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Cambridge Friends School Library

Summer Reading Suggestions for Beginning Readers

**Recommended for Students
Grades 1 - 2**



This list includes new and noteworthy books*, favorite books in graphic format, and a list of recommended series.

Also, remember to include picture books, folktales, biography, poetry and nonfiction when choosing books to read this summer.

Please note that there is a wide variety in interests and abilities among readers; you may also be interested in our other reading lists, which you can find on our website www.cfsmass.org/Library.htm. Our list, "Summer Reading Suggestions for Younger Readers", includes many chapter books for family read-alouds.

This summer, use your public library and reserve your books online!
See the next page for instructions on how to do it.

Happy Reading!

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* Some annotations have been adapted from publishers' information and book reviews.

Use your public library and reserve your books online:



To get access to all these great books, use your public library. Communities in Massachusetts belong to large library networks - this means that they share their resources. Materials can be borrowed from any of the member libraries. You can go online, request books, and have them delivered to your own neighborhood branch.

Most of the communities around Cambridge belong to the Minuteman Library Network:

Go to: www.mln.lib.ma.us

To request books, you must have a library card and a PIN. You can go to your public library to get both. If you already have a card, but not a PIN, you can create a PIN online. You can request books from any of the member libraries, and they will be delivered to any library you choose.

- To search the catalog and request books, first click on *My Account*.
- Put in your library card # and PIN. Click *Submit*.
- On the next screen, there is information about your account, such as which books you have signed out and requested. You can renew your books here. You also can begin to search the catalog.
- Under *My Account*, go to *Modify Personal Information* to see if the library has your e-mail address and to designate where you would like to pick up your books. You will get an e-mail message when your books are ready to be picked up.

To search the public library catalog:

The default method of searching the catalog is by **KEYWORD**. You can also choose other search methods, such as **AUTHOR**, **TITLE**, or **SUBJECT**.

Click on a title that interests you. You will see more information about the book, including whether it is currently available. If you want the book, click on *Request Item*.

Use the *HELP* feature if you have any questions.

For the Boston Public Library System go to: www.bpl.org

If your local library is not a member of either of these systems, go to your library's web page on the Internet and find out how to reserve books.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY PICTURE BOOKS

Ada, Alma Flor. Extra! Extra!: Fairy-Tale News from Hidden Forest

When the residents of Hidden Forest wake up and open their morning papers, they are in for a surprise. An enormous beanstalk has mysteriously sprouted outside of Jack Blake's house, and Jack is nowhere to be found.

Arnosky, Jim. Slow Down for Manatees

A pregnant manatee's painful encounter with its species' chief predator—people in a motorboat—sparks a successful animal-rescue effort.

Beaumont, Karen. Move Over, Rover!

The cumulative text in "Move Over, Rover!" is expanded by illustrations containing context clues to tell the story of creatures from Squirrel to Skunk seeking shelter by squeezing into Rover's doghouse.

Buehner, Caralyn. Would I Ever Lie to You?

When your cousin is always telling outrageous tales, how do you know what to believe? He says you were hatched from an egg in the garden, and that sounds absurd. But not all of his stories are false: He was right about your aunt Mary not having teeth; and Dad agreed with him that, yes, your mom does have eyes in the back of her head! So when Ed tells you that your dessert—the piece of pie you've been looking forward to all meal long—is full of poison, what should you do?

Cazet, Denys. Will You Read to Me?

Hamlet enjoys books and poetry, not playing in the mud and fighting over supper like the other pigs, but he finally finds someone who appreciates him just as he is.

Cole, Joanna. Monster Manners

Distressed over their daughter's lack of bad manners, Mother and Father Monster insist that she misbehave.

Ellis, Andy. Scaredy Dog

Dudley the dog has quite an imagination, and when it runs wild, he turns into Scaredy Dog. When he and Daphne come face-to-face with Attila, the mean, crazy dog from next door, what will happen?

Friend, Catherine. The Perfect Nest

A flustered cat is on the verge of crying fowl in a farmyard story that's rich in detail with a sweet final twist that will crack young readers up.

Funke, Cornelia. Princess Pigsty

Princess Isabella is tired of being pampered, and of sitting around being pretty. She wants to be active and have fun. One morning, after she throws her crown in the fishpond and refuses to be a royal anymore, her father orders her to work in the kitchens for punishment. See what happens!

Giovanni, Nikki and Johnson, Cathy Ann. The Girls in the Circle

Three girls have fun playing dress-up at their grandmother's house in this high-spirited, rhyming story.

Hay, Samantha. Creepy Customers

Much to his surprise, Steve finds that helping out at his dad's pharmacy is anything but boring. Odd characters keep coming into the store—a witch, a vampire, a werewolf, and finally a man carrying his head in his arms. He decides that working in a drugstore is not so boring after all.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. Skinny Brown Dog

A charming story about an unlikely friendship between a baker and a dog that hangs around his bakery.

Keller, Holly. Help!: A Story of Friendship

Mouse and Snake are friends, but when Mouse hears a rumor that snakes are dangerous to mice, he runs away from Snake and falls down a hole. Mouse soon learns that friendships are forever and rumors are just that.

Long, Melinda. Hiccup Snickup

In this giddy, cumulative tale, a hiccupping girl turns to each member of her family for a cure. By the end of the book the afflicted girl has recovered, but everyone else is gasping, "Hic!" This ridiculous remedy is a must for the medicine cabinet.

Madison, Alan. Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly

It's hard to be Velma entering first grade. That's because everyone has marvelous memories of her two older sisters, who were practically perfect first graders, and no one even notices Velma. But all that changes on a class trip to the butterfly conservatory, a place neither of her sisters has been.

