

**R**eading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time. And 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. Connect with your local library to find out what's happening this summer.



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BIRTH *through* PRESCHOOL

## *All Kinds of People*

by Shelley Rotner, photographs by Sheila M. Kelly  
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2018  
ISBN: 9780823439720

Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in lots of shades in this introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.

## *Before & After*

by Jean Jullien  
PHAIDON PRESS, 2017  
ISBN: 9780714874081

A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

## *Be Kind*

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill  
ROARING BROOK, 2018  
ISBN: 9781626723214

This sweet story shows how acts of kindness, both big and small, can make a huge difference in someone's life—and yours!

## *Besos for Baby: A Little Book of Kisses*

by Jen Arena, illustrated by Blanca Gómez  
LITTLE, BROWN, 2014  
ISBN: 9780316230377

This is a wonderful bilingual read-aloud with beautiful graphic illustrations. It's a story that is bound to show that love is the same no matter the language!

## *Ciao, Baby! In the Park*

by Carole Lexa Schaefer, illustrated by Lauren Tobia  
CANDLEWICK, 2018  
ISBN: 9780763683986

Baby and Nonna go to the park and greet new friends with a warm hello: Ciao, squirrel! Ciao, pigeon!

## *Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!*

by Cori Doerrfeld  
DIAL, 2019  
ISBN: 9780525554233

Stella and Charlie are best friends, but how will their friendship change when Charlie must move away?

## *Hair Love*

by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison  
KOKILA, 2019  
ISBN: 9780525553366

Daddy steps in when Mommy is busy and Zuri needs help doing her hair.

## *Hello Humpback!*

by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers  
HARBOUR PUBLISHING, 2017  
ISBN: 9781550177992

First Nations artist Vickers takes toddlers to the wild and magical West Coast.

## *Littles: And How They Grow*

by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by AG Ford  
DOUBLEDAY, 2017  
ISBN: 9780399555268

From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in the lives of growing children.

## *Little Sunny Sunshine / Sol solecito*

by Susie Jaramillo  
ENCANTOS, 2018  
ISBN: 9781945635113

A little piggy celebrates the radiance of the sun and the wistfulness of the moon, in English and Spanish.

## *Lucía the Luchadora*

by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez  
POWL, 2017  
ISBN: 9781576878279

"With that mask, you can become anything you dream of being." Lucía's abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies, by sharing that Lucía comes from a long line of strong luchadoras.

## *My Heart*

by Corinna Luyken  
DIAL, 2019  
ISBN: 9780735227934

Listen to the gentle, rhythmic text describe your heart in an abstract way.

## *One Lonely Fish*

by Andy Mansfield, illustrated by Thomas Flintham  
BLOOMSBURY, 2017  
ISBN: 9781681192017

Bold colors, die-cut pages, and a twist ending assure repeated readings of this cleverly designed concept book.

## *A Parade of Elephants*

by Kevin Henkes  
GREENWILLOW, 2018  
ISBN: 9780062668271

Five elephants are on a mission, marching from

dawn to dusk, up and down, through and around in this colorful concept book.

## *Puppy Truck*

by Brian Pinkney  
ATHENEUM, 2019  
ISBN: 9781534426870

Carter wants a puppy, but he gets a truck instead. Carter's imagination grows, while the reader becomes immersed in the words and sounds of his world.

## *Rain!*

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Christian Robinson  
HMH BOOKS, 2017  
ISBN: 9780544880375

A delightful exploration of the power of positive thinking, in a board book format for young children.

## *Rainbow: A First Book of Pride*

by Michael Genhart, illustrated by Anne Passchier  
MAGINATION PRESS, 2019  
ISBN: 9781433830877

Learn the meaning behind the colors of the Pride flag in this colorful and inclusive story.

## *Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse*

by Jane Godwin, illustrated by Blanca Gómez  
DIAL, 2019  
ISBN: 9780525553816

A little brown mouse makes her way around town, naming colors and more as she goes. Engaging rhymes and questions will keep young readers enthralled.

## *Saturday Is Swimming Day*

by Hyewon Yum  
CANDLEWICK, 2018  
ISBN: 9780763691172

A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

## *Summer Supper*

by Rubin Pfeffer, illustrated by Mike Austin  
RANDOM HOUSE, 2018  
ISBN: 9781524714642

Shovel, sow, seed, snack: learn how food goes from farm to table in this alliterative, vibrantly colored tale.

## *Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet / Diez dedos de los pies, dos piecitos*

by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Jane Massey  
LITTLE BEE, 2018  
ISBN: 9781499807073

A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

## *Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug*

by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Jay Fleck  
CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2019  
ISBN: 9781452170336

Tiny T. Rex is determined to master hugging, despite having small arms.

## *Tomorrow Most Likely*

by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Lane Smith  
CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2019  
ISBN: 9781452172781

In this book exploring how soothing and exciting anticipation can be, a child imagines all the adventures he'll "most likely" have in the city tomorrow.

## *Up, Up, Up, Down!*

by Kimberly Gee  
PUTNAM, 2019  
ISBN: 9780525517337

An entertaining look at opposites featuring an energetic toddler and stay-at-home dad.

## *Vroom!*

by Barbara McClintock  
FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2019, ISBN: 9781626722170

A little girl zooms over forests, mountains, rivers, and deserts on an imaginary journey in a race car.

## *You and Me*

by Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Susan Reagan  
CREATIVE EDITIONS, 2018  
ISBN: 9781568463216

This poetically and sensitively explores the importance of balancing attention given to an older and younger sibling.