

Summer Reading 2011

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Brookline Public Schools Brookline, Massachusetts



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Creating a school-wide culture of reading has always been a priority for the teachers, librarians, and literacy specialists in the Brookline Public Schools. In each school that culture is built and nurtured in myriad ways—through the study of literary elements, read-alouds, book talks, literature circles, genre studies, author visits, evening parent/child book events, independent reading projects, participation in Massachusetts Book Awards and summer reading.

Summer is a perfect time to find books to read for pleasure. This list is a starting point to help you select books that match your interests and includes a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 or 6 books. Our goal is to develop readers who not only *can* read, but who *choose* to read for enjoyment.

Summer reading is also a great opportunity to hone your reading skills and maintain your fluency. According to a recent report from John Hopkins University's Center for Summer Learning children who do not read over the summer actually lose ground in reading proficiency. The report concludes that the effect of reading four or five books during the summer is large enough to prevent a decline in reading scores from spring to fall.

In addition to this list, Brookline's public libraries and bookstores offer a wealth of titles and suggestions to help you find just the right book for your enjoyment.

Explore. Read. Enjoy,

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Downloadable copies of the list are available at <http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com/>

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Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Baker, Jeannie. ***Mirror***

This mostly wordless picture book follows two boys, one in urban Australia and one in rural Morocco, through a single day, highlighting the similarities and differences in their lives.

Bishop, Nic. ***Lizards***

Close-up photographs and simple text introduce readers to the amazing world of lizards by offering factual information about their appearance, habits and life cycles.

Elliot, David. ***In the Wild***

Animals from every continent are celebrated in this enjoyable collection of poems.

Fleming, Candace. ***Clever Jack Takes the Cake***

In this original tale, Jack bakes a birthday cake for the princess which is eaten up by the characters he meets on his way to the princess's castle leaving him with only the gift of the cake's story to tell.

French, Vivian. ***Yucky Worms***

While digging with Grandma in the garden, a child learns why earthworms are so important for helping plants grow.

Graham, Bob. ***April and Esme, Tooth Fairies***

On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the world of humans to collect a young boy's tooth and fly it safely home.

Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!***

The daily adventures of two identical twins are told through six stories as they get haircuts, make dumplings, perform magic and take a trip to the library.

Markle, Sandra. ***Hip-Pocket Papa***

This nonfiction picture book introduces readers to the fascinating papa hip-pocket frog from Australia, who is known for carrying his babies in his hip pocket.

Osbourne, Mary Pope. ***A Crazy Day with Cobras***

Jack and Annie travel back to ancient India where they must find a way to reverse a magical spell.

Rukhsana, Khan. ***Big Red Lollipop***

Rubina's excitement over an invitation to a birthday party is dimmed by her mother's insistence that she take her younger sister Sana with her. However, when the roles are reversed and Sana is forced to do the same for their baby sister, Rubina must decide if she will help.

Stead, Philip C. ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee***

When Amos McGee gets sick and does not show up for work at the zoo, the animals he cares for everyday decide to take care of him.

Stein, David Ezra. ***Interrupting Chicken***

After continuously interrupting her Papa's classic bedtime stories with her advice for the characters, the little chicken writes her own bedtime story.

Thomson, Bill. ***Chalk***

This beautifully illustrated wordless picture book tells the story of three children who discover a box of magical chalk that brings their drawings to life.

Willems, Mo. ***City Dog, Country Frog***

When city dog travels to the country, he meets country frog and together they experience the seasons and the cycle of life.

Listen to This: Books for Families to Read Aloud

Beaumont, Karen. ***Move Over, Rover***

Rover's safe and dry doghouse gets quite crowded with animals waiting out a storm until one very, unwelcome surprise visitor appears.

King-Smith, Dick. ***Martin's Mice***

Martin is a farm kitten who likes to keep mice as pets until he experiences for himself what it means to be owned by another.

McDonald, Betty. ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle***

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle lives in an upside-down house and has a magical way of curing such childhood ailments as "won't-put-away-toys-itis."

Take a Look: Picture Books

Bennett, Kelly. ***Not Norman: A Goldfish Story***

This story is about a little boy who is at first disappointed receiving a goldfish but eventually he learns to love his special pet.

Broach, Elise. ***When Dinosaurs Came with Everything***

Errand day is a little more exciting when every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

Bryan, Ashley. ***Beautiful Blackbird***

In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew."

Collier, Bryan. ***Uptown***

Illustrator Bryan Collier uses wonderful collage illustrations to give us a tour of his neighborhood in Harlem.

Cronin, Doreen. ***Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type***

Farmer Brown's cows drive him crazy with their type-written demands.

