

2016 Suggested Summer Reading Lists

The books represented on this list are a combination of enjoyable literature and historical pieces that will ready your child for the historical time period to be studied in the fall. Providence students will read (or be read aloud to) for the grade level they are entering in the fall. Students who follow this list will be more prepared for the 2016-2017 school year.

K4
It is important for young children to be exposed to books rich in rhyme, repetition, and language. It is also good to keep in mind books with number concepts and that introduce the alphabet.
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Perlutsky
Alphabet City by Stephen T. Johnson
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
The Shopping Basket by John Burningham
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Suess
Frederick by Leo Lionni
The Story of Ferdinand by Munroe Leaf
All picture books by Eric Carle
Kindergarten
My First I Can Read Book Biscuit (series) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
A Child's Garden of Verses
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Ten Apples Up on Top by Dr. Suess
Penny and Her Song by Kevin Henkes
The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman
Come on Rain by Karen Hesse
Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran
Heroes for Young Readers (any person from the series)
1 st Grade
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Amelia Bedelia books
Little Bear books
Heroes for Young Readers (any person from the series)
The Little House by Virginia Burton
The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo
Floss by Kim Lewis
The Trojan Horse by Emily Little

Pompeii...Buried Alive by Edith Davis
2nd Grade
Johnny Appleseed by Stephen Kellogg
Heroes for Young Readers (any person from the series)
Childhood of Famous Americans Series (choose any)
Encyclopedia Brown books
The Millers Series by Mildred A. Martin
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
The Matchbox Gun by Walter D. Edmonds
St. George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges
The Story of King Arthur by Tom Crawford
The Sword in the Tree by Clyde Bulla
3rd Grade
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective
The Moffats by Eleanor Estes
The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
The Story of Dr. Doolittle by Hugh Lofting
The Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
George Washington Carver: An American Biography
Joan of Arc by Shana Corey
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
The Boy Who Loved to Draw: Benjamin West by Barbara Brenner
4th Grade
Mrs. Frisby and The Rats of Nimh by Robert O'Brian
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
Patricia Polacco books such as When Lightning Comes in a Jar; Pink and Say; Thank You, Mr. Falker; Keeping Quilt
By the Great Hornspoon by Sid Fleischman
Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder
Twenty and Ten by Claire Bishop
Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson
Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze by Elizabeth Lewis
5th Grade
The Golden Fleece by Padraic Colum
Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfeld

6th Grade

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

Old Yeller by Fred Gibson

Any book from the Farm Mystery series

The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse by Tamera Will Wissinger

The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins by Bea Uusma Schyffert

A Proud Taste for Scarlett and Miniver by E.L. Konigsburg

I, Juan, de Pareja by Elizabeth de Trevino

The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by Allen French

Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Gray

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry

The Lantern Bearers by Rosemary Sutcliff

*The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli

7th or 8th Grade

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkien

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy

Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse by Tamera Will Wissinger

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

White Fang by Jack London

*My Brother Sam is Dead by James Collier

Don Quixote, abridged version (Dover Classics) by Miguel de Cervantes

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan (the retelling is recommended)

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Irving Washington

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink

Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates

Rascal by Sterling North

Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison