

Wallingford Public Schools



Suggested Elementary Summer Reading List 2012

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Wallingford Public Library 2012 Summer Reading Program *Enter the Enchanted Woods*



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Dear Families,

Reading, like any other skill, improves with practice. This suggested reading list includes a variety of reading levels and interests compiled by the school and public librarians for elementary school students. We hope you enjoy these titles this summer, and throughout the next school year as well.

To help your child find a beginning reader or chapter book that matches his or her reading ability, ask your child to read a page to you. If he or she has difficulty with more than five words on the page, the independent reading level of the book may be too difficult. Another book with simpler vocabulary, larger text, or more illustrations per chapter might better suit your child. However, reading to and with your child is always beneficial and enjoyable.

Our hope is that this list will provide your child with a starting point when visiting your public library, local bookstore, or a friend's bookshelf. We encourage you to read above and beyond this list as per your child's interest. The public library's children's librarians look forward to further assisting you in finding books for your child.

Whether your child is still emerging as a reader or is proficient at reading, continue to read to them. We believe as parents and readers ourselves that you will enjoy reading many of these titles together. Most importantly, have fun reading!

Elementary Library Media Specialists and Public Librarians

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Selected 2012 Award Winners

Randolph Caldecott Medal Winner:

A Ball for Daisy written and illustrated by Chris Raschka

Randolph Caldecott Honor Books:

Blackout written and illustrated by John Rocco

Grandpa Green written and illustrated by Lane Smith

Me...Jane written and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell

Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal winner:

Tales for Very Picky Eaters Written and illustrated by Josh Schneider

Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Books:

I Broke My Trunk written and illustrated by Mo Willems

I Want My Hat Back written and illustrated by Jon Klassen

See Me Run written and illustrated by Paul Meisel

Coretta Scott King Author Award winner:

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner:

Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom illustrated by Shane W. Evans

John Newbery Medal winner:

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

John Newbery Honor Books:

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin

Robert F. Sibert Medal Winner:

Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet

Robert F. Sibert Honor Books:

Black & White by Larry Dane Brimner

Drawing from Memory written and illustrated by Allen Say

The Elephant Scientist written by Caitlin O'Connell and Donna M. Jackson

Witches!: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzerand

Connecticut Nutmeg Children's Book Award

2013 Intermediate Nominees

The purpose of this award is to encourage students to read quality literature and then choose their favorite from the ten nominated books. In January 2013, students in grades 4 - 6 throughout the state will vote for their favorite title. Read several books to become an informed voter!

Baseball Great by Tim Green

12-year old Josh lives and breathes baseball. When his father pushes him to try out for a championship team, Josh is conflicted because this renowned coach is brutal! While training his hardest, Josh is offered game changing "help" that may turn out to be dangerous. Will Josh join some of his teammates in cheating to win?

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Seven students weigh in on Mr. Terupt's first year as a fifth grade teacher. Each student tells their own story, from the new kid to the bully, about their year together. When a freak accident occurs, how will it change everyone and everything?

Born to Fly by Michael Ferrari

Growing up in Rhode Island in the 1940s, Bird McGill longs to be a pilot. When a young Japanese-American boy joins her class, everyone suspects him of being a spy, but it is up to Bird and Kenji to discover the real spy.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

After Homer's older brother is illegally sold into the Union Army, Homer sets off to rescue him. Along the way he meets tricksters, a snake oil salesman, and a hot air balloonist and finally finds himself at the Battle of Gettysburg. Homer Figg tells the story of his outrageous adventures that will keep you laughing.

My Life As a Book by Janet Tashjian

12-year-old Derek doesn't want to do his summer reading, but he enjoys illustrating his vocabulary words. Derek finds out how important reading is when he discovers mysterious newspaper clippings that he wants to explore. He learns secrets he never imagined existed.

2013 Intermediate Nominees (Continued)

The Potato Chip Puzzles by Eric Berlin

When Winston Breen joins a puzzle competition sponsored by the local Potato Chip Company, the stakes are high: a \$50,000 prize for his school. Can Winston and his team solve six logic puzzles before the other teams?

Powerless by Matthew Cody

Moving into a new neighborhood can be difficult, especially when the neighbors share a secret; they have super powers Daniel learns that his new friends will lose their powers when they turn thirteen and agrees to use his own power, detective work, to figure out what's causing the superpowers to vanish.

