Elementary Summer Reading Recommendations
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Recommendations for Read-Alouds and Beginning Independent Readers

**Picture-Book Authors such as...**
- Jan Brett
- Eve Bunting
- Virginia Lee Burton
- Eric Carle
- Donald Crews
- Doreen Cronin
- Diane DeGroat
- Tomie DePaola
- Lois Ehlert
- John Grogan
- Kevin Henkes
- Jon Klassen
- Brian Lies
- Trudy Ludwig
- Robert McCloskey
- Laura Numeroff
- Jerry Pallotta
- Chris Raschka
- Cynthia Rylant
- Allen Say
- Jon Scieszka
- Rob Scotton
- Maurice Sendak
- Dr. Seuss
- David Shannon
- William Steig
- Simms Taback
- Judith Viorst
- Melanie Watt
- Rosemary Wells
- David Wiesner
- Mo Willems

**Easy Readers such as...**
- *Fly Guy* (Ted Arnold)
- *Frog and Toad* (Arnold Lobel)
- *Elephant and Piggie* (Mo Willems)
- *Amelia Bedelia* (Peggy Parish)
- *Amelia Bedelia and Friends* (Herman Parish)
- *Gilbert* (Diane DeGroat)
- *Charlie the Dog* (Ree Drummond)
- *Marley the Dog* (multiple authors)
- *Biscuit* (Alyssa Satin Capucilli)
- *Mr. Putter and Tovey; Henry and Mudge; Poppleton* (Cynthia Rylant)
- Multiple titles (Dr. Seuss)
- Multiple titles (Syd Hoff)
- *Nate the Great* (Marjorie Weinman Sharmat)
- *Judy Moody and Friends* (Megan McDonald)

**Transitional Chapter Books such as...**
- *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo
- *Frankie Pickle* series by Eric Wight
- The 13-story Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths
- J.J. Tully Mystery series by Doreen Cronin
- The Chicken Squad series by Doreen Cronin
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline
- Roscoe Riley Rules series by Katherine Applegate
- George Brown Class Clown series by Nancy Krulik
- A to Z Mysteries by Rob Roy
- Ready, Freddy series by Abby Klein
- My Weird School series by Dan Gutman
- 43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise
- The Ballpark Mysteries by David A. Kelly
- I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis
- Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series by Elizabeth Singer Hunt

**Nuts About Nonfiction!**

**Nonfiction Read-alouds by...**
- Aliki
- Molly Bang
- Jim Arnosky
- Nic Bishop
- Seymour Simon
- Gail Gibbons
- Sandra Markle
- Greg Tang
- Jason Chin
- Donald Crews
- Brian Floca
- Steve Jenkins
- Mitsumasa Anno
- Dianna Hutts Aston
- Patricia McKissack
- Joanna Cole
- Jessie Hartland
- Judy Allen

**Nonfiction for Older Readers...**
- Who Was... biographies (Penguin)
- Magic Tree House Nonfiction Companions (Mary Pope Osborne)
- DK Eyewitness Books (Dorling Kindersley)
- Wicked History biographies (Franklin Watts)
- The Everything Kids series (Adams Media)
- Ripley's Believe it or Not series (Scholastic)
- Weird But True series (National Geographic Kids)

**Popular nonfiction topics at the public library...**
- 000s - Computers, unexplained (ghosts, aliens)
- 500s - Science (space, nature, animals)
- 600s - Cars and vehicles, pets, farms, cookbooks
- 700s - Games and sports, arts and crafts
**Traditional Literature**

Fairy tales and folk tales for younger grades such as...

