2024 Summer Reading List
Primary List for Grades K – 2

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 ... or 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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Alphabet

1 Big Salad
Juana Medina

The Crayons
Book of Numbers
Drew Daywalt

How to Count to 1
Caspar Salmon

Legends of Hip-Hop
Queen Latifah
Pen Ken

Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC’s
Patrick McDonnell

Biography

Ablaze With Color
Jeanne Walker Harvey

The Girl Who Figured It Out
Minda Dentler

Try It!
Mara Rockliff

The Indestructible
Tom Crean
Jennifer Thermes

Jerry Changed the Game!
Don Tate

Mary’s Idea
Chris Raschka

Milloo’s Mind
Reem Faruqi

On the Line
Jennifer Jones
Lissette Norman

Rock, Rosetta, Rock!
Tonya Bolden

Roll, Rosetta, Roll!
Maria Isabel

Sally Ride
Biography

Shining Star
Suzanne Slade

To Boldly Go
Angela Dalton

What You Never Knew About Taylor Swift
Grace Marx

Chapter Books

Dear Beast
Someone is Missing!
Dori Hillestad Butler

Diary of a Pug
Pug’s New Puppy
Kyla May

Dragon Girls
Hana the Thunder Dragon
Maddy Mara

JoJo Makoons
Snow Day
Dawn Quigley

Kwame’s Magic Quest
Bernard Mensah

Mercy Watson is Missing!
Kate DiCamillo

Owl Diaries
Eva for President
Rebecca Elliott

Press Start! Super Game Book
Thomas Flintham

The Princess in Black
Prince in Pink
Shannon Hale
Dean Hale

Rica Baptista
A Week of Shenanigans
Janet Costa Bates
Chapter Books

Sejal Sinha
Dives for Diamonds on Neptune
Maya Prasad

The Skull
John Klassen

Squirlish
The Girl in the Tree
Ellen Potter

Wednesday Wilson
Gets Down to Business
Bree Galbraith

Early Readers

Boom!
Paul Meisel

Figgy & Boone
Best Brother Ever!
Janee Trasler

Fish and Wave
Sergio Ruzzier

Fox Versus Fox
Corey R. Tabor

Friends are Fun
Steve Henry

Get on the Ice, Mo!
David A. Adler

Gigi and Ojiji
What’s in a Name?
Melissa Iwai

Horse & Buggy
On Ice!
Ethan Long

Horse & Buggy
On Wheels!
Ethan Long

I Did It!
Michael Emberley
Early Readers

- **Owl and Penguin**
  - Best Day Ever
  - Vikram Madan

- **Pete the Kitty**
  - Wash Your Hands
  - Kimberly & James Dean

- **Princess Truly**
  - I Am a Leader!
  - Kelly Greenawalt

- **Weenie Featuring Frank & Beans**
  - Maureen Fergus

- **Words Are Magic!**
  - Zaila Avant-garde

Graphic

- **Baby-Sitters Little Sister**
  - Karen’s Haircut
  - Katy Farina

- **Baloney and Friends**
  - Dream Big!
  - Greg Pizzoli

- **Burt the Beetle**
  - Lives Here!
  - Ashley Spires

- **Chi-Chi and Pey-Pey Cupcake Catastrophe**
  - Jennifer Fosberry

- **Clark the Shark and the School Sing**
  - Bruce Hale

- **Duck and Moose**
  - Duck Moves In!
  - Kirk Reedstrom

- **The Fix-Its**
  - Nail Needs Help
  - Sarah Reule

- **FriendBots**
  - Blink and Block Build a Fort
  - Vicky Fang

- **Mimi and the Cutie Catastrophe**
  - Shauna Grant

- **Pizza and Taco**
  - Rock Out!
  - Stephen Shaskan
**Graphic**

- **Pup and Dragon**
  - How to Catch a Dinosaur
  - Alice Walstead

- **Styx and Scones**
  - The Cracked Crystal
  - Jay Cooper

- **Tig and Lily**
  - Party Animals
  - Dan Thompson

- **Ty’s Travels**
  - Camp Out
  - Kelly Lyons

**Nonfiction**

- **Ada Twist, Scientist**
  - The WHY Files
  - Rockin’ Robots!
  - Andrea Beatty

