

Summer Reading 2011

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Brookline Public Schools Brookline, Massachusetts



The Public Schools of 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, Jeanne. *Mirror* *

Two parallel narratives follow a day in the life of Moroccan boy and an Australian boy with text in Arabic and English.

Bishop, Nic. *Nic Bishop Lizards* *

Another tour de force by Nic Bishop with captivating photographs and information about lizards.

Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade Crime* **

Fans of The Lemonade War will be running for this sequel. Can the usually combative siblings capture the thief of the lemonade profits?

Fleming, Candace. *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* ***

A unique, compelling biography of Amelia Earhart which includes photos, maps and handwritten notes.

Hill, Laban Carrick. *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* **

A beautiful picture book illustrating the life of potter Dave who was not an ordinary slave.

Holm, Jennifer. *Turtle In Paradise* **

In this award-winning novel set in the 1930's, Turtle is shipped off to Key West and reluctantly accepted by her cousin and his gang. She gains a sense of family while searching for adventure.

Isaacs, Anne. *Dust Devil* *

Angelica Longrider returns and rids Montana of bad guys in this rollicking tall tale.

Rappaport, Doreen. *Jack's Path of Courage: The Life of John F. Kennedy* **

A tender biography of John F. Kennedy which provides a different view of Jack.

Sidman, J. *Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors* ***

The author provides riveting scientific facts with poems celebrating the survival of the fittest in nature -- a beautiful book.

Stone, Phoebe. *The Romeo and Juliet Code* ***

A lyrical historical novel set in WW II coastal Maine. Felicity, grieving her parents who return to England without her, is distracted by the discovery of a mysterious code.

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Queen of the Falls* *

Readers will be amazed by the true story of Annie Edson Taylor who went down the Falls at age 62 in a barrel.

Voight, Cynthia. *Young Fredle* **

Reminiscent of the town and country mouse, readers will love this story of young Fred who adapts to his new country life and ultimately discovers the meaning of home.

Listen to This: Books for Families to Read Aloud

Babbitt, Natalie. *Jack Plank Tells Tales* **

Jack, who is no good at being a pirate, tells stories to Mrs. DelFresno and Nina about all the jobs he might be suited for -- but isn't.

Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey* ***

This is an amazing, heartbreaking tale about a dog, a bulldog and a Siamese cat who brave the Canadian wilderness on their journey back to their home after they are placed temporarily with friends of their owners.

DiCamillo, K. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* ***

Edward the china bunny has many lessons to learn about life and love.

Ende, Michael. *The Neverending Story* ***

This fantasy book is a crowd pleaser as our hero Bastian embarks on the journey to save Fantastica from the evil dragons, giants and monsters.

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out* **

Here is a peek into the secret lives of toys as Stingray, Lumphy and Plastic participate in a series of adventures.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Thimbleberry Stories* **

These adventures of Nigel the Chipmunk -- and Dipper, Copper, Claudius, Little Owl and Mudpuppy -- may remind you of Beatrix Potter's affectionate animal escapades.

Seidler, Tor. *Gully's Travels* **

A dog has a happy life with his owner until he is displaced and moved to another home. Along the way he learns about the true nature of love and belonging.

Take a Look: Picture Books for Older Readers

Dorros, Arthur. *Radio Man: A Story in English and Spanish*

As Diego travels for work with his family, he keeps his radio by his side to help stay connected with cousins and friends.

Isaacs, Anne. *Swamp Angel*

An original tale told with humor and alliteration featuring the lovable Angelica Longrider.

Scieszka, Jon. *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

This amusing fractured fairy tale will tickle the funny bone and inspire readers to invent their own tales.

Steptoe, John. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*

A beautiful retelling of the African version of Cinderella with magnificent illustrations of the Zimbabwe landscape.

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Wiesner, David. **Tuesday**

A visual story that will be read over and over again.

Beginning Reading Books

Davis, Eleanor. **Stinky** *

In this pictorial early reader, swamp monster Stinky discovers all kinds of strange ways to get rid of a kid who has wandered into his territory.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson (series)** **

Lovable porcine wonder Mercy Watson is a crowd pleaser and makes us all appreciate hot buttered toast as we enjoy her adventures.

Egan, Tim. **Dodsworth in New York City (series)** *

Dodsworth wanted adventure; he wanted to see the world. He especially wanted to visit New York City. What he didn't want was to be joined by a crazy duck.

Jacobsen, Jennifer. **Andy Shane (series)** *

Andy Shane comes up with many methods to deal with his nemesis Dolores Starbuckle with the help of his grannie.

Lobel, Arnold. **Mouse Soup** *

A mouse convinces a weasel he needs the ingredients from several stories to make a tasty mouse soup.

