

# SUMMER READING BEACH PARTY!

HAVE FUN DURING THE  
SUMMER READING YOUR  
FAVORITE BOOKS



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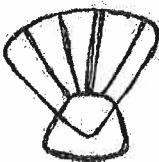


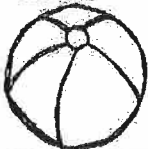
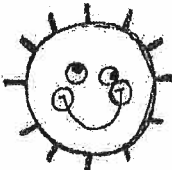





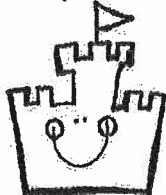

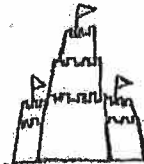

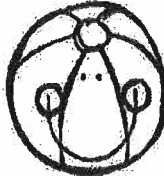
# Summer Reading Bingo

Read out loud to an adult	Read in a comfy spot 	Read a play out loud with a group of friends	Read a book that a friend recommends	Reread a favorite book 
 Read a biography	Read a story you wrote yourself	Tell a joke you read in a book 	Read in a pillow fort	Read a magazine article
Read a book by your favorite author	Read to a stuffed animal (or a real one!) 	FREE SPACE	Read the directions for a game	 Read outside
Try a book you think you won't like (you don't have to finish it!)	Tell an adult three facts you read in a book	Write a review of a book you've read	Read with a flashlight 	Read a book you got at the library
 Read one book in a series	Read out loud to a little kid	Read a short story 	Retell a story you read in your own words	Read in bed

# Summer Reading Challenge

How many of these challenges can you complete over the summer?!

Once you have completed a challenge, color in the picture. At the end of the summer, add up how many challenges you completed!

Read on vacation 	Read under a table 	Read at the beach 	Read on a rainy day 
Read aloud with a funny accent 	Read with a flashlight 	Read to a pet 	Read a magazine 
Read at the library 	Read at the pool 	Read in bed 	Read on an airplane 
Read to a stuffed animal 	Read in the car 	Read while eating ice cream 	Read with a friend 



# READING LIST

Grades  
K–2

## BOOKS

### **BIG SHARK, LITTLE SHARK, AND THE SPOOKY CAVE**

**BY ANNA MEMBRINO,  
ILLUSTRATED BY TIM BUDGEN**

*RANDOM HOUSE, 2021  
ISBN: 9780593302071*

In this beginning-reader book, Big Shark is afraid to explore the dark and spooky cave, but Little Shark is excited for a new adventure!

### **BURT THE BEETLE DOESN'T BITE!**

**BY ASHLEY SPIRES**

*KIDS CAN PRESS, 2021  
ISBN: 9781525301469*

Some bugs seem to have superpowers, like strength and speed, but what can Burt the june beetle do? Includes insect super facts.

### **CREEPY CRAYON!**

**BY AARON REYNOLDS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY PETER BROWN**

*SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2022  
ISBN: 9781534465886*

A "purple, pointy, perfect" crayon seems to be the answer to all of Jasper's frustrations and failures at school, until the crayon begins making its own demands.

### **DARK ON LIGHT**

**BY DIANNE WHITE,  
ILLUSTRATED BY FELICITA SALA**

*BEACH LANE, 2022  
ISBN: 9781534487895*

As the sun sets, three young children pull on their boots and grab their flashlights, ready to explore the wonders of the world at night. Lyrical text and rich illustrations underscore the magic of discovery.

### **EMILE AND THE FIELD**

**BY KEVIN YOUNG,  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHIOMA EBINAMA**

*MAKE ME A WORLD, 2022  
ISBN: 9781984850423*

A young Black child feels companionship with a field, running through it in warm weather, and missing it when it is snow-covered in winter. Watercolor illustrations add to the dreaminess of the story.

### **GIGI AND OJJI**

**BY MELISSA IWAI**

*HARPERCOLLINS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063208063*

Gigi, a biracial six-year-old girl, seeks ways to connect with her Japanese grandpa when he comes to live with her family.

### **HANA'S HUNDREDS OF HIJABS**

**BY RAZEENA OMAR GUTTA,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MANAL MIRZA**

*BAREFOOT BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781646866205*

A problem-solving story that touches on identity, creativity, and pride of one's culture and traditions.

### **HOLD THEM CLOSE: A LOVE LETTER TO BLACK CHILDREN**

**BY JAMILAH THOMPSON-BIGELOW,  
ILLUSTRATED BY PATRICK DOUGHER WITH  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMEL SHABAZZ**

*HARPERCOLLINS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063036178*

Through vivid collaged and gold-painted pages, this poetic picture book encourages Black children to hold onto the good moments.

### **IDA B. WELLS, VOICE OF TRUTH: EDUCATOR, FEMINIST, AND ANTI-LYNCHING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER**

**BY MICHELLE DUSTER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA FREEMAN**

*HENRY HOLT, 2022  
ISBN: 9781250239464*

A picture-book biography told by Wells' great-granddaughter, adding a wonderful personal perspective.

