Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:
• Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
• Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!
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Important Dates and Numbers
• Any children’s books checked out on or after May 13 are due September 13.
• If you would like to keep any children’s books that were checked out before May 13 for the summer, please renew them. Otherwise, please return them by their due dates.
• Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer. Grown-ups may have up to 25.
7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

1. Studies show that kids read more when they see others reading*—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.** Remember that “reading” is not just novels; picture books, non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.

2. Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, have a friend recommend books. Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grown-up.

Plan regular trips to the library to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-9:45; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5 (August Mon-Fri 9-5). Check out your local public library, too.

3. Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours, and invite friends too! Check bankstreetbooks.com for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.

4. To understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chores, read Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).


**Ibid.
Surfer of the Century by Ellie Crowe tells the story of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, a five-time Olympic swimming champion from the early 900s who is considered the father of modern surfing.

Sun: One in a Billion by Stacy McAnulty. The highly confident Sun narrates this scientific exploration of a star that’s “one in a billion.” Humorous illustrations mix fact with whimsy.

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 by Helaine Becker. Born in 1918, Katherine battled segregation and job discrimination to landed at the heart of NASA.

Neighborhood Sharks by Katherine Roy. A up-close look at the ocean’s most fearsome and famous predator and the entists who study them, just 26 miles from the Golden Gate Bridge.

A Lady Has the Floor by Kate Hannigan. Belva Lockwood, a lawyer, activist and presidential candidate, never stopped fighting for equity.

Beauty and the Beak by Deborah Lee Rose and Jane Veltkamp. The true story of Beauty the eagle’s rescue and rehabilitation, and the incredible team of scientists that created a prosthetic beak for her.

The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World’s Coral Reefs by Kate Messner. Ken Nedimyer launches a movement to save and rebuild the world’s coral reefs—with hammer, glue, and grafts of newly grown coral.

Moonshot by Brian Floca. This revised edition from the Caldecott Medalist (for Locomotive) celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first human landing on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

Martí’s Song for Freedom / Martí y sus versos por la libertad by Emma Otheguy. Martí traveled to Cuba and fell in love with the natural beauty of the land. During this trip he also witnessed the cruelties of slavery on sugar plantations, and began to fight for liberty for all.
**RAD WOMEN WORLDWIDE**

Artists and athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other revolutionaries Who Shaped History

Kate Schatz

Biographical profiles showcase extraordinary women from around the world.

**Cecil’s Pride: The True Story of a Lion King**

by Craig, Juliana and Isabella Hatkoff

The story of Cecil the Lion’s rise to power at the Hwange National Park, from his struggles as a cub and alliance with rival Jericho to his untimely death that shocked the world.

**1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving**

by Catherine O’Neill Grace

A recreation of the first Thanksgiving reveals the actual events during the three days that Wampanoag people and European colonists came together.

**Track & Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion**

by Loree Griffin Burns

An adventurous scientist tracks trash it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.

**What Color Is My World?**

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Profiles with fast facts on flaps feature the minds behind the gamma electric cell and the ice-cream scoop, improvements to traffic lights, open-heart surgery, and more.

**Human Body Theater**

by Maris Wicks

A goofy and informative theatrical revue of each and every biological system of the human body.

**Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You**

by Marley Dias

The founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks explores activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good.

**And Nobody Got Hurt!**

by Len Berman

A collection of bizarre and amazing sports moments from around the world.

**ICK! YUCK! EEW!**

Our Gross American History

by Lois Minerhuey

The past was full of yuckiness. This explores the sounds, smells, filth, bugs, rats, poor hygiene, lack of dental and medical care, and bad food of old.
sA: Une Poema Para Cocinar
Jorge Argueta
Young boy and his sister gather the ingredients for salsa and grind them in a molcajete, just like their ancestors used to, singing and dancing all the while.

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander
Twenty writers pay tribute to poets from around the world, from Nikki Giovanni to Billy Collins to Pablo Neruda.

The People Shall Continue by Simon J. Ortiz
An epic poem traces the history of Native peoples, telling stories of community, survival, and strength in the face of invasion and European atrocities.

From the Bellybutton of the Moon / Del Ombligo de la Luna by Francisco X. Alarcon
A collection of poems celebrates the writer’s childhood memories of summers in Mexico, nature, and more.

Are You An Echo? by Misuzu Kaneko
In early-1900s Japan, Misuzu Kaneko grew from precocious bookworm to instantly-beloved children’s poet. But her life ended prematurely, and Misuzu’s work was forgotten. Decades later, her poems have been rediscovered.

This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness by Joyce Sidman
In haiku, pantouns, two-part poems, snippets, and rhymes, Mrs. Merz’s class writes of crushes, overbearing parents, loving and losing pets, and more.

Gone Fishing by Tamara Will Wissinger
In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased.

Bravo! by Margarita Engle
A collection of poems celebrates the accomplishments and spirits of amazing Latinx people, from a musician to a botanist to a baseball player to a pilot.
**John Henry** by Julius Lester

John Henry, a Black railroad worker who won a contest against a steam drill.

**The Wall in the Middle of the Book** by Jon Agee

A knight is certain that a wall rotects him from dangers waiting him on the other side. Does it?

**Stevie** by John Steptoe

Robert wishes Stevie, a house guest, would go away—but when he does, Robert finds himself missing Stevie.

**More-igami** by Dori Kleber

Joey, who loves anything that can fold, tries to learn origami, but it takes lots of time and practice before he can perfect the craft.

**Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes

Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.

**Alfie: The Turtle That Disappeared** by Thyra Heder

Nia and her pet turtle, Alfie, describe what happens when he disappears on the eve of her seventh birthday to find her a special present.

**Crossing Bok Chitto** by Tim Tingle

In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with an enslaved boy from a plantation across the great river; when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.

**Chalk** by Bill Thomson

A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

**Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote** by Duncan Tonatiuh

When Papa Rabbit does not return home as expected from many seasons of working in the great carrot and lettuce fields of El Norte, his son Pancho sets out on a dangerous trek to find him, guided by a coyote.
Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbi Michiko Florence
A nag to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, ght, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year’s.

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
Omakayas, a seven-year-old Ojibwe girl, lives through the joys of summer and the perils and atrocities of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
A plucky sixth grader navigates changes at school and home as her close-knit Latinx family faces the painful reality that her beloved grandfather has Alzheimer’s. 2019 Newbery Medal.

Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

The Handbook For Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell
Princess Matilda, whose lame foot brings fear of the evil eye, escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her servant Judith and an old friend, Parz, in hunting dragons and writing about them.

Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth
When his mother takes in a twelve-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the new boy.

Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up by Melissa Thomson
In her diary, Keena Ford chronicles many mishaps as she begins second grade.

Weekends With Max and His Dad by Linda Urban
Every weekend presents a small adventure as Max gets to know his dad’s new neighborhood—and learns some new ways of thinking about home.

Super Turbo Saves the Day! by Lee Kirby
After the last bell, classroom pet hamster Turbo becomes Super Turbo to fight evil, but he soon finds that he isn’t the only super pet in town.