

WW-P Summer Reading List Millstone/Village 2017



Research tells us that the more children read, the better they read. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and at home. We want children to continue reading during their summer vacation and to think of reading as an enjoyable, necessary part of their daily routine. Giving children time for reading is critical if we want them to become lifelong learners.

Here is a list of books for *suggested* summer reading. We have included a broad range of books, in age level and type of story. Students are not expected to read all or even most of the books; these are just suggestions. Enjoy your summer, keep reading, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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Recommended Fiction Authors

While visiting your public library or bookstore this summer be sure to check out books by many different authors. Below is a list of awesome authors with many outstanding books.

Judy Blume	Carl Hiaasen
Beverly Cleary	Jennifer Holm
Andrew Clements	Patrick Jennings
Bruce Coville	Gordon Korman
Sharon Creech	Grace Lin
Roald Dahl	Kate Messner
Kate DiCamillo	James Patterson
Stuart Gibbs	Pam Munoz Ryan
Chris Grabenstein	Louis Sachar
Lisa Graff	Sarah Weeks

Fiction Suggested Reading List

The girl who drank the moon

Kelly Barnhill

John Newbery Medal Winner 2017

Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest.

One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge--with dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, a young man from the Protectorate is determined to free his people by killing the witch. The author of the highly acclaimed, award-winning novel *The Witch's Boy* has written an epic coming-of-age fairy tale destined to be a modern classic.

The wild robot

Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After

battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. From bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Peter Brown comes a heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide.

Wonderland

Grabenstein, Chris

Wonderland is a unique motel in south Florida owned by P.T.'s family. In the *first adventure*, P.T. and his friend Gloria save the hotel from closing with some crazy marketing ideas and a real-life treasure hunt. In the *second adventure*, the friends attempt to convince famous movie producers that the Wonderland hotel would make the best location to film their movie. But the duo never considered what they'd do when the movie stars go missing and fans get a little too enthusiastic.

A clatter of jars

Lisa Graff

One of the finest novelists of her generation, National Book Award nominee Lisa Graff returns readers to the world of *A Tangle of Knots*, where a camp for Talented kids just might be a recipe for disaster. In this magical companion to the National Book Award nominee *A Tangle of Knots*, it's summertime and everyone is heading off to camp. For Talented kids, the place to be is Camp Atropos, where they can sing songs by the campfire, practice for the Talent show, and take some nice long dips in the lake. But what the kids don't know is that they've been gathered for a reason--one that the camp's director wants to keep hidden at all costs.

Meanwhile, a Talent jar that has been dropped to the bottom of the lake has sprung a leak, and strange things have begun to happen. Dozens of seemingly empty jars have been washing up on the shoreline, Talents have been swapped, and memories have been ripped from one camper's head and placed into another. And no one knows why. With a camp full of kids, a lake full of magic, and a grown-up full of a secrets, *A Clatter of Jars* is story of summer, family, and the lengths we go to win back the people we love.

Full of beans

Jennifer Holms

Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort. Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a whopper a mile away, because they are the savviest bunch of barefoot conchs (that means "locals") in all of Key West. Not that Beans really minds; it's 1934, the middle

of the Great Depression. With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself.

Ollie's odyssey

William Joyce

From the creator of *The fantastic flying books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* and *The guardians of childhood* comes a grand adventure of valor, friendship, and a look into the mysterious world of favorite toys. In the secret realm of toys, there are many mysteries. There is the Code of the Toys, which is as ancient as childhood. There's also the magic of becoming a child's favorite, the highest honor in the Toy World. Made by hand by Billy's mother, Ollie becomes Billy's favorite. But there are villains in the Toy World, and Zozo, the clown king, is the most feared. He and his toy henchman have sworn to steal and imprison favorite toys until they forget their children and become forever lost. When Ollie is toy-napped, Billy must rescue his beloved favorite from Zozo's subterranean lair. Never has a journey of ten blocks been more epic.

Unidentified Suburban Object

Mike Jung

The only Asian American at her school, Chloe Cho has learned to deal with remarks about her skills at violin playing and general academic work. Still, she can count on Shelley, her longtime best friend, to see beyond her cultural identity. At the beginning of seventh grade, their new social studies teacher doesn't just share Korean heritage with Chloe, they even like the same K-pop group. But an assignment to interview a parent and record a family story precipitates a crisis that lands Chloe in the principal's office at school and, worse, in a painful argument with Shelley.