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Feiffer, Jules. ***Bark, George***

George is a puppy who does not sound like a puppy should, despite the efforts of his mother.

Fleming, Candace. ***Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!***

In this story, Mr. McGreely goes to some amazing lengths to prevent some hungry bunnies from muncha-ing all his vegetables.

Greenfield, Eloise. ***Africa Dream***

A black child's dreams are filled with the images of the people and places of Africa.

Henkes, Kevin. ***Wemberly Worried***

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

Hest, Amy. ***Mr. George Baker***

Harry sits on the porch with Mr. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old but can still dance and play the drums, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.

Johnson, Angela. ***Just Like Josh Gibson***

A young girl's grandmother tells her of her love for baseball and the day they let her play in the game even though she was a girl.

Meddaugh, Susan. ***Martha Speaks***

When Helen Finney feeds alphabet soup to Martha, her dog, Martha begins to speak, jabbering throughout Helen's favorite television programs and asking embarrassing questions.

Ogburn, Jacqueline K. ***The Bake Shop Ghost***

Miss Cora Lee Meriweather haunts her bake shop after her death, sure that no one can bake a cake that will live up to her high standards, but Annie Washington is determined to try.

Peet, Bill. ***Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent***

Cyrus, a shy and friendly serpent, finally realizes his ambition by heroically helping some voyagers through a storm and foiling some dastardly pirates.

Smalls, Irene. ***Don't Say Ain't***

In 1957, a young girl is torn between life in the neighborhood where she grew up and fitting in at the school she now attends.

Steig, William. ***Amos and Boris***

Amos the mouse and Boris the whale are a devoted pair of friends with nothing in common, except good hearts and a willingness to help their fellow mammal.

Sturges, Philemon. ***The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza***

In this version of a traditional tale, the duck, the dog, and the cat refuse to help the Little Red Hen make a pizza but do get to taste it when the time comes to eat it.

Van Dusen, Chris. ***If I Built a Car***

Jack describes the kind of car he would build--one with amazing accessories and with the capability of traveling on land, in the air, and on and under the sea.

Williams, Karen Lynn. ***A Beach Tail***

When his father tells him not to leave the lion he is drawing on the beach, a little boy starts making a very, very long tail and a trail to follow back.

Beginning Reading Books

Arnold, Tedd. ***Hi! Fly Guy! (series)***

An amusing tale about a friendship between a boy and a fly.

Coerr, Eleanor. ***Chang's Paper Pony***

In San Francisco during the 1850s gold rush, Chang, the son of Chinese immigrants, wants a pony but cannot afford one until his friend Big Pete finds a solution.

Haskins, Lori. ***Ducks in Muck***

Ducks escape from trucks that are stuck in the muck.

Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina***

A fun series about an unlikely pair of friends, a dog and a cat.

O'Connor, Jane. ***Fancy Nancy at the Museum (series)***

A bumpy bus ride on her class trip to the museum leaves Nancy feeling not-so-fancy.

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge the First Book***

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

Silverman, Erica. ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa***

This story describes life on the range with Cowgirl Kate and her ever-hungry horse cocoa.

VanLeeuwen, J. ***Amanda Pig and Her Best Friend Lollipop***

Amanda Pig and her friend Lollipop share fun times at each other's houses and experience their very first sleepover party.

Willems, Mo. ***My Friend is Sad (Elephant and Piggy series)***

Read and find out what it takes to make a sad elephant happy.

Chapter Books

Adler, David. ***Cam Jansen (series) *****

A fifth-grader with a photographic memory help solve mysteries.

Brown, Jeff. ***Flat Stanley (series) ******

A bulletin board fell on Stanley. It didn't hurt him; it just made him flat. When he got used to being only 14 mm thick, Stanley enjoyed it. He did things no one else could do. Funny things. Scary things.

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Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork and Fuzz: Best Friends (series)*** **
Short-legged Cork is upset when tall Fuzz wins every game they play, until he learns that their friendship is more important than winning.

Cole, Joanna. ***Norma Jean Jumping Bean*** **
Kangaroo child Norma Jean loves to jump, but her jumping becomes a problem when it starts to cause accidents and bad feelings between her friends.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue (series)*** **
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Fienberg, Anna. ***Tashi and the Big Stinker (the Tashi series)*** **

In this exciting new quest, Tashi plots with the wife of Chintu the giant to rid the village of his only brother another giant who will eat anything in sight, including the villagers, unless Tashi can stop him.

Hurwitz, Joanna. ***Pee Wee's Tale (Park Pal Adventure Series)*** ***

When his owner's parents let him go in Central Park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel while trying to find his way back home.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. ***Martin Bridge: Blazing Ahead (series)*** ***

Martin's first overnight camping trip with the Junior Badgers is going to be a weekend with the works! There are badges to earn, gooey campfire treats to eat, hiking trails to explore and Alex's pranks to avoid.

Lobel, Arnold. ***Owl at Home*** **

Owl lives by himself in a warm little house. One evening he invites Winter to sit by the fire. Another time he finds strange bumps in his bedroom. And when Owl goes for a walk one night, he makes a friend that follows him all the way home.

Lowry, Louis. ***Gooney, Bird Green (series)*** ***

A most unusual new student entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

McDonald, Megan. ***Judy Moody Declares Independence (series)*** ***

After learning about the American Revolution on a family trip to Boston, Massachusetts, Judy Moody makes her own Declaration of Independence and tries to prove that she is responsible enough to have more freedoms.

McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers (series)*** **

Stink is inspired to create a variety of terrible smells to put on sneakers for a contest.

McMullan, Kate. ***Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends (series)*** *

Pearl and Wagner, a rabbit and a mouse, work together to build a robot for their science project.

Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia, Rocket Scientist? (series)*** *

Housekeeper Amelia Bedelia wreaks havoc when she volunteers to help out at the school science fair.

Peterson, John. ***The Littles (series)*** ***

This series features the adventures of a miniature family who lives in the walls of the Big family's house.

Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great (series)*** **

Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

Yee, Wong Herbert. ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole*** *

Mouse and his downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, housecleaning and other daily tasks are much easier.

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Barrett, Judi. ***Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs***

In the land of Chewandswallow, meals rain from the sky and change with the weather.

Burton, Virginia Lee. ***Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel***

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

DePaola, Tomie. ***Strega Nona (series)***

Find out what happens when Strega Nona leaves Big Anthony with her magic pasta pot.

Hutchins, Pat. ***Rosie's Walk***

Although unaware that a fox is after her as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen still manages to lead him into one accident after another.

Keats, Ezra Jack. ***Peter's Chair***

When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.

Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad are Friends***

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.

McCloskey, Robert. ***Time of Wonder***

Follow two children spending their summer vacation on an island off the coast of Maine.

Rathmann, Peggy. ***Officer Buckle and Gloria***

Officer Buckle and his dog bring safety lessons to the children at Napville Elementary School.

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Ringold, Faith. ***Tar Beach***

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble***

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Jumanji***

Trapped in a mysterious game, a young boy is discovered years later by two new players.

Williams, Vera. ***A Chair for My Mother***

A child, her mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Folklore & Mythology

Clements, Andrew. ***Brave Norman***

When Norman the Labrador retriever loses his sight, he surprises his owners when he saves a young girl's life. Based on a true story.

Cooper, Susan. ***The Silver Cow***

The father of a young Welsh boy gifted with a magic cow manages to destroy all the good things the cow has brought to their lives.

DePaola, Tomie. ***Adelita, a Mexican Cinderella Story***

After the death of her mother and father, Adelita is badly mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters until she finds her own true love at a grand fiesta.

Haley, Gail. ***A Story, A Story***

This story recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."

Hodges, Margaret. ***The Kitchen Knight:***

A Tale of King Arthur

This beautifully illustrated retelling of the Arthurian legend tells how Sir Gareth becomes a knight and rescues the lady imprisoned by the fearsome Red Knight of the Red Plain.

Lester, Julius. ***John Henry***

Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

McDermott, Gerald. ***Raven***

Raven, the hero of this trickster tale from the Pacific Northwest, tricks the Great Chief to bring light to the people.

Nolan, Jerdine. ***Thunder Rose***

The tall tale adventures of Thunder Rose describes how she turns aside a tornado.

Pinkney, Jerry. ***The Lion and the Mouse***

Vibrant illustrations bring to life this wordless adaptation of this classic Aesop fable about a merciful lion who spared a

mouse's life and the unexpected reward he received for his good deed from the tiny hero.

Tucker, Kathy. ***The Seven Chinese Sisters***

When a dragon snatches the youngest of seven talented Chinese sisters, the other six come to her rescue.

Young, Ed. ***Lon Po Po***

Stunning illustrations grace this Chinese version of Little Red Riding Hood.

Get Real: Nonfiction

Bishop, Nic. ***Frogs***

Describes frogs, their habitat, the difference between them and toads, physical characteristics, diet, different types, defenses, calls, and life cycle.

Bradley, K. Brubaker. ***Forces Make Things Move***

Simple language and humorous illustrations show how forces make things move, prevent them from starting to move, and stop them from moving.

