



Summer Reading Book Recommendations for EACMSI Junior Level

The Junior Level Library is organized into five categories. We talk to the children about how the process of learning to read is like the process of becoming a butterfly. Everyone starts learning the sounds of letters and slowly morphs until they can read big and complicated books with ease. Everyone makes this metamorphosis at their own pace. The most important thing is to keep practicing reading by choosing books that are “just right” for the reader. The first step on this path is with reading books we call “Emergent Readers.” These are often short books with lots of phonetic words and early sight words. Some of these books are smaller chapter books. The next four steps are “Egg,” “Caterpillar,” “Chrysalis,” and “Butterfly.” Our readers progress through each level as their reading skills develop until they become a full-fledged, high soaring Butterfly Reader!

Our Summer Reading list is organized into our five categories, and students who have been in Junior Level over the past year should know which level of books will be the “just right” fit for them.

***indicates that the book is one in a series**

Emergent Readers

The Nine Lives of Aristotle by Dick King-Smith
Stan the Hot Dog Man by Leonard Kessler
**Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same* by Grace Lin
**Confetti Kids* by Paula Yoo
**Lana’s World* by Erica Silverman
**King and Kayla* by Dori Hillstead Bitler
Mud Pies and Other Recipes by Marjorie Wilson
Ready? Set. Raymond! By Derek Anderson
Want to Play? By Shirley Ng-Benitez
Don’t throw it to Mo! By David Adler
Stop, Drop and Chill by Derrick Barnes
Max and Zoe at the Library by Shelley Swanson
Loose Tooth by Anastasia Suen
Luke on the Loose by Harry Bliss
Katie in the Kitchen by Fran Manushkin
Bradford Street Buddies by Jerdine Nolan
Katie Fry Private Eye by Katherine Cox
My Robot by Eve Bunting
The Pizza That We Made by Joan Holub
The Life of Max by Adria Klein
**Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capacilli
* *Pete the Cat* by James Dean
**Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo
**Happy and Honey* by Laura Godwin

- **Little Witch Learns to Read* by Deborah Hautzig
- **Arthur's Funny Money* by Lillian Hoban
- **A Bargain for Frances* by Lillian Hoban
- **Zelda and Ivy* by Laurie McGee Kvasnosky
- **Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- **Fox All Week* by Edward Marshall
- **George and Martha* by James Marshall
- **Little Critter* by Mercer Mayer
- **Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- **Puppy Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- **Henry and Mudge: the First Book* by Cynthia Rylant
- **Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea* by Cynthia Rylant
- **Poppleton* by Cynthia Rylant
- **Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Egg Books

- **Katie Woo* by Fran Manushkin
- **Ling and Ting* by Grace Lin
- **Calvin Coconut* by Graham Salisbury
- Pedro Goes Buggy* by Fran Manushkin
- Justin and the Bully* by Tony Dungy
- King and Kayla* by Dori Hillstead Butler
- Emma* by Ida Siegal
- West Meadow Detectives* by Liam O'Donnell
- Get a Hit, Mo!* By David Adler
- The First Day of School* by Margaret McNamara
- **Tony and Lauren Dungy Ready to Reads* by Tony/Lauren Dungy
- The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl
- Gooseberry Park* by Cynthia Rylant
- Thimbleberry Stories* by Cynthia Rylant
- **The Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott
- **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Missing Diamonds* by David Adler
- **Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke
- **Little Rat Sets Sail* by Monika Bang-Campbell
- **Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- **Sir Gadabout* by Martyn Beardsley
- **The Case of the Hungry Stranger* by Crosby Bonsall
- **Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
- **Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger
- **Dodsworth in New York* by Tim Egan
- **Iris and Walter* by Elissa Haden Guest
- **My Weird School* by Dan Gutman
- **B is for Betsy* by Carolyn Haywood
- **Bunnicula* by James Howe
- **Lady Lollipop* by Dick King-Smith
- **Flight of the Phoenix* by R. L. LaFevers (Nathaniel Flood, Beastologist, Book 1)
- **Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in Locked Library* by Lucinda Landon
- **Something Queer is Going On* by Elizabeth Levy
- **The Children of Noisy Village* by Astrid Lindgren