A Tale Dark & Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

Once upon a time... Hansel and Gretel decided to escape from their own fairy tale and jump into other classic Grimm inspired tales. As the siblings wander through the land of Grimm, they encounter talking trees and a forest brimming with menacing foes. They'll learn the true story behind the bread crumbs, munch edible houses, and outwit some witches!

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Mini leaves her impoverished parents to talk to the Old Man of the Moon about improving their fortune. Her journey requires the help of many fantastical creatures, including a dragon and a talking fish. Stories from her father weave through the journey and help her reach the Old Man's Never-Ending Mountain.

The Wonder of Charlie Anne by Kimberly Fusco

Charlie Anne's father leaves Massachusetts to find work during the Depression, leaving his family with their miserable cousin Mirabel and a farm full of chores. When another girl moves in next door, Charlie Anne is thrilled, but some townspeople don't feel the same way. Can Charlie Anne and Phoebe help their town overcome prejudice?

To learn more about the Nutmeg Children's Book Award and see a list of past nominees and winners, please visit the Nutmeg Book Award Website at:

<http://www.nutmegaward.org/>

Recommended Titles for Students Entering Grades K-2

Fiction

Animalogy: Animal Analogies, Marianne Berkes

The Best Birthday Party Ever, Jennifer LaRue Huget

The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories, Dr. Seuss

Blue Chicken, Deborah Freedman

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?, Susan A. Shea

How to Teach a Slug to Read, Susan Pearson

Louise the Big Cheese and the Back to School Smarty Pants, Elise Primavera

Lousy, Rotten, Stinkin' Grapes, Margie Palatini

Miss Dorothy and her Bookmobile, Gloria Houston

Perfect Square, Michael Hall

Press Here, Herve Tullet

Pop's Bridge, Eve Bunting

Subway Story, Julia Sarcone-Roach

Three by the Sea, Mini Grey

Wink: The Ninja Who Wanted to be Noticed, J. C. Phillips

Z is for Moose, Kelly L. Bingham

Non-Fiction

Bugs by the Numbers, Sharon Werner

Here Come the Girl Scouts!, Shana Corey

If You Lived Here: Houses of the World, Giles LaRoche

Mirror Mirror: a book of reversible verse, Marilyn Singer

Pierre the Penguin: A True Story, Jean Marzollo

Ready, Set, Grow!, DK Publishing

Step Gently Out, Helen Frost

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature, Joyce Sidman

Tillie the Terrible Swede: How One Woman, a Sewing Needle, and a Bicycle Changed History,

Sue Stauffacher

The Watcher: Jane Goodall's life with the chimps, Jeanette Winter

Favorite Authors and Series for Grades K-2

Favorite Authors and Illustrators

Jim Arnosky	Grace Lin
Franklyn Branley	Margie Palatini
Eric Carle	Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Doreen Cronin	Cynthia Rylant
Lois Ehlert	David Shannon
Kevin Henkes	David Ezra Stein
Steve Jenkins	Rosemary Wells
Tom Lichtenheld	Mo Willems

Books in a Series

26 Fairmont Ave.	Let's Read and Find Out Science
Absolutely Lucy	Magic Tree House
Big Buddy Biographies (ABDO)	Max & Ruby
Biscuit	Mercy Watson
Cat the Cat	Mighty Math
Cork and Fuzz	Minnie and Moo
Dinosaur Cove	Mr. Putter and Tabby
Elephant & Piggie	Nature Upclose
Fancy Nancy	Olivia
First Facts: Why in the World	Poppleton
Fly Guy	Puppy Place
Froggy	Ready Freddy
Henry and Mudge	Skippyjon Jones
Ivy and Bean	Star Wars
Just Grace	Stink
Katie Woo	We Both Read (Treasure Bay Publishing)

Recommended Titles for Students Entering Grades 3-5

Fiction

The Adventures of Beanboy, Lisa Harkrader
The Cheshire Cheese Cat, Carmen Agra Deedy
The Chronicles of Harris Burdick, Chris Van Allsburg
Everest: You Decide How to Survive, Bill Doyle
The Fizzy Whiz Kid, Maiya Williams
Inside Out & Back Again, Thanhha Lai
Junonia, Kevin Henkes
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie, Julie Sternberg
Mission Unstoppable, Dan Gutman
My Life as a Stuntboy, Janet Tashjian
The Popularity Papers, Amy Ignatow
Touchdown Trouble, Fred Bowen
Wonderstruck, Brian Selznick
**The 13 Treasures*, Michelle Harrison
**The Emerald Atlas*, John Stevens
**The Invisible Tower*, by Nils Johnson-Shelton
**No Ordinary Day*, Deborah Ellis
**The Silver Bowl*, Diane Stanley

