

Tapestry Charter School



*Recommended Summer Reading List for
students entering grades 3 & 4*



What is a recommended reading list?

A recommended reading list is a compilation of titles and authors that are intended to promote good reading habits during the summer months. This list offers suggested titles, but there are many more wonderful titles to choose from at your local library or bookstore.

Why is summer reading important?

Research says that...

- children need to engage with books every day so they can maintain, and ideally strengthen, all the literacy skills they learned during the previous school year.
- children who do not read over the summer are likely to suffer from summer reading loss and possibly fall behind their peers.
- by the time children reach middle school, those who haven't read during the summers may have lost as much as two years worth of achievement.

The good news is that if children read just six books over summer vacation, they will likely avoid summer reading loss. Here are a few ideas to help:

- Take books with you and your child everywhere you go; to the doctor's office, on picnics, on road trips, etc.
- Let your child choose the books he/she wants to read (as long as they're age-appropriate and are written at the *just right* level of difficulty).
- Support his/her reading experience by talking about the books and helping him/her understand and interpret what he reads.
- Read aloud to your child, even if he/she can read on his/her own. It helps build vocabulary and listening comprehension skills.
- Complete a summer reading challenge (Mayor Brown's Reading Rules and Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal are attached)

-Taken from "Helping to Prevent Summer Reading Loss", by Julie M. Wood, Ed.D.

Tapestry Charter School Suggested Book List

Third Grade

Fiction

The Bad Guys By Aaron Blabey

It's nonstop laughs when these bad guys try to be good guys!

Belinda the Unbeatable By Lee Nordling

Join Belinda as she speeds through a magical game of musical chairs.

Louie Lets Loose: Unicorn in New York By Rachel Hamilton

Can a plucky unicorn get his big break in the Big Apple?

Lola Levine and the Ballet Scheme By Monica Brown

Can a soccer player and a ballerina find a way to get along?

The Major Eights: Battle of the Bands By Melody Reed

Four friends love rocking out in the basement, but are they ready to compete in front of an audience?

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Seas By Ben Clanton

Undersea BFFs share their love of books, parties and waffles!

Nate the Great and the Musical Note By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Solve the mystery of a strange musical riddle.

Nonfiction

Celia Cruz: Queen of Salsa By Veronica Chambers

The inspirational life story of one of music's biggest stars.

Weird Sea Creatures (National Geographic Readers) By Laura Marsh

Check out the strangest animals from the ocean deep.

Series

Dory Fantasmagory By Abby Hanlon

Dog Man By Dav Pilkey

You Should Meet... By Various Authors

Chicken Squad By Doreen Cronin

King & Kayla By Dori Hillestad Butler

Other Suggested Titles

Claudia and the Phantom Phone Calls By Ann M. Martin

The Cricket in Times Square By George Selden

Earthquake Terror By Peg Kehret

Fudge-a-Mania By Judy Blume

The Mouse and the Motorcycle By Beverly Cleary

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH By Robert O'Brien

My Side of the Mountain By Jean Craighead George

My Teacher is an Alien By Bruce Coville

Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade By Barthe DeClements

Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte By Jeri Ferris

Owls in the Family By Farley Mowat

Search for the Shadowman By Joan Lowery Nixon

A Share of Freedom By June Rae Wood

Sideways Stories from the Wayside School By Louis Sachar

Time for Andrew, A Ghost Story By Mary Downing Hahn

The Fairy's Return By Gail Carson Levine

Frindle By Andrew Clements

Jake Drake: Teacher's Pet By Andrew Clements

Leon and the Spitting Image By Allen Kurzweil

Lumber Camp Library By Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

The Million Dollar Shot By Dan Gutman

Fourth Grade

Fiction

Anne of Green Gables (Graphic Novel) By Mariah Mardsen

In this gorgeous graphic adaptation, flame-haired Anne takes Green Gables by storm.

Bud Not Buddy By Christopher Paul Curtis

In 1936, orphaned Bud hits the road to find a jazz band that holds the secret of his own roots.

Castle Hangnail By Ursula Vernon

12-year-old Molly shows up to fill the role of Castle Hangnail's new wicked witch.

Graveyard Shakes By Laura Terry

Two sisters at boarding school must team up to battle a haunted graveyard.

Hiding out at the Pancake Palace By Nan Marino

After a young popstar bombs on TV, he finds new hope in the woods of New Jersey.

The Lightning Queen By Laura Resau

In rural Mexico, Teo and Esma begin a magical friendship and fight to make their dreams come true.

Nnewts #1: Escape from the Lizzarks By Doug TenNapel

Herk the Nnewt must flee the vicious Lizzarks after his village is destroyed.

Short By Holly Goldberg Sloan

The shortest kid in the class has the biggest dreams in the school play.