- **Betsy-Tacy* by Maud Hart Lovelace
- **Rats on the Roof and Other Stories* by James Marshall
- **Dragon Slayers Academy* by Kate McMullen
- **A Tooth Story* by Margaret McNamara (Robin Hill School series)
- **Rainbow Magic Fairies* by Daisy Meadows
- **Gus and Grandpa* by Claudia Mills
- **Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne
- * *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey
- **Big Max* by Kin Platt
- **In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen* by Cynthia Rylant (Cobble Street Cousins series)
- **High-Rise Private Eyes: the Case of the Missing Monkey* by Cynthia Rylant

Caterpillar Books

- **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen* by Debbi Michiko Florence
- **Alvin Ho* by Lenore Look
- **Julian's World* by Ann Cameron
- **Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe* by Noah Z. Jones
- Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami
- **Zapato Power* by Jacqueline Jules
- **Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi
- **Jada Jones* by Kelly Starling Lyons
- **The Critter Club* by Callie Barkley
- **Sofia Martinez* by Jacqueline Jules
- Key Hunters* by Eric Luper
- A Case of the Clones* by Ada Hopper
- Little Shaq Takes a Chance* by Shaquille O'Neal
- **The Year of...* by Andrea Chang
- Willimena and the Cookie Money* by Valerie Wilson Wesley
- Dara's Clever Trap: A Story from Cambodia* by Liz Flanagan
- **The Number 1 Car Spotter* by Atinuke

- **Kittens in the Kitchen* by Ben M. Baglio (Animal Ark #1)
- **Pet Finders Club* by Ben Baglio
- **A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond
- **Clarice Bean* by Lauren Child
- **Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary
- **Puppy Patrol* by Jenny Dale
- **My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- **Catwings* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- **Amazing Days of Abby Hayes* by Anne Mazer
- **Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker
- **Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* by Donald J. Sobol
- **The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Chrysalis Books

- Steph Soto Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres
- **Lola Levine Meets Jelly and Bean* by Monica Brown
- **Zoey and Sassafras Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro

**Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes
**Ellray Jakes* by Sally Warner
**Clubhouse Mysteries* by Sharon Draper
**Nikki and Deja* by Karen Freeman
Ghost Patrol and the Haunted House Next Door by Desmond Cole
Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome by Sarai Gonzalez
Shai and Emmie Star in Break an Egg! By Quvenzhane Wallis
The Year of the Three Sisters by Andrea Cheng
Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door by Hilary McKay
**Sugar Plum Ballerinas* by Whoopi Goldberg and Deborah Underwood
**Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-Up* by Melissa Thomson
**Ruby and the Booker Boys* by Derrick Barnes
Dog Days by Laura Freeman
Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridge
Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore Look
King For a Day by Rukhsana Khan
Yuko-Chan and the Daruma Doll by Sunny Seki
Donovan's Word Jar by Cheryl Hanna
Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles by Karen English
Jack Plank Tells Tales by Natalie Babbitt
The Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge
Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
The Seven Sorcerers by Caro King
Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck
The Hoboken Chicken Emergency by Daniel Pinkwater
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
**Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin
**American Girl Books* by various authors
**Whales on Stilts* by M.T. Anderson (Pals in Peril series)
**The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks
**The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mac Barnett (Brixton Brothers series)
**Freddy Goes to Florida* by Walter Brooks (Freddy the Pig series)
**Over Sea Under Stone* by Susan Cooper (The Dark is Rising series)
**The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
**Half Magic* by Edward Eager (Magic series)
**The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald
**Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost* by Cornelia Funke
**The Marvelous Inventions of Alvin Fernald* by Clifford B. Hicks
**Comet in Moominland* by Tove Jansson (Moomin series)
**The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
**Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin
**Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren
**Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald
**Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey
**The Doll Shop Downstairs* by Yona Zeldis McDonough
**The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
**Nicholas* by René Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempé

- **The Rescuers* by Margery Sharp
- **All-of-a-Kind Family* by Sydney Taylor
- **The Gecko and Sticky: the Villain's Lair* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- **Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (*Little House on the Prairie*)

Butterfly Books

Cilla Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire by Susan Tan

Lou Lou & Pea and the Mural Mystery by Lesley Vamos

Indian Shoes by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Juana & Lucas by Juana Medina