Campbell, Sarah C. ***Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator HC***

Close-up photographs and simple text describe how a wolf snail hunts, attacks, and eats its prey.

Cowley, Joy. ***Chameleon, Chameleon***

Up-close photographs and text capture the many moods and colors of chameleons as they hunt for food, search for a new home, brave dangerous strangers, and even make friends.

Gibbons, Gail. ***Monarch Butterfly***

The author describes the life cycle, body parts, and behavior of the monarch butterfly and includes instructions on how to raise a monarch.

Jenkins, Steve. ***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?***

Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, and feet, in a beautifully illustrated, interactive guessing book.

Karas, G. Brian. ***On Earth***

Explores the earth's rotation, seasons, weather patterns and more.

Lin, Grace. ***Our Seasons***

Young readers follow Ki-Ki, Owen, Lily, and Kevin through the year as they explore the four seasons.

Markle, Sandra. ***Little Lost Bat***

This book chronicles the early life of an orphaned Mexican free-tailed bat, from its birth to its adoption by a new mother.

Pfeffer, Wendy. ***Wiggly Worms at Work***

This author explains how earthworms eat, move, and reproduce and how they help plants to grow.

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Ryder, Joanne. ***Little Panda***

This book chronicles the birth and first year of Hua Mei, a panda born at the San Diego Zoo in 1999.

Simon, Seymour. ***Destination: Space***

Seymour explains new discoveries about the universe made possible by the Hubble Telescope.

Thomson, Sarah L. ***Amazing Snakes***

Discover the facts about these slithery reptiles.

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Dinosaur Tracks***

Learn what dinosaur footprints tell scientists about the animals that made them.

Life Stories: Biography

Adler, David. ***Picture Book of Jackie Robinson***

A biography of the first African-American player in the major leagues.

Brown, Don. ***Odd boy Out: Young Albert Einstein***

An introduction to the work and early life of the twentieth-century physicist whose theory of relativity revolutionized scientific thinking.

Coerr, Eleanor. ***Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express***

Sixteen-year-old Bill finds adventure when he becomes a rider for the Pony Express (though his letters home never hint at the dangers he encounters).

Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Fannie in the Kitchen***

While Fannie Farmer is employed as a mother's helper, she writes down precise instructions for measuring and cooking for the family's little girl, thus modern cookbooks are born.

Jurmain, Suzanne Tripp. ***George Did It!***

This book contains little known and funny facts about our nation's first president.

Krull, Kathleen. ***Wilma Unlimited***

When Wilma contracts polio as a child, doctors say she'll never walk again. Not only does she walk, she runs her way to three Olympic gold medals.

Marzollo, Jean. ***Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King***

An introduction to a great civil rights leader. In simple words and beautiful scratchboard illustrations, the story of King's life and his commitment to an understanding between races is told.

Wishinsky, Freida. ***The Man Who Made Parks: The Story of Park Builder Frederick Law Olmsted***

The story of the first North American landscape architect and the man behind the creation of Boston's Emerald Necklace and New York City's Central Park is told in this informative book.

A Way with Words: Poetry

Bryan, Ashley. ***Sing to the Sun***

Poems that celebrate the beauty of nature and the joys of everyday life are found in the delightful book.

Carle, Eric. ***Animals, Animals***

This book is an illustrated collection of poems by a variety of authors describing the peculiarities of pets and wild and domestic animals.

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. ***Lemonade Sun and Other Summer Poems***

This collection of poems celebrates summer sights and sounds.

Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars***

A whimsical collection of poems about the stars, moon, planets, and other heavenly bodies.

Gottfield, Maya. ***Good Dog***

The playfulness and companionship of dogs are expressed through poetry.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. ***Good Books, Good Times!***

Children will enjoy reading these poems that celebrate reading.

Janeczko, Paul. ***Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices***

Animals and objects express themselves in this collection of poems.

Prelutsky, Jack. ***Awful Ogres, Awful Day***

In a series of poems, Awful Ogre rises, grooms himself, dances, pens a letter, and goes through other activities as the day passes.

Books on Summer Math Calendar

Anno, Mitsumasa. ***Anno's Magic Seeds***

This is a fantasy introduction to numbers and counting that begins with two magic seeds.

Baker, Keith. ***Quack and Count***

A family of ducklings group themselves in different combinations that add up to seven.

Brisson, Pat. ***Benny's Pennies***

What will Benny buy with his five shiny new pennies?

Crews, Donald. ***Ten Black Dots***

Numbers one through ten are introduced in this rhyming and counting book.

Dee, Ruby. ***Two Ways to Count to Ten***

In this African tale, the winner of a spear-throwing contest will be the next king.

