

Ansonia Public Schools

Summer Reading 2026

Grades 3-5



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 "menu", 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
Ann M. Martin Ben Baglio Donald J. Sobol Emily Calandrelli Gordan Korman Jack Chabert Jeff Brown Judy Blume Kate Di Camillo Laurel Snyder Roald Dahl	American Girl- Historical Fiction Amelia Bedelia A-z Mysteries- The Bailey School Kids Ivy+Bean The Critter Club Captain Awesome Can Jansen The Secret of Droon- Fantasy Here's Hank The Haunted Library	Horrible Harry Black Lagoon Adventures Little House on the Prairie- Historical Fiction Choose Your Own Adventure Sonic the Hedgehog- Graphic Novel The Saddle Club Rainbow Magic My Weird School Diary of a Wimpy Kid 39 Clues- Mystery	Dinosaurs Animals, Insects, and Ocean Creatures Transportation Insects Social-Emotional Famous People The United States Cookbooks Countries

Tom Angleberger	Who is...? - Non-Fiction Pinky and Rex Judy Moody Junie B. Jones	Baby-Sitters Club- Graphic Novel Dog Man- Graphic Novel Secret Coders- Graphic Novel Jigsaw Jones- Mystery Star Wars Nancy Drew	
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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.