School in Colonial America* by Shelley Swanson Sateren
6. *The American Colonies : Asking Tough Questions* by Jennifer Kaul
7. *Colonial Voices : Hear Them Speak* by Kay Winters

Reading Suggestions and Recommendations



Fiction Books 5th Graders Love:

Crossover, Booked, and Rebound by Kwame Alexander
The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary Schmidt
The War That Saved My Life and *The War I Finally Won*, and
The Night War (new) by Kim Brubaker Bradley
The Wild Robot, The Wild Robot Escapes and *The Wild Robot Protects* by Peter Brown
I Can Make This Promise and *The Sea in Winter* by Christine Day
Blended, Out of My Mind, Out of My Heart, and Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
Shouting at the Rain, Fish in a Tree and *One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Rescue, Words on Fire, A Night Divided, and Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen
The Great Greene Heist and *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson
Wish by Barbara O'Connor
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Beyond the Bright Sea and *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

Nonfiction Books 5th Graders Love:

Mona Lisa Vanishes by Nicholas Day
Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin
Who Was series by various authors (about people, places, events)

Series 5th Graders Love:

<i>Rick Riordan Presents</i> by various authors	<i>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales</i>
<i>Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	<i>Eragon</i> by Christopher Paolini
<i>Wings of Fire</i> by Tui Sutherland	<i>Harry Potter</i> by J.K. Rowling
<i>Spy School</i> by Stuart Gibbs	<i>Framed, and City Spies</i> by James Ponti
<i>Mr. Terupt</i> by Rob Buyea	<i>I Survived</i> by Lauren Tarshis
<i>Front Desk (+3)</i> by Kelly Yang	<i>Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i> by Chris Grabenstein

Authors 5th Graders Love (in addition to those already mentioned):

Kwame Alexander	Julia Alvarez	Soman Chainani
Roshani Chokshi	Chris Colfer	Alan Gratz
Carl Hiaasen	Gordon Korman	Wendy Mass
Linda Sue Park	Jason Reynolds	Jewell Parker Rhodes
Rick Riordan	Pam Munoz Ryan	N.H. Senzai
Rebecca Stead	Raina Telgemeier	Jacqueline Woodson

Summer Reading List entering Grade 5 in 2025

Please keep track of the books you read (at least 4). Here's a list for recording your book titles. *Please return this signed reading log in September.*



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