

Grades 3-5 Summer Reading List



**Newton
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Schools**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your child develop a love for books and reading. The Newton County School System and Newton County Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program for your child to last the whole summer.

Research shows that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development. The Newton County School System is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your child meets these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

This summer book list will help you assure that your child is reading high quality literature. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles. Happy reading!

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Contemporary Fiction

<i>Tia Lola (series)</i>	Alvarez
<i>Dog Man</i>	Pilkey
<i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series)</i>	Angleberger
<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i>	Buyea
<i>Room One: A Mystery or Two</i>	Clements
<i>Hate that Cat: A Novel</i>	Creech
<i>The Lemonade War (series)</i>	Davies
<i>Salsa Stories</i>	Delacre
<i>The Magician's Elephant</i>	DiCamillo
<i>The Spiderwick Chronicles (series)</i>	DiTerlizzi
<i>Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It</i>	Frazier
<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>	Gantos
<i>The Road to Paris</i>	Grimes
<i>The Homework Machine</i>	Gutman
<i>When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street</i>	Johnson
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)</i>	Kinney
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Lai
<i>Alvin Ho (series)</i>	Look
<i>Ruby Lu (series)</i>	Look
<i>Julia Gillian (And the Art of Knowing)</i>	McGee
<i>Junebug (series)</i>	Mead
<i>Next to Mexico</i>	Nails
<i>Shiloh</i>	Naylor
<i>The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis</i>	O'Connor
<i>Wonder</i>	Palacio
<i>Big Nate (series)</i>	Peirce
<i>39 Clues (series)</i>	Scholastic (many authors)
<i>Smells Like Treasure</i>	Selfors
<i>Younguncle Comes to Town</i>	Singh A
<i>Series of Unfortunate Events (series)</i>	Snicket No
<i>Girls Allowed (Dogs Okay)</i>	Trueit
<i>Peace, Locomotion</i>	Woodson

Historical Fiction

<i>History Mysteries (series)</i>	American Girl
<i>Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution</i>	Avi
<i>Jefferson's Sons</i>	Bradley
<i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i>	Coerr
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Curtis
<i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i>	Curtis
<i>The Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or Pirates Galore</i>	Fleischman
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry

<i>Scraps of Time (series)</i>	McKissack
<i>Faith, Hope, and Ivy June</i>	Naylor
<i>Keeping Score</i>	Park
<i>Trouble Don't Last</i>	Pearsall
<i>Sugar</i>	Rhodes
<i>Riding Freedom</i>	Ryan
<i>Dear America (series) [includes My Name is America and Royal Diaries series]</i>	Scholastic (many authors)
<i>Countdown</i>	Wiles
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Williams-Garcia
<i>Breaking Stalin's Nose</i>	Yelchin
<i>The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island</i>	Yep

Fantasy/Science Fiction

<i>Secrets of Droon (series)</i>	Abbott
<i>Whales on Stilts!</i>	Anderson
<i>Dragon Castle</i>	Bruchac
<i>The Sisters Grimm (series)</i>	Buckley
<i>Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (series)</i>	Cowell
<i>The Dream Stealer</i>	Fleischman
<i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i>	George
<i>Sardines in Outer Space (series)</i>	Guibert
<i>Boom!</i>	Haddon
<i>Warrior (series)</i>	Hunter
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	L'Engle
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Lin
<i>Charlie Bone (series)</i>	Nimmo
<i>The Magic Thief (series)</i>	Prineas
<i>Harry Potter (series)</i>	Rowling
<i>The Night Fairy</i>	Schlitz
<i>Alien Feast</i>	Simmons
<i>The Books of Elsewhere (series)</i>	West
<i>City of Fire/City of Ice</i>	Yep

Biography

- Side by Side/Lado a Lado: The Story of Dolores Huerta and César Chávez/La Historia de Dolores Huerta y César Chávez*..... Brown
- Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World*..... Fern
- Jimi: Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix* Golio
- Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*..... Hill
- When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* Hill
- Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* Martin
- Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton*.....McCarthy
- Temple Grandin: How the Girl who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World*.....Montgomery
- Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World* Rusch
- Becoming Babe Ruth* Tavares
- Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade* Sweet
- Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* Winter

Folktales, Fairy Tales & Legends

- Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection* Campoy and Ada
- Persephone* Clayton
- Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella*.....Fleischman
- Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales* Hamilton
- The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World* Husain
- The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven* Jiang
- The Blue Fairy Book (series)* Lang
- The Boy from the Dragon Palace* MacDonald
- Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawaii*.....McDermott
- Genies, Meanies, and Magic Rings: Three Tales from the Arabian Nights* Mitchell
- More Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World*.....Olson
- The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold*..... Rylant
- Can You Guess My Name?: Traditional Tales Around the World*.....Sierra
- Tops and Bottoms*..... Stevens A
- Pride of African Tales* Washington

Informational Books

<i>Millions, Billions, & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers</i>	Adler
<i>Shimmer & Splash: The Sparkling World of Sea Life</i>	Arnosky
<i>Dinosaurs in Your Backyard</i>	Brewster
<i>Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard</i>	Burns
<i>Bat Scientists</i>	Carson
<i>Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth</i>	Davies
<i>Haunted Histories: Creepy Castles, Dark Dungeons, and Powerful Palaces</i>	Everett
<i>Locomotive</i>	Floca
<i>The Wolves Are Back</i>	George
<i>Galaxies, Galaxies!</i>	Gibbons
<i>The Reasons for Seasons</i>	Gibbons
<i>Bones: Skeletons and How They Work</i>	Jenkins
<i>Boston Tea Party</i>	Kroll
<i>The Tarantula Scientist</i>	Montgomery
<i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i>	Morrison
<i>Polar Bears</i>	Newman
<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>	Nelson
<i>How to Clean A Hippopotamus</i>	Page
<i>Volcano Rising</i>	Rusch
<i>Discovering Black America</i>	Tarrant-Reid
<i>Insect Detective</i>	Voake

Poetry

<i>Animal Poems of the Iguazu</i>	Alarcon
<i>Sol a Sol: Original and Selected Bilingual Poems</i>	Carlson
<i>Outside Your Window</i>	Davies
<i>In the Wild</i>	Elliot
<i>Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices</i>	Franco
<i>Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat</i>	Giovanni
<i>The Great Migration : Journey to the North</i>	Greenfield
<i>Love to Langston</i>	Medina
<i>Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems)</i>	Park
<i>The 20th Century Children's Poetry Treasury</i>	Prelutsky
<i>Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys</i>	Raczka
<i>The Hound Dog's Haiku: And Other Poems for Dog Lovers</i>	Rosen
<i>Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night</i>	Sidman
<i>Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku</i>	Wardlaw

Adapted Reading List from Boston Public Schools

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