Fala

Kate Klimo

Dog Diaries **series**

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's nearly constant companion, Fala the Scottish terrier was in the unique position to witness the workings of the U.S. presidency. And now for the first time, the sassy Scottie shares his story with readers--from his idyllic puppyhood spent chasing squirrels through his adulthood spent chasing dignitaries around the world with FDR! This entertaining tale gives middle-graders a dog's-eye view of the events leading up to the United States entering World War II, as well as a look at the private side of FDR's life in a wheelchair. Based on primary source material, with realistic black-and-white illustrations and an appendix including information about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, World War II, Scottish terriers, and more, this is the kind of historical fiction that begs to be read.

Masterminds

Gordon Korman

The first book in a new action-packed series from New York Times bestselling author Gordon Korman. Eli Frieden lives in the most perfect town in the world: Serenity, New Mexico. Honesty and integrity are valued above all else. The thirty kids who live there never lie—they know it's a short leap from that to the awful problems of other, less fortunate places. Eli has never left Serenity . . . why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.

Space Taxi : Archie takes flight

Wendy Mass

Visiting author 2017

The first in the Space Taxi series, this sci-fi adventure introduces an engaging character, Archie Morningstar, and a talking cat sidekick who fights crime. When the action begins, Archie doesn't know about his father's secret identity as an intergalactic voyager who pilots a space taxi. Soon Archie himself is being tested as a navigator who can expertly spot wormholes. When a fare turns out to be a wanted criminal, Archie and his dad make the acquaintance of a cat Archie nicknames Pockets. The plotting never overdoes it, the surprises are gentle, and the humor is always on target for a young demographic. Prepare your cab fare for future installments.

Word of mouse

James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

James Patterson's newest illustrated middle grade story follows the illuminating journey of a very special mouse, and the unexpected friendships that he makes along the way. Isaiah, born and raised in a lab the mouse has blue fur, is well-spoken, and can read and write. When he and his 96 siblings escape from the lab, Isaiah is the only one who eludes capture. After being taken in by a mischief of mice who live in the cellar of the Brophy family home, Isaiah becomes a valuable member of the family, outwitting the family cat and rescuing a mouse caught in a trap, among other exploits.

Nick and Tesla's robot army rampage : a mystery with hoverbots, bristlebots, and other robots you can build yourself

Bob Pflugfelder

Series

Nick and Tesla return in an all-new, robot-filled adventure! When a rash of robberies hits the town of Half Moon Bay, 11-year-old sleuths Nick and Tesla are determined to catch the criminals--but to do so, they'll have to build a host of new gadgets and gizmos! In this robot-themed follow-up to Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab, the brother-and-sister duo build four different droids out of ordinary household objects--and illustrated instructions are included throughout the story, so you can build them, too! Make bristlebots that buzz, hoverbots that float above the ground, battlebots that duke it out, and more! Can Nick and Tesla catch the criminal mastermind--and foil his army of rampaging robots--before it's too late?

Woof : a Bowser and Birdie novel

Spencer Quinn

Series

Bowser is a mutt, just adopted by eleven-year-old Birdie Gaux and her grandmother, but when they all get home to Grammy's bait and tackle shop in the bayou they discover that their prize stuffed marlin has been stolen--so Bowser decides to investigate, and things quickly become complicated and dangerous.

Story thieves

James Riley

Series

A hilarious, action-packed New York Times bestselling series launches with a story-within-a-story, from the author of the Half Upon a Time trilogy. Life is boring when you live in the real world, instead of starring in your own book series. Owen knows that better than anyone, what with the real world's homework and chores. But everything changes the day Owen sees the impossible happen—his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the library. It turns out Bethany's half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character. Bethany can't let anyone else learn her secret, so Owen makes her a deal: All she has to do is take him into a book and he'll never say a word.

Short

Holly Goldberg Sloan

Julia Marks is taking readers somewhere over the rainbow and embarking on a summer of self-discovery. Always considered short for her age, Julia is used to being picked last for sports teams in school, even by her closest friends, and is self-conscious enough of her height that she never uses the dreaded S-word. Her outlook changes, however, when her mother forces her to audition for the local university's summer-theater production of *The Wizard of Oz*, in which she is cast as the lead Munchkin dancer. Bubbling over with humor and tenderness, this is an irresistible story of self-discovery and of the role models who forever change us.

Save me a seat

Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan (Local author)

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.