Chapter Books

Ada, Alma Flor. **My Name is Maria Isabel** **

Writing about her "greatest wish" helps Maria Isabel, new to life in the United States, get used to new friends and a new school.

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy & Bean (series)** **

Ivy and Bean are the opposite of each other in every way yet, much to their amazement, become best friends.

Birney, Betty. **The World According to Humphrey (series)** **

Humphrey is the class hamster who is the sage and helpmate for the classroom.

Blume, Judy. **The Pain and the Great One** **

A realistic, humorous story of two siblings who struggle to get along...but deep inside love each other.

Cameron, Ann. **Julian, Dream Doctor (series)** **

Julian, Huey and Gloria set out to capture snakes in order to give Julian's dad the birthday present they think he really wants.

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake, Bully Buster (series)** **

Jake often feels like a "bully magnet" but working on a school project with super bully Link Baxter, he figures out how to make the most and best of it.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Number One Kid (ZigZag Kids series)** *

A great new series with realistic depictions of classroom life with a humorous twist.

Gutman, Dan. **Weird School #1: Miss Daisy is Crazy! (series)** *

A boy who hates school discovers that school actually might be fun.

Hopkinson, D. **Pioneer Summer (Prairie Skies series)** **

Charlie, who is 8, leaves New England with his family to start a abolitionist colony in Kansas.

King-Smith, Dick. **The Invisible Dog** **

Missing her old dog terribly, Janie begins an elaborate game of pretending to have an imaginary dog, meeting an elderly neighbor who enters into the fun.

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu, Brave and True (series)** **

Ruby Lu is an Asian American girl who is passionate about her friends and activities but sometimes forgets about her responsibilities which create momentary problems.

Soto, Gary. **The Cat's Meow** *

Graciela discovers that her cat Pip speaks in Spanish.

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Brooks, Walter R. **Freddy Goes to Florida (series)** ***

In this first volume of a classic series, animals on Mr. Bean's farm decide to migrate from upstate New York to Florida for the winter, causing quite a stir.

Burton, Virginia Lee. **Life Story** **

This classic book presents, visually and informationally, the history of the Earth as a dramatic stage performance.

Dahl, Roald. **Danny, Champion of the World** ***

A father and son join forces to get revenge on the evil Victor Hazell.

Enright, E. **The Saturdays (Melendy Quartet series)** **

The Melendy Quartet has a Independent Saturday Afternoon Adventure Club (I.S.A.A.C.), and readers vicariously experience all of their fabulous adventures.

Farley, Walter. **The Black Stallion (series)** **

Alec's first meeting with the magnificent, wild black stallion is unlucky, but their story becomes unforgettable.

Kipling, Rudyard. **Just So Stories** ***

Just how did the whale get his throat and the camel his hump and the leopard his spots? Kipling provides fanciful explanations.

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Folklore & Mythology

Aliki. ***The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus*** **

This book is a wonderful introduction to mythology and contains simple explanations of the deities with Aliki's lush illustrations.

Hausman, Gerald. ***How Chipmunk Got Tiny Feet: Native American Animal Origin Stories*** **

Native American legends relate the origins of animals and invites readers' participation.

Lobel, Arnold. ***Fables*** **

Twenty-one memorable fables are depicted in a humorous manner in the classic Lobel style.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Tales from the Odyssey (series)*** ***

Mythology lovers will be thrilled with these beautiful adaptations from the Odyssey.

San Souci, Robert D. ***Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women in Myth, Legend and Tall Tale*** ***

A fabulous compilation of female characters from North America. These heroines include Native American, African American, Mexican American and Canadian women.

Get Real: Nonfiction

Gans, Roma. ***How Do Birds Find Their Way? (series)*** *

Everything you always wanted to know about bird migration delivered in a clear factual manner. This interesting book includes maps.

Kramer, Stephen. ***Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope (Scientists in the Field series)*** ***

The excitement of scientific exploration, in this case of the world of very tiny creatures, is conveyed through the dazzling images of microscopy.

Schreiber, Anne. ***National Geographic Readers: Safari (series)*** **

Eye-catching illustrations coupled with simple facts convey the beauty and mystery of an African safari.

Ward, Jennifer. ***It's a Jungle Out There: 52 Nature Activities for City Kids*** **

Discover nature in an urban setting. This book features 52 nature activities and games and it will be the perfect accompaniment for a summer day outdoors.

It Could Happen: Realistic Fiction

Merrill, Jean. ***The Toothpaste Millionaire*** **

Clever, inventive sixth-graders Rufus and Kate develop and sell toothpaste to become millionaires in just one year, by solving real math problems!

