

Ansonia Public Schools

Summer Reading 2026

Grades K-2



Dear APS Families,

Summer is quickly approaching and we are thrilled to help our students find just-right texts that engage them and encourage them to dive into reading! Our students need to read over the summer in order to:

- Maintain and grow their reading skills (students who do not consistently read over the summer can lose some of the progress they made during the year)
- Explore their identity, the world around them, and learn about experiences and cultures that are different from their own life.
- Foster a life-long love of reading and learning!

Our hope is to make summer reading an enjoyable experience for students by emphasizing choice in their reading and talking about the texts they are reading. Please complete the [Governor's Summer Learning Challenge form](#). Want more resources? Visit our district website, click on the teaching and learning tab and then select Summer Reading 2026. Happy Reading!

Authors to Explore!	Recommended Series Books (This is a great way to help your child fall in love with reading! They will want more books and more adventures!)		Read Nonfiction Books About...
• Cynthia Rylant • Don and Audrey Wood • Eric Carle • Eric Hill • Eve Bunting • H.A. Rey • Harriet Ziefert • Karma Wilson • Mo Willems	• Amelia Bedelia • Angelina Ballerina • Clifford • Curious George • Fairy Tales • Fancy Nancy • Fly Guy • Horrible Harry • I-Spy	• The Adventures of Sophie Mouse • The Critter Club- • Unicorn Diaries- • Who Would Win...? • Pigeon and Friends • Piggie and Elephant • Pinky and Rex • Llama Llama and friends	Animals, Insects, and Ocean Creatures Dinosaurs Famous People Insects The United States Transportation

• Peter Reynolds • Steven Kellogg • Virginia Lee Burton • William Steig	• Junie B. Jones • Little Bear	• Owl Diaries • Pete the Cat	
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Other Resources-Ansonia Public Library

Apply for an Ansonia Public Library library card using this link. Once you have a library card, your family can borrow books from the library and request books from any library in Connecticut to be sent to Ansonia Public Library for free.

The library is organized by the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) levels used in Ansonia Public Schools. If you know your child's IRLA level, it is easy to find "just right" books that match their reading level.

Families are also encouraged to read digitally. The library offers three platforms for borrowing audiobooks and ebooks: [Libby](#), the [Palace Project](#) and Hoopla. [Hoopla](#) is a streaming platform that has books (audio, ebook, graphics), music, movies, binge-passes and magazines— all free with your library card.

The Ansonia Public Library will also host a [Summer Reading Program](#) with fun prizes and giveaways. Children and families are also encouraged to [create a piece of the perfect community](#) to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Adults can join the Adult Summer Reading Challenge to read alongside their child and model strong reading habits at home. Here is the [flyer](#) and sign-up form: [Adult Summer Reading Registration Form](#)

Be sure to check out Ansonia Public Library's [monthly newsletter](#) and [sign up](#) to receive updates about events and programs happening throughout the summer.