- **The Bedtime Book of Incredible Questions**
  - Isabel Thomas

- **Behold the Octopus!**
  - Suzanne Slade

- **The Book of Turtles**
  - Sy Montgomery

- **Brains On**
  - Meet My Micro-Pets
  - Molly Bloom

- **A Child’s Introduction to PRIDE**
  - Sarah Praeger

- **Creep, Leap, Crunch!**
  - A Food Chain Story
  - Jody Jensen Shaffer

- **Greeking Out**
  - Kenny Curtis

- **How Do You Become an Olympian?**
  - Madeline Kelly

- **How the Sea Came to Be**
  - Jennifer Bern
Picture Books

**All Aboard the Alaska Train**
Brooke Hartman

**All of Those Babies**
Mylisa Larsen

**All That Grows**
Jack Wong

**Are You BIG?**
Mo Willems

**The Artivist**
Nikkolas Smith

**At the Drop of a Cat**
Elise Fontenaille

**Bábo**
A Tale of Armenian Rug-Washing Day
Astrid Kamalyan

**Bathe the Cat**
Alice McGinty

**Beneath**
Cori Doerrfeld

**Benita and the Night Creatures**
Mariana Llanos

**Big Book of Words**
Taro Gomi

**Big**
Vashti Harrison

**The Big Cheese**
Jory John
Pete Oswald

**Cape**
Kevin Johnson

**The Coquíes Still Sing**
Karina González
Picture Books

The Crayons Love Our Planet
Drew Daywalt

A Crown for Corina
Laeken Kemp

Find Your Forest
Audrey Noguera

Greenlight
Breanna Carzoo

Homegrown
DeAnn Wiley

I Can Be All Three
Salima Alikhan

I Want to Be Spaghetti!
Kiera Wright-Ruiz

I'm From
Gary R. Gray Jr.

Ice Cream Everywhere
Judy Campbell-Smith

In Every Life
Marla Frazee

Just Like Me
Vanessa Brantley-Newton

La Guitarrista
Lucky Diaz

The Last Zookeeper
Aaron Becker

A Library
Nikki Giovanni

Like Lava in My Veins
Derrick Barnes
Picture Books

Little Black Hole
Molly Foster

Look How Much I've Grown in KINDergarten
Vera Ahiyaa

The Lost Drop
Gregoire Laforce

Nana in the Country
Lauren Castillo

The Nature Journal
A Backyard Adventure
Savannah Allen

Oops! Rabbit
Jo Ham

Piper Chen Sings
Phillipa Soo
Maris Pasquale Doran

A Place for Rain
Michelle Schaub

Pretty Ugly
David Sedaris

Share Your Rainbow
R.J. Palacio

Slow Down, Stanley
Elena Levi

Taxi, Go!
Patricia Toht

There Was a Party for Langston
Jason Reynolds

There's No Such Thing as Vegetables
Kyle Lukoff

This Book is Banned
Raj Haldar
Picture Books

Twenty Questions
Mac Barnett

¡Vamos!
Let's Go Read
Raúl the Third

The Walk
Winsome Bingham

A Way to the Stars
David Almond

What If One Day...
Bruce Handy

When Dinosaurs Walked the Earth
Sean Taylor

Wintergarden
Janet Fox

Woo Hoo
You're Doing Great
Sandra Boynton

You're Going to Love This Book
Jory John

Poetry

Bless Our Pets
Lee Bennett Hopkins

Climbing the Volcano
Curtis Manley

A Little Bit of Everything
Meghana Narayan

Something, Someday
Amanda Gorman