

Lower Elementary Summer Book List Suggestions:

We suggest that parents keep their children reading through the summer. Lower elementary children are at a very crucial time in their reading development. The attached lists will assist them in making appropriate choices. Summer reading at this level (or at any level for that matter) is supposed to be fun and entertaining.

Books for Developing Readers; Ages 5-7 years

Fiction

Across the Stream by Mirra Ginsburg
A Dark, Dark Tale by Ruth Brown
Agree by Janet Craig
All by Myself by Mercer Mayer
Amy Loves the Snow by Julia Hoban
Baby Bear's Present by Beverly Randall
Benny's School Trip by Gare Thompson
Ben's Pets by Anne Miranda
Buzz Said the Bee by Wendy C. Lewison
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
Frog's Lunch by Dee Lillegard
Fun with Zip and Zap by John Shefelbine
Go, Dog, Go by P.D. Eastman
Goldilocks Comes Back by Anne Meyers
Here Comes Winter by Janet Craig
I Like Me by Nancy Carlson
Just for You by Mercer Mayer
Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch
More Spaghetti, I Say by Rita Gelman
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Mrs. Wishy-Washy by Joy Cowly
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
Soccer Game! by Grace Maccarone
Steve's Room by Mindy Menschell
The 100th Day of School by Angela Medearis
The Amazing Fish by Christine Price
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Kraus
The Everybody Club by Anne O'Brien
The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat by Nurit Karlin
The Snow Game by Patricia Griffith
When We Are Big by Marilyn Minkoff

Nonfiction

Bear Facts by Gare Thompson
Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs by Byron Barton
Dragon Flies by Gary Torrisi
Frogs by Tom Wilson
Great White Sharks by Christine Price
I Can Be Anything by Ena Keo
Lift Off! by Gare Thompson
My Puppy is Born by Joanna Cole
Our Senses by Brenda Parks
Schools Around the World by Donald Mitchell
Who Lives in the Woods? by Anne Meyers

Books for Beginning Readers: Ages 6-8 years

Fiction

Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire
Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus
Just Me and My Puppy by Mercer Mayer
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
There 's a Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel
Little Bear series by Else Holmelund Minarik
Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie de Paola
Pobbleton series by Cynthia Rylant
Nate the Great series by Maljorie Weinman Sharmat
Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
Pinky and Rex series by James Howe
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner

Poetry

Jamberry by Bruce Degen
The Popcorn Shop by Alice Low

Nonfiction

Turtle Nest by Lola Schaefer
Building a House by Byron Barton
Tale of a Tadpole by Karen Wallace
Rabbit (See How They Grow) by Barrie Watts
Turtle Talk by Avelyn Davvidson
Mighty Spiders by Fay Ribobinson
Endangered Animals by Faith McNulty
Dancing With Manatees by Faith McNulty
Going on a Whale Watch by Bruce McMillan
All About Bats by Jennifer Jacobson
Toby the Tabby Kitten by Colleen Stanely Bare
Antarctica by Helen Cowcher
Ibis: A True Whale Story by John Himmelman
Fire Fighter! by Angela Royston
The Amazing Panda Adventure by John Wilcox and Steven Alldredge
A Boy Named Boomer by Boomer Esiason
Magic Secrets by Rose Wyler and Gerald Ames
Gifts to Make by Barbara S. Burt
Keep the Light Burning, Abbie by Connie and Peter Roop
The Snow Walker by Margaret and Charles Wetterer

Books for Expanding Readers: Ages 7-9 years

Fiction

Polk Street series by Patricia Reilly Giff
Pee Wee Scouts series by Judy Denton
Cam Jansen series by David Adler
Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
Arthur series by Mark Brown
Magic Treehouse series by Mary Pope Osborne
Marvin Redpost series by Louis Sachar
Freckle Juice by Judy Bloom
Baily School Kids series by Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey
Barkley's School for Dogs by Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey
Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express by Margaret Wetterer
The Littles series by John Peterson
Flat Stanely by Jeff Brown
Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla
Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
Pioneer Cat by William Hooks
Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger
All About Sam by Lois Lowry
Pompeii... Burried Alive! by Edith Kunhardt
Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Smokey Night by Eve Bunting
Katie Kazoo series by Nancey Krulik
The Lucky Baseball Bat by Matt Christopher (his first book)
The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter by Matt Christopher
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Warriors series by Erin Hunter
The Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket