Class K, I, and II Summer Reading List

With summer vacation comes the joy of reading for pleasure. When you are selecting books to read over the summer, choose books from a broad range of genres and formats, such as historical fiction, fantasy, biographies, poetry, nonfiction, and graphic novels. This list includes suggestions for great summer reads, but feel free to read other books too. We hope it gets you started on a full summer of reading! Explore your public library and ask friends and family for more suggestions.

Happy reading,
The Librarians

Indicates newly added

Brown, Lisa. The Airport Book
Follow a family on its way through the complexity of a modern day airport.

Buitrago, Jairo. Two White Rabbits
In this moving and timely story, a young child describes what it is like to be a migrant as she and her father travel north toward the U.S border.

Castillo, Lauren. Nana in the City
A young boy is frightened by how busy and noisy the city is when he goes there to visit his Nana, but she makes him a fancy red cape that keeps him from being scared.

Corwall, Gaia. Jabari Jumps
Jabari has passed his swim test and is ready to swim at the community pool. But when he decides to jump off the diving board, he climbs to the top and it’s a lot scarier than it seems. Will he be able to do it?

Denos, Julia. Windows
Walking his dog at dusk, one boy catches glimpses of the lives around him in this lovely ode to autumn evenings, exploring your neighborhood, and coming home.

Doerrfeld, Cori. The Rabbit Listened
A sweet and thoughtful story about loss.

Ismail, Yasmeen. I'm a Girl
What does it mean to be a girl? The main character in this book is not afraid to be herself.

Lazar, Tara. 7 Ate 9: The Untold Story
Narrated like a hardboiled detective story, Private I is determined to get to the bottom of why 7 wants to get 6 after 7 ate 9.

Lê, Minh. **Drawn Together**
The universal story of a boy and his grandfather as they navigate language and cultural differences together.

Love, Jessica. **Julián Is a Mermaid**
A beautifully illustrated story of the Coney Island Mermaid Parade and the story of a boy who wants to be a part of it.

Lukoff, Kyle. **When Aidan Became a Brother**
An Own Voices picture book that shares the experience of a transgender boy’s life as he becomes a big brother.

Morales, Yuvi. **Dreamers**
The powerful story of a family who emigrated to the United States from Mexico and the role libraries and books played in making them feel welcome.

Murray, Diana. **City Shapes**
A young girl takes a geometric walk around New York City. Traveling from one corner to another she sees the urban landscape take on unique space.

Ransome, James. **The Bell Rang**
A slave family is distressed when they discover their son Ben has run away.

Senior, Olive. **Anna Carries Water**
This story is set in the Caribbean but tells the universal story of wanting to grow up. Anna wonders when she’ll be old enough to carry water on her head like the other children in her neighborhood.

Sorell, Traci and Frane Lessac. **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga**
Beginning in fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

Shannon, George. **One Family**
Learn the things families can be in this book that introduces the concept of families in a fun, mathematical way.

Sidman, Joyce. **Before Morning**
Let snow fall overnight and change the world before morning, making it "slow and delightful and white."
Tetri, Emily. **Tiger Vs. Nightmare**
What happens when Tiger has a monster living under her bed?

Adler, David. **Mo Series**
Follow Mo and his athletic pursuits in *Don’t Throw It To Mo*, *Get a Hit Mo*, and *Kick It Mo*

Ishida, Sanae. **Little Kunoichi**
Ninja skills don’t come easily to Little Kunoichi. She needs determination and a special friend to unleash her power!

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad**
Follow the adventures of best friends, Frog and Toad in this classic early reader series.

Crews, Nina. **The Neighborhood Mother Goose**
A collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, illustrated with photographs in a city setting.

Goldman, Judy. **Whiskers, Tails, & Wings: Animal Folktales from Mexico**
A collection of retold animal folktales from five indigenous groups in Mexico- the Tarahumara, Seri, Huichol, Triqui and Tzeltal. Each story is followed by information about the featured culture.

