



Reading can be one of the many fun activities children fill their summer time with. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs not only avoid the “summer slide” in learning, but also score higher on reading achievement tests than those who do not participate.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, encourage your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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3aa, Baa, Black Sheep
by Jane Cabrera
Holiday House, 2015, ISBN: 9780923433889
This playful take on the old nursery rhyme shows what happens to the wool the sheep gives out, as it is made into mittens, a vest, and more.

Beach House
by Deanna Caswell
Illustrated by Amy June Bates
Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452124087
Follow a family as they have a fun day at the beach, splashing in the waves, playing in the sand, having a workout, and much more.

Zockatoo, Too
by Bethanie Deeney
Murguialittle bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801026
Enter the jungle where you will meet many cockatoos and toucans and have fun reading this lively story filled with wordplay.

Countablock
by Christopher Franceschelli
Illustrated by Peskimo Abrams/Applesseed, 2014, ISBN: 9781419713743
Counting to 100 becomes exciting as each die-cut page in this board book allows objects like eggs to be counted again after the chicks inside hatch.

Counting Crows
by Kathi Appelt
Illustrated by Rob Dunlavey
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2015, ISBN: 9781442423275
Crows counting their snacks have the tables turned when they realize they will be a snack for the cat in this tale told with great humor.

Cricketsong
by Anne Hunter
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544582590
Exploring the sounds and smells surrounding two children falling asleep on different continents, the reader becomes aware of the interconnectedness found throughout the world in this charming bedtime story.

A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young
by Michael Rosen
Illustrated by Chris Riddell
Candlewick Press, 2015, ISBN: 9780763681166
A parade of diverse toddlers and animals wiggle, giggle, and dance through this volume of silly rhymes and poems that celebrate the sounds of language.

I Hear a Pickle (and Taste It, Too!)
by Rachel Isadora
Penguin/Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780399160493
A group of children describe many things in their world using their senses in this early nonfiction title.

Let's Play
by Hervé Tullet
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452154770
Play your way through this interactive and humorous book!

Looking for Bongo
by Eric Velasquez
Holiday House, 2016, ISBN: 9780823435654
A boy's stuffed dog is missing; can advice from his abuela and a bit of detective work help him find his beloved toy?

My Bus
by Byron Barton
Greenwillow Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780062287380
A helpful bus driver delivers passengers to other modes of transportation, including boats, planes, and trains. Fun counting opportunities abound!

The Night World
by Mordicai Gerstein
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316188227
While everyone in the house sleeps, a boy and his cat go outside to experience the world after dark.

Old MacDonald Had a Truck
by Steve Goetz
Illustrated by Eda Kaban
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452132600
Toddlers will love to sing along with this new version of an old favorite, featuring heavy farm machinery.

Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching
by Laura Gehl
Illustrated by Joyce Wan
Fairair, Straus and Giroux, 2016, ISBN: 9780374301217
Peep tries to convince Egg to come out of his shell.

The Princess and the Pony
by Kate Beaton
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2015, ISBN: 9780545637084
An unconventional warrior princess finds her steed to be her greatest asset on the day of battle.

Rude Cakes
by Rowboat Watkins
Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452138510
A not-so-nice cake learns that only good manners can save him from polite Cyclopes.

Sail Away
by Langston Hughes
Illustrated by Ashley Bryan
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2015, ISBN: 9781481430852
Poetry about the sea by Langston Hughes, beautifully illustrated in cut-paper collage by Ashley Bryan.

Sidewalk Flowers
by JonArno Lawson
Illustrated by Sydney Smith
Groundwood Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781554984312
A young girl living in the city shares wildflowers she finds while walking, transforming the lives of all she meets.

Smick
by Doreen Cronin
Illustrated by Juan Medina
Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780670785780
A dog, a chick, a stick . . . a lick! Youngsters will lap up this enjoyable tale of new friendship.

Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!)
by Julie Falatko
Illustrated by Tim Miller
Viking, 2016, ISBN: 9780451469458
Snappy learns that having a pesky narrator demanding details about him is not such a bad thing after all.

Steam Train, Dream Train 1-2-3
by Sherri Duskey Rinker
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452149141
"Three rabbits hopping as they ride . . ." Count along in this board book as the cars of Steam Train, Dream Train pass by.

Thank You and Good Night
by Patrick McDonnell
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316338011
Three friends at a sleepover enjoy life's simple pleasures in this, the perfect bedtime story.

Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book
by Britta Teckentrup
Doubleday Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781101932421
Learn about colors and seasons and meet the animals who make a tree their home.

Wait
by Antoinette Portis
Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781596439214
On the way to the bus, a mother pulls her preschooler along until, finally, she pauses to enjoy a special site with him.

The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk
by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal
Illustrated by Jess Golden
Beach Lane Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781481448314
"The Wheels on the Bus" has never been so fun as in this modern update to the traditional song, this time set in India!