### **IT FELL FROM THE SKY**

**BY TERRY FAN AND ERIC FAN**

*SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2021  
ISBN: 9781534457621*

Whimsical yet sophisticated, this picture book provides a look at structures of power and welcoming newcomers.

### **A LAND OF BOOKS: DREAMS OF YOUNG MEXIHCAH WORD PAINTERS**

**BY DUNCAN TONATIUH**

*ABRAMS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781419749421*

Explore the rich history of Mexihcah bookmaking through a child's perspective. Features Nahuatl-infused text, an author's note, and glossary.

### **LILY LEADS THE WAY**

**BY MARGI PREUS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MATT MYERS**

*CANDLEWICK, 2022  
ISBN: 9781536214031*

Lily, a small sailboat, helps the larger cargo ships navigate the harbor around them. An author's note describes different kinds of boats and bridges.

### **LITTLE WITCH HAZEL: A YEAR IN THE FOREST**

**BY PHOEBE WAHL**

*TUNDRA, 2021  
ISBN: 9780735264892*

Delve into the forest for a year and explore creatures, habitats, and flora. The tiny witch tends to all to ensure comfort and health. Lyrical writing makes for a lovely journey.

### **MY PET FEET**

**BY JOSH FUNK,  
ILLUSTRATED BY BILLY YONG**

*SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2022  
ISBN: 9781534486003*

In this silly picture book, a little girl discovers that her pet ferret is now her pet feet. Someone has taken all the

r's! Through clever wordplay, readers will follow along and hope that the missing letters are found.

### **NOTHING SPECIAL**

**BY DESIREE COOPER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY BEC SLOANE**

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780814349731

A picture-book tribute to Black American families who travel south each summer to stay connected to family and history. The memorable illustrations were created entirely with recycled textiles.

### **REINA RAMOS WORKS IT OUT**

**BY EMMA OTHEGUY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ANDRÉS LANDAZÁBAL**

HARPERCOLLINS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063223110

In this beginning reader, Reina has a dilemma to solve. When their teacher announces that the class will be creating a "wax museum" for open house day, she and her best friend choose the same person to portray. Also available in Spanish.

### **SIR LADYBUG**

**BY COREY R. TABOR**

BALZER + BRAY, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063069060

Sir Ladybug, along with his trusty friends, must rescue a caterpillar from a hungry chickadee in the first book in this sweet graphic novel series.

### **A TASTE OF HONEY: KAMALA OUTSMARTS THE SEVEN THIEVES**

**BY REBECCA SHEIR,  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHAAYA PRABHAT**

STOREY PUBLISHING, 2022  
ISBN: 9781635864922

A retelling of a folktale from India and Pakistan in which a young woman learns to rely on herself to solve her problems. Includes a QR code to listen to a podcast of the story as well as other creative storytelling activities.

### **TÍA FORTUNA'S NEW HOME: A JEWISH CUBAN JOURNEY**

**BY RUTH BEHAR,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DEVON HOLZWARTH**

KNOPF, 2022  
ISBN: 9780593172414

Estrella learns about her Cuban and Jewish heritage as her Tia Fortuna packs up and moves from her pink casita to an assisted-living home.

### **WAYS TO MAKE FRIENDS**

**BY JAIRO BUITRAGO,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MARIANA RUIZ JOHNSON**

GREYSTONE KIDS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781771649759

In this tongue-in-cheek guide to friendship, a hapless toad tries out all kinds of methods, from the innocuous to the bizarre, in his quest to make a connection. Also available in Spanish.

### **THE WORLD BELONGED TO US**

**BY JACQUELINE WOODSON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY LEO ESPINOSA**

NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780399545498

A group of children in Brooklyn experience endless possibilities on their block when summer arrives, and they are free to play together until sundown.

### **YELLOW DOG BLUES**

**BY ALICE FAYE DUNCAN,  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS RASCHKA**

EERDMANS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780802855534

Young Bo Willie's beloved puppy has gone missing, and his search traces the path of landmark spots in the development of blues music. Features unique hand-stitched illustrations.

## **DIGITAL**

### **CIRCLE ROUND**

[wbur.org/podcasts/circleround](https://wbur.org/podcasts/circleround)

This podcast retells folktales from around



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the world, exploring themes like friendship, generosity, and creativity, and always ends with an activity.

### **SEEK BY INATURALIST**

[inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)

Get outside, explore, and identify plants and animals around you with the Seek app. Participate in challenges and earn badges.

### **SKYSCI FOR KIDS**

[scied.ucar.edu/kids](https://scied.ucar.edu/kids)

Learn about climate- and weather-related science through games, articles, and videos on this interactive website created for children ages five to ten.

### **STORY PIRATES**

<https://www.storypirates.com/podcast>

Young people's original stories are adapted into sketches by professional comedians and musicians, offering inspiration for podcast listeners to create their own stories.

### **TINYBOP: THE HUMAN BODY**

<https://tinybop.com/apps/the-human-body>

Learn how the human body works in this interactive, entertaining app made for children ages six to eight.

[www.ala.org/alsc](https://www.ala.org/alsc)

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