Izzy Barr, Running Star by Claudia Mills

**Absolutely Alfie and the Furry Purry Secret* by Sally Warner

Dragon Thief by Timothy Zahn

Dragons in the Bag by Zetta Elliott

Lulu and the Dog From the Sea by Hilary McKay

Apple Pie Fourth of July by Janet Wong

Shark Lady by Jess Keating

Starry River and the Sky by Grace Lin

The Castle Corona by Sharon Creech

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm by Norman Hunter

Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

Trouble in Bugland by William Kotzwinkle

The Book of Dragons by E. Nesbit

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne-Jones

**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken

**The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander (*Chronicles of Prydain* series)

**The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum (*Oz* series)

**Tumtum & Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall* by Emily Bearn

**The House with a Clock in Its Walls* by John Bellairs

**The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin

**The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall

**The Name of this Book is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch

**The Children of Green Knowe* by Lucy Boston

**The Mad Scientists' Club* by Bertrand R. Brinley

**The Sisters Grimm: The Fairytale Detectives* by Michael Buckley

**How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell (*Hiccup the Viking* series)

**The Moffats* by Eleanor Estes

**The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley

**George's Secret Key to the Universe* by Lucy and Stephen Hawking

* *Warriors* by Erin Hunter

**Big Red* by Jim Kjelgaard

**Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos* by R.L. LaFevers

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (The Chronicles of Narnia)

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

**The Doll People* by Ann M. Martin

* *Charlie Bone* by Jenny Nimmo

**The Neddiad* by Daniel Pinkwater

**Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome

* *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

* *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

* *Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell

**Magyk* by Angie Sage (Septimus Heap series)

**The Alchemyst* by Michael Scott (The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series)

**The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

**The Edge Chronicles #1: Beyond the Deep Woods* by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

**The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

**100 Cupboards* by N.D. Wilson (100 Cupboards series)

**Detectives in Togas* by Henry Winterfeld

**The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: Book 1: The Mysterious Howling* by Maryrose Wood

Graphic Novels

The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook by Eleanor Davis

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke

Copper by Kazu Kibuishi

The Unsinkable Walter Bean by Aaron Renier

Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity by Dave Roman

Robot Dreams by Sara Varon

**Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword* by Barry Deutsch

**Baby Mouse #1: Queen of the World* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm

**Sticky Burr: Adventures in Burrwood Forest* by John Lechner

**Owly, Vol. 1: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer* by Andy Runton

**Binky the Space Cat* by Ashley Spires

Poetry

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Mary Ann Hoberman

Something BIG Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children: a treasury of 572 poems for today's child selected by Jack Prelutsky

Non-Fiction

Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein by Don Brown

Rare Treasure: Mary Anning and Her Incredible Discoveries by Don Brown

(There are many other great biographies by Don Brown)
The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon by Jacqueline Davies
Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman
Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea by Steve Jenkins
Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest by Steve Jenkins
Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press by Bruce Koscielniak
Built to Last by David Macaulay
The New Way Things Work by David Macaulay
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Candy Bomber: the Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" by Michael O. Tunnell
**What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* by Jean Fritz

Resources

The Horn Book Magazine (Boston, MA: Horn Book Inc. 1945-)

“Independent, opinionated, and stylish, *The Horn Book Magazine* has long been essential for everyone who cares about children’s and young adult literature. Our articles are lively, our reviews are insightful, our editorials are always sharp. We have gathered current and archival material to give you a taste of what we’ve been offering since 1924.”

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The Horn Book Guide

“Published each spring and fall by the Horn Book Inc., the authoritative Horn Book Guide publishes short, critical reviews of virtually every hardcover trade book published in the United States.” (Not available locally but available by subscription)

Pam Allyn, *What to Read When: the Books and Stories to Read with Your Child—and All the Best Times to Read Them* (New York: Avery, 2009).

Eden Ross Lipson, *The New York Times Parents’ Guide to the Best Books for Children* (New York: Three Rivers Press, 2000).

Nancy Pearl, *Book Crush: For Kids and Teens – Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Interest* (Seattle, WA: Sasquatch Books, 2007).

Roger Sutton and Martha Parravano, *A Family of Readers: the Book Lover’s Guide to Children’s and Young Adult Literature* (New York: Candlewick Press, 2011).