

SUMMER recommended reads! 2025

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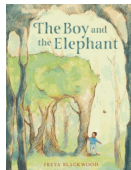
Grades K-1



PUFF: ALL ABOUT AIR

By Emily Moon

Puff the wisp of air leads young readers on an adventure that reveals air's role in the atmosphere and its impact on life on earth.



THE BOY AND THE ELEPHANT

By Freya Blackwood

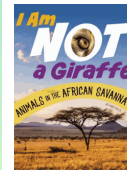
A boy cherishes an overgrown piece of land where he befriends an imagined elephant formed by the trees, but when builders arrive to clear the space, he must devise a plan to save his cherished friend.



HEATWAVE

By Lauren Redniss

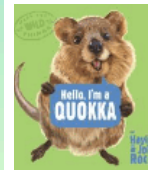
An almost unbearably hot day of one hundred degrees is transformed as raindrops fall one by one, culminating in a downpour.



I AM NOT A GIRAFFE: ANIMALS IN THE AFRICAN SAVANNA

By Mari Bolte

The African savanna is home to many kinds of animals, including me!



HELLO, I'M A QUOKKA

By Hayley & John Rocco

An introduction to the unique characteristics of the quokka.



A NEW CAR FOR PICKLE

By Sylvie Kantorovitz

Pickle thinks he needs a new car, and tries several that are either too fast, too large, or too expensive—until Coco the mechanic shows him what is wrong with the car he already had.



THE DOG AND PONY SHOW: DOG GETS A PET

By Jeff Mack

Pony has a surprise for Dog—a pet rock!



HENRY AND SOMETHING NEW

By Jenn Bailey

Henry, a young boy with autism goes on a class field trip to the natural history museum, with instructions to find something new.



THE BIGGEST ROLLER COASTER

By Tina Kugler

Fox siblings Fritz and Franny, and their patient dog Fred, are at the amusement park squabbling about which ride is fastest and loudest.

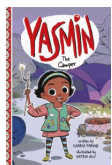


FOX VERSUS FOX

By Corey R. Tabor

When a newcomer arrives, Fox demonstrates all his foxy skills, but when the other creature can do all the same things, he wonders if it really is another fox—and possibly a new friend!

Grades 2-3



YASMIN THE CAMPER

By Saadia Fauqi

Yasmin is excited but nervous about her first camping trip with her scout troop—and a tent that threatens to collapse does not help.



JONTY GENTOO: THE ADVENTURES OF PENGUIN

By Julia Donaldson

Jonty Gentoo is excited by his aunts' stories of the South Pole, so he slips out of the zoo, and sets out to find his ancestral home—which would be easier if he was not swimming in the wrong direction.



THE PRINCESS AND THE (GREEDY) PEA

By Leigh Hodgkinson

This little pea is hungry! After lots of eating, it needs to sleep. But whose dinner did it steal?



THE YELLOW BUS

By Loren Long

A forgotten school bus finds joy and purpose in the most unexpected places.



HOME IN A LUNCHBOX

By Cherry Mo

After moving to America from Hong Kong, Jun feels isolated at her new school but discovers a sense of home in the familiar foods and flavors she finds in her lunchbox.



EXCEPT ANTARCTICA!

By Todd Sturgell

Turtles are found on every continent EXCEPT Antarctica. But not for long!



ERNO RUBIK AND HIS MAGIC CUBE

By Kerry Aradhya

Presents an illustrated look at Ernő Rubik and the Rubik's Cube, revealing the obsession, imagination, and engineering process behind the creation of the puzzle that will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024.



DAVID ATHERTON'S BAKING BOOK FOR KIDS

By David Atherton

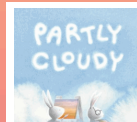
Winner of The Great British Baking Show David Atherton delivers his eagerly anticipated first baking book, jam-packed with kid-friendly recipes for budding young bakers.



I AM NOT A DOG: PET ANIMALS

By Mari Bolte

Around 84 percent of homeowners have a pet, so I'm in good company. I'm a common pet, but I am not a dog. Read the clues and try to guess which pet I am before the end of the book!



PARTLY CLOUDY

By Deborah Freedman

Two curious bunnies enjoy watching clouds go by. But when they look at the sky, they each see something completely different!

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Grades 4-5



FERRIS

By Kate DiCamillo

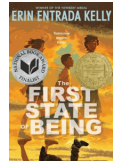
Da hilarious and achingly real love story about a girl, a ghost, a grandmother, and growing up.



THE GREAT ZOODINI

By P.J. Gardner

When his latest escape goes wrong, the Great Zoodini—a fennec fox—winds up with the chance to become world-famous but wonders if fame is worth losing his newfound family—the only ones who've ever accepted him.



THE FIRST STATE OF BEING

By Erin Entrada Kelly

When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely twelve-year-old boy, changing the course of their lives forever.



THE WILD ROBOT PROTECTS

By Peter Brown

Roz must take an under-the-ocean journey to save her island from a mysterious poison tide



THE ONE AND ONLY FAMILY

By Katherine Applegate

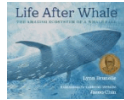
As Ivan navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his life before the glass walls of the mall circus, his own childhood in the jungle—and his own twin.



HOOKY

By Miriam Bonastre Tur

A fantastical story about twin siblings Dani and Dorian who have missed the bus to magic school and scramble to find a mentor to teach them before their parents find out.



LIFE AFTER WHALE: THE AMAZING ECOSYSTEM OF A WHALE FALL

By Lynn Brunelle

A book about the rich ecosystem that springs up around the death of a whale in the deep sea



THE GREAT LAKES: OUR FRESHWATER TREASURE

By Barb Rosenstock

A picture book about the five largest lakes in North America—how they formed, the importance of these waters, and how they've become a national treasure



WILD PLACES: THE LIFE OF NATURALIST DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

By Mari Bolte

A nonfiction account of the life of British naturalist David Attenborough and his advocacy for the protection of wild places on Earth.



CALL THE BEE DOCTOR! HOW SCIENCE IS SAVING HONEY BEES

By Sandra Markle

Since Colony Collapse Disorder began decimating honey bees in 2006, scientists have been researching its causes and how to prevent it. Get an up-to-date look at what we know and how new innovations are saving honey bees

All Grades

Looking for more book recommendations?

Check out the 2025 Summer Reading Book Lists by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) here:



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



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Join the Guilderland Public Library for their summer reading program – log your reading for prizes and participate in fun events!

GPL Kids



SUMMER READING 2025

AT ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY

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The Summer Reading Program is a super fun series of free events and programs at Altamont Free Library that celebrate reading, exploration, adventure and summer fun!

ACTIVITIES BEGIN IN JUNE 30TH!

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