

**R**eading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

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, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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## ***Astronaut Annie***

by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell

Tilbury House Publishers, 2018, ISBN: 9780884485230

Annie uses inspiration from her relatives to present her career-day aspirations.

## ***Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings***

by Francie Latour, illustrated by Ken Daley

Groundwood Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781773060415

A young girl explores her identity and culture through her aunt's striking artwork.

## ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star***

by Grace Lin

Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN: 9780316404488

The big mooncake that Little Star baked with her mother is so delicious! She's not supposed to eat any until her mother says so, but how can she resist?

## ***Bookjoy, Wordjoy***

by Pat Mora, illustrated by Raúl Colón

Lee & Low, 2018, ISBN: 9781620142868

Mora's lyrical poetry and Colón's richly hued illustrations celebrate reading, writing, singing, and playing with words.

## ***CatStronauts: Mission Moon***

by Drew Brockington

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017, ISBN: 9780316307475

Major Meowser, Waffles, Blanket and Pom Pom set up a solar power planet on the moon.

## ***Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13***

by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Tiedow Phumiruk

Henry Holt, 2018, ISBN: 9781250137524

A nonfiction picture book about one of the African American and female mathematicians at NASA and her involvement with Apollo 13.

## ***Dreamers***

by Yuyi Morales

Neal Porter, 2018, ISBN: 9780823440559

Morales and her young son discover how they fit into their strange new country when they find the public library in this gorgeous, personal picture book.

## ***Dude!***

by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Dan Santat

Roaring Brook Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781626726031

Speaking just one word, a beaver and a platypus share a hilarious adventure at the beach.

## ***A First Book of the Sea***

by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763698829

Fifty-three poems introduce children to the sea and to people and beings that live and work in and around it, from tide pools to harbors, deep-sea animals to explorers, lighthouses to litter.

## ***Fox the Tiger***

by Corey R. Tabor

Balzer + Bray, 2018, ISBN: 9780062398697

Fox wishes he were a tiger—fast and big and sneaky—and pretends to be one, until he meets someone who likes him for being a fox—fast and big and sneaky.

## ***Good Night, Planet***

by Liniers

TOON Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781943145201

After a busy day of play, a girl's favorite toy animal begins his day, befriending a dog, eating a cookie, and exploring the unknown.

## ***Hello Lighthouse***

by Sophie Blackall

Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN: 9780316362382

Learn about the unique chores of a lighthouse keeper and the function of a lighthouse through delicate text and delightful illustrations.

## ***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race***

by Margot Lee Shetterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman

HarperCollins, 2018, ISBN: 9780062742469

A nonfiction picture book that tells the story of the first four African American female mathematicians and their role in the space race at NASA.

## ***Jabari Jumps***

by Gaia Cornwall

Candlewick Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780763678388

The big moment has come for Jabari to jump off the diving board, but is he ready?

## ***Kick It, Mo!***

by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks

Penguin Young Readers, 2018, ISBN: 9780425289815

Mo's family helps him practice his kicking. Will it be enough for Mo to make the winning goal in the big soccer game?

## ***Mae among the Stars***

by Roda Ahmed, illustrated by Stasia Burrington

HarperCollins, 2017, ISBN: 9780062651730

The story of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space.

## ***Meet Yasmin!***

by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly

Picture Window, 2018, ISBN: 9781684360222

Meet Yasmin, a bright, fun Pakistani American second-grader. With her oversize imagination and a little help from her family, there's no problem she can't solve.

## ***My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis***

by Paul Meisel

Holiday House, 2017, ISBN: 9780823436712

Vibrant illustrations add whimsy to this five-month diary in the life of a praying mantis as it eats (its siblings!), hides from predators, and learns to fly.

## ***Our Celebración!***

by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Ana Aranda

Lee & Low, 2018, ISBN: 9781620142714

Join a spirited bilingual summer fiesta complete with a parade, costumes, and fireworks.

## ***Potato Pants!***

by Laurie Keller

Henry Holt, 2018, ISBN: 9781250107237

Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store is having a one-day-only sale of potato pants. Potato knows that he must hurry, because once they're gone, they're gone. Unfortunately, there's an intimidating eggplant in his way.

## ***The Slime Book: All You Need to Know to Make the Perfect Slime***

DK Children, 2017, ISBN: 9781465473738

For slime enthusiasts, this collection of thirty easy-to-read-and-follow DIY slime recipes will be hours of goopy fun!

## ***The Stuff of Stars***

by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763678838

A visually stunning and poetic representation of the beginning of our universe and life.

## ***The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal***

by Nick Seluk

Orchard Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781338166972

Learn why the sun is a big deal in this funny book jam-packed with facts about the sun and our solar system.

## ***Thank You, Omu!***

by Oge Mora

Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN: 9780316431248

Omu is exceedingly kind to her neighbors, but when she has given her all, can she count on others to return her generosity?

## ***Tiger vs. Nightmare***

by Emily Tetri

First Second, 2018, ISBN: 9781626725355

Tiger and her monster gather their courage to fend off a fearsome nightmare in this lushly illustrated graphic novel.

## ***We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga***

by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac

Charlesbridge, 2018, ISBN: 9781580897723

Following a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences, this book shares the contemporary life of the Cherokee people, highlighting their tradition of gratitude.

## ***Whale in a Fishbowl***

by Troy Howell, illustrated by Richard Jones

Schwartz & Wade Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524715182

Wednesday the whale lives in a fishbowl in the city center, but she belongs in the sea. Can she jump high enough to reach her joy?

## ***What Do They Do with All That Poo?***

by Jane Kurtz, illustrated by Allison Black

Beach Lane Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781481479868

Learn about the unique scat of zoo animals, as well as the fascinating things zoos do with the thousands of pounds of poo they collect each day.