Haack, Daniel. **Prince & Knight** A noble prince and brave knight come together to defeat a terrible monster and in the process find true love.

Ramos, Mario. **I Am So Clever** The big bad wolf is hungry and on today’s menu is Grandma’s house, but what happens if Grandma’s not home?

Solnit, Rebecca. **Cinderella Liberator** Subtle changes update Cinderella to tell a story of choice and self-determination.

Hatke, Ben. **Little Robot**
A robot finds life confusing outside the robot factory, until it finds a friend in a little girl.

Jamieson, Victoria. **The Great Pet Escape**
Meet the class pets of Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School as they make their escape.

Liniers. **Written and Drawn By Henrietta**
When Henrietta's mother gives her a box of colored pencils, she sets out to draw a terrifying and fantastic adventure.

Venable, Colleen. **Pet Shop Private Eye**
This series begins when Sasspants, a guinea pig agrees to be a private investigator to find out who is stealing sandwiches from the pet shop's owner.

Angleberger, Tom. **Inspector Flytrap**
Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden.

Han, Jenny. **Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream**
Korean American Clara Lee longs to be Little Miss Apple Pie, and she overcomes her fear of public speaking to enter a competition.

Medina, Meg. **Mango, Abuela, and Me**
Mia's Abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city.

Birney, Betty. **The World According to Humphrey**
Meet the students of Longfellow School, told from the point of view of Humphrey, the class hamster.

Citro, Asia. **Zoey and Sassafras**
A girl, Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help with a dragon problem.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson**
Meet the loveable pig Mercy and the rest of the gang from Deckawoo Drive in this brightly illustrated series.

Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory**
Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer driving her family nuts.

Himmelman, John. **Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny**
Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature, unless she has to.

Iwasa, Megumi. **Yours Sincerely, Giraffe**
Follow the heartwarming adventures of a lonely giraffe and a funny penguin in Yours Sincerely, Giraffe and its sequel Dear Professor Whale.

McKay, Hilary. **Lulu**
Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

Messner, Kate. **Marty McGuire**
In the vein of famous heroines Ramona, Clementine, and Judy Moody, meet Marty McGuire, a girl who doesn't like to sit still.

West, Kara. **Mia Mayhem is a Superhero**
Meet Mia Macarooney, an ordinary eight-year-old who finds out she has an extraordinary super-secret.

Burcaw, Shane. **Not So Different: What you Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability**
This picture book answers questions children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts humor and empathy.

Chin, Jason. **Gravity**
Jason Chin takes the complex subject of gravity and makes it accessible to young readers in his unusual text and innovative illustrations.

McCarthy, Megan. **Astronaut Handbook**
Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Find out in this book!

National Geographic. **Readers Series**
This series covers a wide range of subjects, from animals to biographies, to rocks and minerals, with high-quality photographs and engaging and informative text.

Urwin, Mike. **Migration: Incredible Animal Journeys**
Beautifully illustrated by Jenni Desmond, this book follows the migration patterns of many different creatures in the animal kingdom.

Fogliano, Julie. **When Green Becomes Tomatoes**
A book of poetry about the changing seasons.

Janeczko, Paul B. **Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems**
An illustrated collection of classic short poems by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Charlotte Zolotow, and others.

Nesbitt, Kenn. *My Hippo Has the Hiccups: And Other Poems I Totally Made Up*
This illustrated collection of clever poems will have students laughing out loud as they read. These poems are also great for reading aloud!

Trillin, Calvin and Roz Chast. *No Fair! No Fair! And Other Poems of Childhood*
A first collection of poetry many families may see themselves in


Johnson, Becky. *My First Baking Book: 50 Recipes for Kids to Make and Eat*

Larsen, Elizabeth. *Unbored: The Essential Field Guide to Serious Fun*

Roche, Art. *Art for Kids Comic Strips: Create Your Own Comic Strips from Start to Finish*