Nonfiction

Weird But True Gross: 300 Slimy, Sticky, and Smelly Facts By National Geographic

Kids Get ready to be shocked by these odd yet true facts.

What is Rock and Roll? By Jim O'Connor

Rock out to the story of one of music's most enduring genres.

Series

Science Comics By Various Authors

Secret Coders By Gene Luen Yang

CatStronauts By Drew Brockington

Mr. Lemoncello By Chris Grabenstein

Jasmine Toguchi By Debbi Michiko Florence

Other Suggested Titles

Beverly Cleary Books

Johanna Hurwitz Books

Hoot By Carl Hiaasen

Because of Winn-Dixie By Kate DiCamillo

The 39 Clue Series

The Winner's Walk by Nancy Ruth Patterson

Rickshaw Girl By Mitali Perkins

Tofu Quilt By Ching Yeung Russell

The Nina, The Pinta, and the Vanishing Treasure By Jill Santopolo

Oggie Cooder By Sarah Weeks

Lincoln and His Boys By Rosemary Wells

She Touched the World By Sally Hobart Alexander

Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence By Russell Freedman

Fourth Grade Celebrity, Gift of the Pirate Queen, Girl Who Knew It All, Left-Handed Shortstop, Rat Teeth, Winter Worm Business, Nory Ryan's Song, Lily's Cross (and many others) by Patricia Reilly Giff

Harry Potter Books By J.K. Rowling

A Series of Unfortunate Events Books By Lemony Snicket

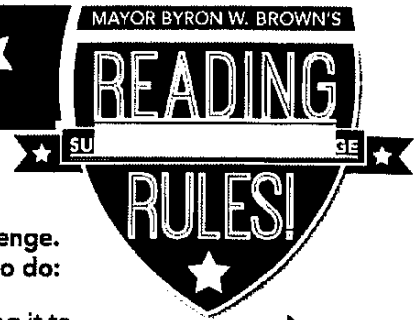
Dear America Books, My America Books, and My Name is America (various authors)

The Spiderwick Chronicle Series By Tony DiTerlizzi

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane By Kate DiCamillo

Math Curse By Jon Scieszka (a book for math phobics)

★ GETTING STARTED ★



DEAR STUDENT,

I invite you to join my Reading Rules! 2018 Kids Summer Reading Challenge. Participation is easy and the rewards are great. Here's what you have to do:

1. Start by completing the attached participation form below and returning it to 2301 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202 as soon as possible.
2. Begin reading!!! Kids from Pre-K to eighth grade (PK-8) must read seven (7) books. High school readers (grades 9-12) only have to read four (4) books to successfully complete the program. Students must read books from their appropriate grade level or higher. You may also read two books of your choice, as long as they are approved by a parent or guardian, in place of two titles from the list.
3. Write at least ten sentences on each book that you have read, including who the main characters are, the problems or situations they face, what you would do in these situations, and what you like and do not like about each book. Don't forget to include your name, the title, and the author on the top of each summary and to have your parent or guardian sign the bottom.
4. E-mail SummerReadingChallenge@city-buffalo.com, fax (716) 851-4134 or mail or drop off your summaries to room 2301 in City Hall by August 10, 2018. After you submit your summaries you will receive an invitation to our awards ceremony which will be held at the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center on August 25, 2018. At the event, you will receive a certificate of achievement, souvenir t-shirt, book bag and a chance to win many great prizes from our sponsors!
5. Get ready for another successful school year as well as your reward for completing my Reading Rules! 2018 Kids Summer Reading Challenge!

HAVE A FUN, SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE SUMMER!

Byron W. Brown

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MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN'S Reading Rules! 2018 Kids Summer Reading Challenge Participation Form

Reader's Name		T-Shirt Size (please circle one)				
		Youth	SM	MED	LG	XL
Street Address		City		Zip Code		
School		New Grade Entering		Phone		
Email		Gender (please check one)			Are you enrolled in Summer Camps	
		<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female			<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Parent/Guardian Name		Parent/Guardian Signature				

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(716) 851-READ (7323) www.buffalony.gov/readingrules email: SummerReadingChallenge@city-buffalo.com

BARNES & NOBLE SUMMER READING JOURNAL

This summer, earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble
Summer Reading Program for kids in Grades 1-6.

SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.
2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between May 15th and September 3rd, 2018.
3. Choose your free reading adventure from the books listed below.