Barnes, Derrick D.. ***Ruby and the Booker Boys (series)*** **

Spirited and sassy and at a school where her three older brothers shine, Ruby figures out how to let folks know what a special individual she is.

Barshaw, R. ***Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School (series)*** ***

This series is a crowd pleaser. The very appealing 11-year-old Ellie captures her day to day life in journal entries and simple drawings.

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War*** ***

Normally buddies, brother and sister Evan and Jessie find themselves at odds over trifles and increasingly determined to earn more money than the other before school starts.

Frazier, Sundee. ***Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It*** ***

Brenden discovers that his grandfather, whom he has never met, shares his passion for collecting rocks, but why has his mother never spoken about her father to him?

Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace (series)*** **

There are four Graces in Grace Stewart's class, but she proves to be a true original as her funny, mischievous self.

Lin, Grace. ***The Year of the Dog*** **

Grace is Asian, and she hopes the Year of the Dog is a lucky one. Embark on the year's journey with this spunky girl, and share the adventure.

Martin, Anne. ***A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray*** ***

Animal lovers will love this tender story about a stray.

Perkins, Mitali. ***Rickshaw Girl*** **

Unexpected things happen when, with the help of her friend Saleem, Naima disguises herself as a boy in order to drive the family rickshaw.

Salisbury, Graham. ***Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet (series)*** **

Calvin lives near the beach in Kailua, Hawaii, with his mom and his little sister and manages to have plenty of mischievous fun.

Life Stories: Biography

Brown, D. ***American Boy: The Adventures of Mark Twain*** **

Samuel Clemens's boyhood is captured with punch and substance, with adventures of the "dreamer and prankster" filling the pages.

Davidson, Margaret. ***Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind*** **

Blind at the age of three, Louis Braille created a system of reading for the blind when he was fifteen.

Editors of Time for Kids. ***Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Pioneer*** **

Readers will get a close-up look at Rosa Parks, a dignified woman who took a stand against segregation.

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Ehrlich, Amy. ***Rachel: The Story of Rachel Carson*** **
Rachel Carson was fascinated by the fossil of a sea creature she found near her home as a child; she grew up to be an activist and writer who, by warning people about pesticides, inspired the environmental movement.

Kimmel, Eric. ***A Horn for Louis*** **
The culture of New Orleans in the early 1900s comes alive in this story of how Louis Armstrong came to have his first real trumpet.

Lee, Paula. ***Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds*** ***
Sixteen seconds: the moment of a three-and-a-half somersault dive! Sammy Lee overcame formidable odds to become an Olympic diving champion in 1948.

Thompson, Gare. ***Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt? (series)*** **
Eleanor Roosevelt had passion, energy, and a way of speaking that made people listen, and she used these gifts to help others.

Winter, Jonah. ***Diego*** **
This colorful short biography of famous Mexican muralist Diego Rivera conveys the support his parents gave him, and his pride in his heritage.

Out of This World: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Bosch, Pseudonymous. ***The Name of This Book is Secret (series)*** ***
This is the story about a secret, but it also contains a secret story. When adventurous detectives, Cass, an ever-vigilant survivalist, and Max-Ernest, a boy driven by logic, discover the Symphony of Smells, a box filled with smelly vials of colorful ingredients, they accidentally stumble upon a mystery surrounding a dead magician's diary and the hunt for immortality.

Jansson, Tove. ***Comet in Moominland (series)*** **
Moomintroll and his friend Sniff travel to the Observatory on the Lonely Mountains to consult the Professors, worrying that the comet will hit their home.

LeGuin, Ursula. ***Catwings (series)*** **
Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two kind children.

Levine, Gail Carson. ***The Princess Tales (series)*** **
Readers will recognize elements of classic fairy tales in these humorous new versions.

Montgomery, R.A. and others. ***Choose Your Own Adventure (series)*** **
These plot-your-own-story adventures allow readers to choose different pathways, constructing many different stories from one book.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Carnival at Candlelight (Magic Treehouse series)*** **
While on a mission to prove to Merlin that they can use magic wisely, Jack and Annie travel to seventeenth-century Venice, Italy, to save the city from disaster.

Page-turners: Mystery & Adventure

Babbitt, Natalie. ***The Search For Delicious*** ***
When the court can't agree on a meaning for the word delicious in the King's dictionary, young Galen is sent out to poll the kingdom and has unexpected adventures.

Berends, Polly. ***The Case of the Elevator Duck*** **
Eleven-year-old Gilbert, private-eye extraordinaire, takes on a very tough case when he finds a duck in the elevator of his apartment building.

Buckley, Michael. ***The Fairy-Tale Detectives (Sisters Grimm series)*** ***
Daphne and Sabrina Grimm arrive in the New England town of Ferryport Landing to stay with a suspicious grandma they've never met before.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. ***Balto and the Great Race*** **
The sled dog Balto saves Nome, Alaska, in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm.

