2023 Summer Reading List
Intermediate List for Grades 3 - 5

Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills that children can develop.
Enjoy the summer and keep reading!

Here are some suggested titles that you may want to read this summer and feel free to find other books that excite your imagination.

This summer reading list was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood elementary schools and the public libraries, and is available online through the SOMSD website and the public library sites. Physical copies of these books are available at the public libraries & your local bookstores. eBook and eAudiobook copies may be available for some of these titles. You may also read some of these books on MackinVIA.

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Biography

A First Time for Everything
Dan Santat
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A Work in Progress
Jarrett Lerner
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Chunky Goes to Camp
Yehudi Mercado

Star Child
Ibi Zoboi
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Who Was Celia Cruz?
Pam Pollock
MML: eBCCLS

Fantasy

A Rover's Story
Jasmine Warga
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

Amari and the Great Game
B B Alston
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

The Enchanted Bridge
Zetta Elliot

Legends of Lotus Island
Christina Soontornvat
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

Nic Blake and the Remarkables
Angie Thomas
MML: eBCCLS

Princess of the Wild Sea
Megan Blakemore
MML: eBCCLS

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief
A.F. Steadman
MML: eBCCLS

Speculation
Nisi Shawl

Stellarlune
Shannon Messenger

The Last Cuentista
Donna Barba Higuera
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### Fantasy

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Fiction

Jennifer Chan is not Alone
Tae Keller
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Last Kids on Earth & the Forbidden Forest
Max Brallier
MML: eBCCLS

Love, Violet
Charlotte Wild

Maizy Chen’s Last Chance
Lisa Yee
MML: eBCCLS

Merci Suárez Plays it Cool
Meg Medina
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

Odder
Katherine Applegate
MML: eBCCLS

Oh, Sal
Kevin Henkes
MML: Hoopla

Olive Oh Gets Creative
Tina Kim
MML: Hoopla

Omar Rising
Aisha Saeed
MML: eBCCLS

On Air with Zoe Washington
Janae Marks
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SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Our Friend Hedgehog
Lauren Castillo

Playing the Cards You’re Dealt
Varian Johnson
MML: eBCCLS

Singing with Elephants
Margarita Engle
MML: eBCCLS

Stuntboy, In the Meantime
Jason Reynolds
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Windeby Puzzle
Lois Lowry
MML: eBCCLS
**Fiction**

- **Those Kids From Fawn Creek** by Erin Entrada Kelly
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- **Tumble** by Celia Perez
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- **Ways to Share Joy** by Renée Watson
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **You Are Here** by Ellen Oh
  - MML: eBCCLS

**Graphic**

- **Bad Guys Open Wide and Say Arrrgh!** by Aaron Blabey
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  - SOPL: eLibraryNJ

- **Bad Kitty Supercat** by Nick Bruel
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Banana Fox** by James Kochalka
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Big Nate Very Funny** by Lincoln Pierce
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- **Booked** by Kwame Alexander

**Other**

- **Bridges** by Dan Zettwoch
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Dog Man Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea** by Dav Pilkey
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Enemies** by Svetlana Chmakova
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Freestyle** by Gale Galligan
  - MML: eBCCLS

- **Frizzy** by Claribel Ortega
  - MML: eBCCLS
HiLo Gina and the Big Secret
Judd Winick
MML: eBCCLS

Hoops
Matt Tavares

InvestiGATORS Braver and Boulder
John Patrick Green
MML: eBCCLS

Katie and the Catsitter
Best Friends for Never
Colleen AF Venable
MML: eBCCLS

Killer Underwear Invasion!
Elise Gravel
MML: Hoopla

Last Comics on Earth
Max Brallier
MML: eBCCLS

Meesh the Bad Demon
Michelle Lam
MML: eBCCLS

Miss Quinces
Kat Fajardo
MML: eBCCLS

Moth Keeper
K. O'Neill
MML: eBCCLS

Oh My Gods! II
Stephanie Cooke

Pusheen the Cat's Guide to Everything
Claire Belton
MML: eBCCLS

School Trip
Jerry Craft
MML: eBCCLS

Spy Camp
Stuart Gibbs
MML: eBCCLS

Squished
Megan Wagner Lloyd
MML: eBCCLS

The Aquanaut
Dan Santat
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Graphic

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza
Mac Barnett
Shawn Harris
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The Real Riley Mayes
Rachel Elliott

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
Kwame Mbalia

Who is the Man in the Air?
Gabriel Soria

Wings of Fire Moon Rising
Tui Sutherland
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Mystery

A Perfect Mistake
Melanie Conklin
MML: eBCCLS

City Spies Forbidden City
James Ponti
MML: eBCCLS

The Swifts
Beth Lincoln
MML: eBCCLS

Whale Done
Stuart Gibbs
MML: eBCCLS

Wretched Waterpark
Kiersten White
MML: eBCCLS

Nonfiction

Abandon Ship!
Michael Tougias & Alison O'Leary
MML: eBCCLS

Basketball GOATs
Bruce Berglund
MML: eBCCLS

Choosing Brave
Angela Joy
MML: eBCCLS

The Complete Cookbook
America's Test Kitchen
MML: eBCCLS

Concrete
Larissa Theule
MML: eBCCLS
Nonfiction

**Cooking with Jacob**
Paula Johnson-Case

**Guinness World Records 2023**

**Kapaemahu**
Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu

**Minecraft Epic Inventions**
Mojang AB
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**The Lego Ideas Book**
Hannah Dolan

**The People Remember**
Ibi Zoboi
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**Totally Random Questions 2**
Melinda Bellows
MML: eBCCLS

**Tracking Tortoises**
Kate Messner
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**Weird but True Birthdays**

**Young, Gifted and Black, Too**
Jamia Wilson

Sports

**Swim Team**
Johnnie Christmas
MML: eBCCLS

**The Playbook**
Kwame Alexander
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**The Tryout**
Christina Soontornvat
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**Who is LeBron James?**
Crystal Hubbard

**Who is Megan Rapinoe?**
Stefanie Loh