GRADES 1 & 2

The Absent Author (A to Z Mysteries Series #1)	by Ron Roy
Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes (I Can Read! Series)	by Jane O'Connor
Flat Stanley at Bat (I Can Read! Series)	by Jeff Brown
Jorge el curioso construye una casa en un árbol (Curious George Builds a Tree House)	by H. A. Rey
Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch (My First I Can Read! Series)	by James Dean
Sunbeam's Shine (Unicorn Princesses Series #1)	by Emily Bliss
The Stories Julian Tells	by Ann Cameron
Weather (National Geographic Kids Series)	by Kristin Baird Rattini
Where Is the Amazon? (Where Is? Series)	by Sarah Fabiny

GRADES 3 & 4

The 13-Story Treehouse (The Treehouse Books Series #1)	by Andy Griffiths
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	by Roald Dahl
The Haunted House Next Door (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol #1)	by Andres Miedoso
I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 (I Survived Series #15)	by Lauren Tarshis
Judy Moody and the Bucket List (Judy Moody Series #13)	by Megan McDonald
Judy Moody está de mal humor (Judy Moody Was in a Mood) (Judy Moody Series #1)	by Megan McDonald
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	by Robert C. O'Brien
The Trumpet of the Swan	by E. B. White

GRADES 5 & 6

Artemis Fowl	by Eoin Colfer
Book Scavenger (The Book Scavenger Series #1)	by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
The Fairy-Tale Detectives—10th Anniversary Edition (The Sisters Grimm Series #1)	by Michael Buckley
Greenglass House	by Kate Milford
Jack: The True Story of Jack & the Beanstalk	by Liesl Shurtliff
One for the Murphys	by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
A Tale Dark & Grimm (Grimm Series #1)	by Adam Gidwitz
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	by Grace Lin

THIS SUMMER READING JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

STUDENT NAME

SCHOOL

GRADE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Write the titles and authors of the books you've read in the boxes below. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.

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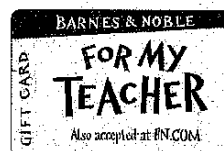
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Summer Reading Program Offer: This offer entitles your school-aged child in Grades 1 through 6 to one (1) free book (from the list on this coupon) when they submit their completed Reading Journal to your local Barnes & Noble store between May 15, 2018 and September 3, 2018, while supplies last. No purchase necessary. Book choice must be made from available stock. There is no guarantee that your book of choice will be available or in stock. This offer does not apply to special orders. Limit of 1 free book per school-aged child (Grades 1 through 6); completing multiple Reading Journals does not entitle the school-aged child to more than 1 free book. Not valid at Barnes & Noble College bookstores, or through Barnes & Noble.com (BN.com). This offer is not redeemable for cash, cash equivalents, Gift Cards, or eGift Cards, and is not valid on past or pre-ordered purchases, nor will the return of such free book provided pursuant to this offer be eligible for credit of any type. This offer is subject to change or discontinuation without notice. We will, however, honor this offer for all completed Reading Journals submitted to a Barnes & Noble store prior to such discontinuation or change. Offer is void where prohibited by law. Barnes & Noble is not responsible for typographical or pictorial errors.

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PARENTAL CONSENT FOR BORROWING VIDEOS

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) loans videos (VHS, DVD, Blu-Ray). Youth may borrow media with parental/legal guardian consent.

As parent/legal guardian I have read and understand the following Library rules:

- Videos may be borrowed for 7 days and may be returned to any B&ECPL location.
- Overdue fines are \$1 per day/per title, capped at \$10. Sundays and holidays are included.
- Entertainment videos are intended for home use only.
- Full retail price is charged for lost media.
- The Library purchases a wide variety of videos, including R-rated titles some with mature themes and language or other characteristics which may not be appropriate for children. It is the responsibility of the Parent/legal guardian to supervise his/her child's selection of media. The Library does not purchase X-rated materials.
- The parent/legal guardian is responsible for all selections.
- The Library is not responsible for any damages to electronic equipment incurred during the use of Library materials.

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR YOUTH INTERNET ACCESS

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) provides public access to the Internet and personal computing resources. Parental consent is required before the B&ECPL will provide Internet access to any youth under the age of 17. To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act and restrict access to online content that may be considered harmful to minors, the B&ECPL employs technology protection measures (filters) on all computers with Internet access. Users must be cautioned that filters are not foolproof and due to technological limitations cannot obstruct access to all potentially harmful or offensive content. The filters may not be removed for youth under the age of 17.

Parents/legal guardians have the sole right and responsibility to decide what is appropriate for their child. The B&ECPL does not act in loco parentis (i.e., in the place or role of the parent). Parents/legal guardians are responsible for the supervision of their child's Internet activity. Children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Parents must be aware of their child's use of the Internet and discuss what information is acceptable for him/her to view or read.

As parent/legal guardian I agree to the following:

- I understand that B&ECPL assumes no responsibility for Internet content.
- An adult must supervise children under age 6.
- My child must abide by the Library's "Rules of Conduct" and is expected to use the Internet and/or personal computing resources in a responsible and orderly manner. Failure to comply with the policies and regulations that govern the use of the Library's Internet access and personal computing resources may result in immediate suspension of library privileges and, where necessary, civil liability and/or criminal prosecution.

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