McMullan, Kate. Fluffy Goes to School

His name may be Fluffy, but the guinea pig in Ms. Day's class is determined to prove how mighty and brave he is by captaining a stormy boat, driving a police car, and flying a spaceship.

Meng, Cece. The Wonderful Thing About Hiccups

It starts with a case of hiccups during story time at the library. That leads to an outrageous and hilarious adventure involving a hippo, a little sister, an overturned ice cream cart, a librarian who's afraid of heights, and a stack of library books that must be returned—on time and in good condition—if the narrator is going to get her very own library card. And nothing could be more wonderful than that!

Moon, Nicola. Alligator Tales and Crocodile Cakes

Alligator and Crocodile star in two short stories. First, Alligator's long tail makes him easy to find during a game of hide-and-seek, and Crocodile has the same problem. In the second story, Alligator tries to help Crocodile bake a cake but ends up making a mess.

Ormerod, Jan. Ballet Sisters: The Duckling and the Swan

Two sisters like to put on dress-up clothes and dance. The older girl (the swan) is a slightly bossy school-age child who takes ballet lessons. Sylvie (the duckling) admires and often imitates her, but clearly has a mind of her own.

Ries, Lori and Dormer, Frank W. Aggie and Ben: Three Stories

After choosing a new dog, Ben describes what the pet Aggie can do and should not do around the house.

Salley, Colleen. Epossumondas

Epossumondas is the silliest, most lovable possum south of the Mason-Dixon line. He is the star of several books by Colleen Salley, lovingly illustrated by Janet Stevens.

Taylor, Sean and Lewis, Jan. Small Bad Wolf

Small Bad Wolf wants to be bad to the bone like his father, Big Bad Wolf, but when the lazy older wolf gives lessons involving chickens, little piggies, and children, the training does not turn out as planned.

Watt, Mélanie. Scaredy Squirrel and Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend The humor is silly enough that kids with their own "scaredy" tendencies won't feel preached at, and others will just appreciate the ridiculousness that doesn't keep Scaredy from enjoying his life.

Wells, Rosemary and Wheeler, Jody. Bubble-Gum Radar (series)

Mrs. Jenkins' class has two Franks who hurt, bother, tease, trick, act up, bully, and joke their way through the day. One in the Yoko & Friends School Days series.

Willems, Mo. Today I Will Fly! (series)

While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen. Also, My Friend is Sad: When Gerald the Elephant is sad, Piggie is determined cheer him up, but finds after many tries that it only takes the simplest thing to change Gerald's mood. In the new I'm am Invited to a Party!, Piggie is invited to her first party. What will she wear? Gerald, the party expert, will help.

Ziefert, Harriet. I'm Going to Boston to Visit the Ducks

A young boy and girl discuss visiting Public Gardens in Boston, petting the ducks and viewing the swan boats. Also, I'm Going to New York to Visit the Lions: it's a trip to New York City, and Nate and Kate are going to see the lions.

FAVORITE BOOKS IN GRAPHIC FORMAT

Bullock, Mike. Lions, Tigers and Bears: Volume 1 Fear and Pride

Follow Joey Price on the adventure of a lifetime through the Stuffed Animal Kingdom in this epic.

Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows

A graphic format version of the story of the four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat and Badger.

Holm, Jennifer. Baby Mouse (series)

Meet Babymouse, a sassy young mouse who dreams of glamour, excitement, and adventure.

Lechner, John. Sticky Burr: Adventures in Burrwood Forest

Sticky Burr is on the verge of getting kicked out of his village in Burrwood Forest because he isn't prickly enough to suit some of the other burrs, but ...

Morse, Scott. Magic Pickle (series)

The fearless, flying kosher dill superhero meets his match in a feisty eight-year-old.

Proimos, James. Johnny Mutton, He's So Him!

A kind-hearted sheep in human clothing enjoys entering a cooking contest, planning a birthday party, and participating in a staring contest—but each event has an unexpected result.

Runton, Andy. Owly (series)

Owly is an owl, but he's the quintessential gentle soul.

Toon Books Children love the simple graphic format in these books by different authors with titles such as **Luke on the Loose**, **Benny and Penny in Just Pretend**, **Otto's Orange Day**, and **Stinky**.

ENJOYABLE SERIES FOR YOUNGER READERS

Abbott, Tony. Secrets of Droon

Eric and his two friends, Neal and Julie, discover a secret doorway in Eric's basement that leads to the rainbow stairs. The stairs reach down into the wondrous world of Droon.

Adler, David. Bones

Young Detective Jeffrey Bones solves mysteries in this delightful series.

Arnold, Tedd. Hi! Fly Guy

Boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful and funny friendship.

Blade, Adam. Beast Quest

The good Beasts of Avantia are in danger. They have been captured by six terrible new Beasts and taken to Gorgonia, kingdom of the evil wizard Malvel. To free the Beasts, Tom journeys into the sinister Dark Realm.

Chaconas, Dori J. Cork and Fuzz

Cork the muskrat and Fuzz the possum are always up to something unusual.

Howe, James. Houndsley and Catina and the Birthday Surprise

Houndsley and Catina are dog and cat friends.

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways

The fabulous fox sisters return!

Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter & Tabby Bake the Cake

The text and illustrations convey the affectionate relationship between Mr. Putter, his cat, and their neighbors.

Scieszka, Jon. The Time Warp Trio

Short, easy-to-read sentences and lots of zany dialogue perfectly suit the breathless pace.

Wells, Rosemary and Wheeler, Jody. Yoko & Friends School Days

All about the ups and downs in the daily life of children.