*For more mature readers

Non-Fiction

Animals Alive: The fight for survival in the wild (DK)
Art Lab for Kids, Susan Schwake
Can You Find It? America, Linda Falken (published by the Metropolitan Museum of Art)
Energy Island: How one community harnessed the wind..., Allan Drummond
Grow Your Own Monsters, Nicola Davies
How Cool is This? (DK)
Just a Second: A different way to look at time, Steve Jenkins
The Legend of Hobbomock, the Sleeping Giant by Jason J. Marchi
The Lego Idea Book
Olivia's Birds: Saving the birds, Olivia Boulter
Mammoths and Mastodons, Cheryl Bardoe
Winter's Tail, Julianna Hatkoff

Favorite Authors and Series for Grades 3-5

Favorite Authors

Avi	Gordon Korman
Andrew Clements	Lois Lowry
Kate DiCamillo	Mike Lupica
Roald Dahl	Wendy Mass
Chris d'Lacey	Jerry Spinelli
Laurie Friedman	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Erin Hunter	Gary Paulsen
Dan Gutman	Jack Prelutsky
Peg Kehret	Rick Riordan
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Louis Sachar
Tim Green	

Books in a Series

Dogs of the Drowned City, by Dayna Lorentz
Dragonbreath, Ursula Vernon
Far Out and Unusual Pets (Enslow)
Goddess Girls, Joan Holub
I survived..., Lauren Tarshis
Kane Chronicles, Rick Riordan
Last Dragon Chronicles, Chris D'Lacey
Lunch Lady, Jarrett Krosoczka
Ripley's Believe It or Not! (series: r twist)
Sherlock Files, Tracy Barrett
Sisters Grimm, Michael Buckley
Spaceheadz, Jon Scieszka
Spiderwick Chronicles, Tony DiTerlizzi
Super Amoeba, Jennifer L. Holm

Wallingford Public Library

Children's Library Presents: Enter the Enchanted WoodReader Beware!

A Summer Reading Program for elementary school students who have completed grades K-5.

A world of mischief, magic and malice awaits those K – 5 readers who are brave enough to enter the Enchanted Wood this summer at the Wallingford Public Library.

All readers can register online, at home or at the library, beginning June 1st and can start logging in their reading on June 22nd. Go to the Library's website and look for the link to Summer Reading www.wallingford.lioninc.org

There are two ways to participate in the fun:

Reading allows you to play on the library's giant gameboard which will be open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday, June 25 – August 3.

Or you can simply log your reading online with your library card and collect prizes as you continue to read until the program officially ends on August 17th.

Grades K -2

Your goal is to read 12 books to complete the summer program [either the gameboard or online] BUT if you read 24 you have a chance to win a Kindle or other BIG prizes!

Reading 2 books allows you to start playing the game [if you choose to play] and collect your first prize.

Grades 3-5

Your goal is to read 6 books to complete the summer program [either the gameboard or online] BUT if you read 12 books you have a chance to win a Kindle or other BIG prizes!

Reading one book allows you to start playing the game [if you choose to play] and collect your first prize

- Keep in mind that studies show the number of books a student reads during the summer is important.
- Reading 4-6 books over the summer helps readers keep the skills they learned during the school year.
- Reading 10- 20 books over the summer helps readers IMPROVE their skills.
- We do ask that kids read books that are appropriate to their reading level and we are always here to help kids find their "just right" book.

Parents take note: All children have different abilities and you know your child best. Therefore it is up to you to determine what level of reading is best for your child. Ex. If a long and challenging book is being read and takes more than one week to read – it may need to be counted as two books. This is your choice to make.

And More! There is also a Family Read Together program this summer for children who have not yet started school - and lots of exciting programs for the whole family.

Summer Reading Goals and Log Sheet

It is always a good idea to set a goal for yourself, even with such things as reading. Choose a few titles from this booklet and list them below. Check off the titles as you complete each book. Later, you can check to see how close you came to accomplishing your goal.

Reminder: The goal for K-2 students is to read 12 books this summer. The goal for 3-5 students is to read 6 books this summer. Read even more to actually improve your skills as a reader this summer!

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