Reading 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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## All Are Welcome

**by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman**

KNOPF, 2018
ISBN: 9780525579649

A group of diverse students is shown throughout the school day having fun together, with an emphasis on how all are welcome. The story ends at a neighborhood gathering where all are welcome!

## All the Animals Where I Live

**by Philip C. Stead**

ROARING BROOK, 2018
ISBN: 9781626726567

Follow the story of the author, who recently moved from the city to the country, and see the moments that shape his and his dog Wednesday's world.

## Alma and How She Got Her Name

**by Juana Martinez-Neal**

CANDLEWICK PRESS, 2018
ISBN: 9780763693558

Alma learns the stories behind the wonderful people who influenced her name.

## Another

**by Christian Robinson**

ATHENEUM, 2019
ISBN: 9781534421677

In this wordless picture book, readers are taken on a fantastical journey through a young girl's dream.

## 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.

## Camp Tiger

**by Susan Choi, illustrated by John Rocco**

PUTNAM, 2019
ISBN: 9780399173295

A young boy finds friendship in a talking tiger while on his family's camping trip. Along with the amazing pictures, readers will love the adventure these two have.

## Carl and the Meaning of Life

**by Deborah Freeman**

VIKING, 2019
ISBN: 9780451474988

Carl is an earthworm who wonders why he matters in this ecological and philosophical picture book.

## Dreamers

**by Yuyi Morales**

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 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.

## 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.

## Hey, Water!

**by Antoinette Portis**

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2019
ISBN: 9780823441556

Zoe thinks about all the ways we see water in the world in this cheerfully illustrated poem. Curious minds will enjoy additional information about water and conservation at the end.

## Jabari Jumps

**by Gaia Cornwall**

CANDLEWICK, 2017
ISBN: 9780763678388

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

## Just in Case You Want to Fly

**by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Christian Robinson**

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2019
ISBN: 9780823443444

What do you need for your next adventure? Explore this nurturing tale through colorful pictures and lyrical text.

## Llama Destroys the World

**by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox**

HENRY HOLT, 2019
ISBN: 9781250303172

A funny, silly llama eats too much cake, and the resulting silliness takes the reader on a rollicking journey through his wild adventures.

## 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.

## Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero!

**by Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez**

LITTLE SIMON, 2018
ISBN: 9781534432703

Mia embarks on a super journey after finding out that she has a super secret.

## My Papi Has a Motorcycle

**by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña**

KOKILA, 2019
ISBN: 9780525553410

Daisy and her papi take a spin on his motorcycle, taking in the sights and sounds of their beloved neighborhood.

## 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.

## The Patchwork Bike

**by Maxine Beneba Clarke, illustrated by Van Thanh Rudd**

CANDLEWICK, 2018
ISBN: 9781536200317

Against a backdrop of dynamic, action-filled paintings, a young girl describes, with tremendous pride, the bike that she and her brothers made from scrap material, and the adventures they have.

## Peter & Ernesto: The Lost Sloths

**by Graham Annable**

FIRST SECOND, 2019
ISBN: 9781626725720

When a hurricane blows their tree away, Peter, Ernesto, and their friends must find a new tree suitable for a group of sloths.

## The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

**by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly**

LITTLE, BROWN, 2019
ISBN: 9780316519007

Faizah's older sister, Asiya, is a princess. She certainly looks like one on her first day of sixth grade and her first day wearing her beautiful, bold blue headscarf to school.

## Saturday

**by Oge Mora**

LITTLE, BROWN, 2019
ISBN: 9780316431279

Ava's mom works all week long, but Saturday is their special day off! When their plans don't go as expected, can Ava and her mom still have a perfect day?

## Skulls!

**by Blair Thornburgh, illustrated by Scott Campbell**

ATHENEUM, 2019
ISBN: 9781534414006

A book all about skulls and their many functions!

## Summer

**by Cao Wenxuan, illustrated by Yu Rong**

MACMILLAN, 2019
ISBN: 9781250310064

Readers find out how some of their favorite animals stay cool during the summertime in this whimsical, poetic book.

## 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.

## Where Are You From?

**by Yamile Saied Méndez, illustrated by Jaime Kim**

HARPERCOLLINS, 2019
ISBN: 9780062839930

A young girl is asked where she is from, so she turns to her abuelo for help answering and gets a very unexpected response.

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