- *The McElderry Book of Grimmer's Fairy Tales* edited by Saviour Pirotta
- *A Handful of Beans: Six Fairy Tales* by Jeanne Steig
- *Aesop’s Fables*, folk tales from around the world and American Tall Tales
- Read-aloud versions of Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, The Frog Prince, Rapunzel and others

**Fairy tale and myth fiction for older grades such as...**

- *The Sisters Grimm* series by Michael Buckley
- *Ella Enchanted* and other books by Gail Carson Levine
- *Jack: The True Story of Jack & the Beanstalk* and other books by Liesl Shurtliff
- *The Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer
- *The Lightning Thief* and other books by Rick Riordan

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### Fantasy

**Authors like...**

- J.K. Rowling
- Angie Sage
- Cornelia Funke
- Tui T. Sutherland
- Rick Riordan
- C.S. Lewis
- Chris Colfer
- Erin Hunter
- Madeleine L’Engle
- J.R.R. Tolkien
- L. Frank Baum
- Cressida Cowell
- Neil Gaiman

### Science Fiction

**Authors like...**

- Eoin Colfer
- Jeanne DuPrau
- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Lois Lowry
- Ridley Pearson
- Timothy Bradley
- Catherine Jinks
- Mark Walden

### Award-Winning

**Authors like...**

- Katherine Applegate
- Avi
- Kate DiCamillo
- Jacqueline Woodson
- Sharon Creech
- Kevin Henkes
- Jack Gantos
- Ingrid Law
- Thanhha Lai
- Grace Lin
- Rita Williams-Garcia
- Rebecca Stead
- Christopher Paul Curtis
- Cynthia Lord

### Authors that make you laugh

- Carl Hiaasen
- Roald Dahl
- Tom Angleberger
- Louis Sachar
- Dave Barry
- Jon Scieszka
- Dan Gutman
- Andrew Clements
- Jeff Kinney

### Realistic Fiction

**Authors like...**

- Jacqueline Davies
- Lois Lowry
- Gary Paulsen
- Wendy Mass
- E.L. Konigsburg
- Sara Pennypacker
- R.J. Palacio
- Jerry Spinelli
- Sharon Draper

### Sports Fiction

**Authors like...**

- Christopher Pike
- Mike Lupica
- Dan Gutman
- Jake Maddox
- Tim Green
- Fred Bowen

### Mystery/Suspense

**Authors like...**

- Ellen Raskin
- James Patterson
- Trenton Lee Stewart
- Carolyn Keene
- Blue Balliett
- Wendelin Van Draanen
- Jude Watson
- Pseudonymous Bosch

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"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." - Dr. Seuss
Recommended Graphic Novels

For Younger Students (grades 1-2)

Benjamin Bear series by Philippe Coudrey
Benny and Penny series by Geoffrey Hayes
Flying Beaver Brothers series by Maxwell Eaton III
Squish series by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm
Lunch Lady series by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Babymouse series by Jennifer L. Holm
Knights of the Lunch Table series by Frank Cammuso
Bird & Squirrel series by James Burks
Binky the Spacecat series by Ashley Spires
Sidekicks! By Dan Santat

For Older Students (grades 3-5)

Zita the Spacegirl series by Ben Hatke
Bone series by Jeff Smith
Amelia Rules! Series by Jimmy Gownley
Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi
Mal and Chad by Stephen McCranie
Astronaut Academy series by Dave Roman
Ariel series by Emmanuel Guibert
Sisters; Drama; and Smile by Raina Telgemeier
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword by Barry Deutsch

Behaviors of the Norwell Engaged Reader

✅ Is spotted reading spontaneously.
✅ Brings books on errands.
✅ Sees moments of down time as perfect times to pull out a book.
✅ Has a special bag or compartment just for books when headed to vacation.
✅ Frequently seen nesting at the public library.
✅ Thrives best when left alone to roam natural bookstore and library habitats in search of their favorite books.
✅ Exhibits frequent excitable talk about genres, plots, and characters with whomever will listen.

Don't forget to check out the summer reading program at the Norwell Public Library!
Their new temporary location is 1207 Washington Street, Hanover.

"A poet is not something you become; a poet is something you are." -Jack Prelutsky