Pateaude, David. ***Haunting at Home Plate*** ***
Baseball lovers will enjoy this suspenseful novel about a winning baseball team who is visited by a ghost or maybe not.

Sobol, D. ***Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)*** **
Leroy Brown is his neighborhood's star detective and helps his police chief dad solve big crimes. Readers are given clues along the way in order to join in the solutions.

Play Ball!: Sports Books

Adler, David. ***America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle*** **
Describes the life and accomplishments of Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English Channel and a figure in the early women's rights movement.

Barber, Tiki. ***Kickoff! (series)*** *
Tiki and Ronde are starting junior high and ready to try out for the football team. Unfortunately, things aren't going as planned.

Gillman, Claire. ***The Kids' Summer Fun Book*** **
Suggestions and guidelines for both traditional and unique games -- for small and large groups -- make this a great resource.

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Kelley, K. C. ***Boys Life: Let's Go Fishing (DK Readers Series)*** **

Learn how to fish in this easy to read book with lots of great photographs.

Time for Kids. ***Jesse Owens: Running into History (series)*** **

Jesse Owens' career as a track and field athlete had its ups and downs but included four gold medals at the 1936 Summer Olympics.

Wallace, Rich. ***Kickers #1: Ball Hogs (series)*** **

New soccer player Ben is tormented by veteran player Mark who is known for his mean comments. Ben learns how to manage Mark while improving his soccer game. These realistic and humorous soccer stories will be popular for all aspiring soccer fans and each chapter includes a soccer tip.

Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Dorris, Michael. ***Sees Behind Trees*** **

A Native American boy earns his name with a gift that takes him beyond his poor eyesight when he journeys to a land of mystery and beauty.

Gauch, Patricia Lee. ***Aaron and the Green Mountain Boys*** *
Aaron, a nine-year-old boy living in Bennington, Vermont, in 1777, is eager to join the fight when the Redcoats attack.

Hill, Kirkpatrick. ***The Year of Miss Agnes*** ***

When the new teacher arrives in a small Athabaskan village, life is never the same again for its schoolchildren.

McKissack, Patricia. ***Away West (Scraps of Time series)*** **
In 1879, young Everett Turner leaves hard times on his family's farm and runs away to St. Louis, where he works in a livery stable before heading to the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas.

McSwigan, Marie. ***Snow Treasure*** **

An exciting, suspenseful tale of Norwegian children who hide their town's gold during the German occupation in 1940.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Riding Freedom*** **

Disguised as a man her whole life, Charley Parkhurst became an expert horse rider and a legendary stagecoach driver at a time such things were outlawed for women.

Just for Fun: Humor

Applegate, Katherine. ***Rosco Riley Rules #1: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs (series)*** **

Good-hearted Rosco tries to help his friend's costume dilemma with Super-Mega-Gonzo Glue, a too-successful solution that attaches antennas to chairs and brings chaos.

Cleary, Beverly. ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle (series)*** **
Ralph and Keith enjoy hilarious mouse-and-boy adventures in this series by a beloved author.

Holm, Jennifer. ***Babymouse (series)*** *

Babymouse – a little mouse with a big personality – gets through many troubles with the aid of her wild imagination.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. ***Lunch Lady and the Summer Camp Shakedown (series)*** **

Dee, Hector and Terrance must help Lunch Lady prevail against a secret enemy threatening their peaceful summer in this graphic chapter book.

McDonald, Megan. ***Judy Moody and Stink (series)*** **

Judy Moody is irrepressible, temperamental and a bit goofy and she finds her little brother Stink both irritating and lovable.

Sturm, James, Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost.

Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics **

A dragon is on a quest for bubblegum and along the way the art of cartooning is explained in a humorous, interesting fashion.

A Way With Words: Poetry

Florian, Douglas. ***Insectlopedia***

Here are 21 nifty portraits of insects and their antics in verse and inventive paintings.

Gollub, Matthew and Kazuko G. Stone. ***Cool Melons-Turn to Frogs!***

The title of this book comes from a haiku by the Japanese poet, Issa. Told in prose interspersed with 33 of Issa's most delightful poems, the book is both a biography of the famed poet and an introduction to haiku.

Worth, Valerie. ***All the Small Poems and Fourteen More***

These beautifully simple poems will stir your imagination in remarkable ways, as will the deft pen-and-ink illustrations.

Books on Summer Math Calendar

Adler, David. ***Fraction Fun***

Hands-on activities provide an introduction to fractions and problem-solving.

Burns, Marilyn. ***Spaghetti and Meatballs for All***

A family reunion becomes a playful introduction to the concepts of area and perimeter.

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

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

