

Summer Reading 2014 Children's Recommended Readings

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DB: Digital Book, compatible with the digital player

RC: Cassette Book, compatible with the cassette player

BR: Braille Book

Roller Coaster by Marla Frazee

Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one who has never been on one before. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

BR15026

The Talent Show by Dan Gutman

There are many aspiring performers hoping to be stars someday at the elementary school in Cape Bluff, Kansas. After a tornado destroys their town, residents vote to have a talent show as a fund-raiser and the kids get their chance. For grades 3-6.

DB71420

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It's Raining Pigs and Noodles: Poems by Jack Prelutsky

A collection of more than one hundred humorous poems with titles such as "Deep in Our Refrigerator," "Butterflies, You Puzzle Me," "We Are Plooters," and every child's lament, "Why Do I Have to Clean My Room?" For grades 2-4.

RC52558

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The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Upstate New York, 2005. Sixth-grader Percy Jackson, the son of Poseidon and a mortal mother, attends a summer camp for demigods. After Percy angers Zeus, his friends Grover, a satyr, and Annabeth, a daughter of Athena, join him to resolve the problem. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

DB/RC 63443, BR20213

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It's Disgusting and We Ate It! True Food Facts From Around The World And Throughout History! by James Solheim

A collection of facts, poems, and information about plants and animals not usually found on the typical American dinner plate. Describes weird and funny foods, like frog legs, snake, and sea weed, and tells where and how they are eaten. Covers foods enjoyed historically. Reminds readers of the strange origins of some normal foods. For grades 2-4.

RC46925

The Popcorn Book by Tomie DePaola

While one boy makes popcorn on the stove, his brother reads interesting facts about this favorite American snack to him. Includes two recipes for preparing popcorn the old-fashioned way--before microwave ovens. For grades 2-4. 1978.

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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

Life is delicious in the town of Chew-and-swallow, where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse. For grades K-3.

RC50751

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.50751>

Franny K Stein- Lunch Walks Among Us by Jim Benton

Franny prefers all things spooky and creepy, as mad scientists do, but that doesn't help her make friends at her new school. As an experiment, Franny tries to act normal and fit in--until a monster erupts from the trashcan. For grades 2-4.

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Franny K Stein- Attack of the 50 Foot Cupid by Jim Benton

It's almost Valentine's Day. Franny's new lab assistant Igor, a dog of many breeds, accidentally brings to life a picture of Cupid and then enlarges Cupid to gigantic proportions. Now Franny has to deal with the problem. For grades 2-4.

BR16982

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Franny K Stein- The Invisible Fran by Jim Benton

Franny drinks a potion to make herself invisible so she can persuade her clueless classmates to work on her robot. The students become so involved that they

sneak into school at night to finish the job and unintentionally send the robot on a rampage. For grades 2-4.

BR16985

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Franny K Stein- The Fran That Time Forgot by Jim Benton

When her embarrassing middle name is revealed at the school science fair, mad scientist Franny K. Stein goes back in time to change the name. Unfortunately, Franny's experiment does not go as planned. For grades 2-4.

BR16962

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Franny K Stein- Frantastic Voyage by Jim Benton

When Franny's dog Igor accidentally swallows her Doomsday Device, she must act quickly before the contraption explodes inside him. She activates her shrinkerizer to make herself small enough to go up Igor's nostril and races against time to bring out the bomb. For grades 2-4.

BR16988

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Franny K Stein- The Fran With Four Brains by Jim Benton

Franny's solution to feeling overworked is to build three Franbots--mechanical copies of herself. Carried away in their pursuit of excellence, the Franbots plan to neutralize Franny and her family and maybe the world, so Franny must outsmart them. For grades 2-4.

BR16994

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Mr. Grumpy's Outing by John Burningham

One day when Mr. Gumpy goes out on the river in his boat, he gathers his many friends along the way. The boat becomes too crowded and the inevitable happens, but Mr. Gumpy remains cheerful and saves the day. For preschool-grade 2.

RC63330, BR16044

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.63330>

Boy Who Invented TV by Kathleen Krull

Describes the life of Philo Farnsworth (1906-1971), who, before radio or telephones were common, was interested in machines and electricity. Explains how plowing fields on the family farm helped fourteen-year-old Philo figure out the basis for television and go on to become a lifelong inventor. For grades 2-4.
DB71538

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Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Martin

The biography of Wilson Bentley, who loved the beauty of nature and wanted to share that loveliness with others. Especially intrigued by snowflakes, he taught himself how to photograph them, and that became his lifelong project.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal.

BR12032

Pop The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy

Describes the efforts of Walter Diemer, a young accountant who worked at a candy and gum factory in 1920s Philadelphia, to discover a recipe for gum that could stretch to blow bubbles. Includes additional facts about gum. For grades K-3.

DB71676

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Elephant Scientist by Caitlin O'Connell

Scientist O'Connell chronicles her observations of elephants in Africa. Describes the creatures' communication using vibration-sensitive cells in their feet and trunks. Includes resources and a pachyderm term guide. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

BR19609

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Viking Ships At Sunrise by Mary P Osborne

Jack and Annie travel back more than a thousand years to ancient Ireland, where their search for a lost book takes them to a monastery. They meet Brother Patrick and also face a sea monster and a Viking raid. For grades 2-4.

RC54425, BR14202

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.54425>

Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss

Angry about the same four things always falling from the sky-- rain, sunshine, snow, and fog--the king of the kingdom of Didd orders his royal magicians to create something new to fall from the sky! Easy reading for grades 2-4.

DB/RC34054, BR8721

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.34054>

Blob That Ate Everything by R.L. Stine

Zackie Beauchamp loves to write scary stories, so when he finds an old typewriter in an antique shop, he thinks it will be perfect for his hobby. But Zackie is not prepared for what happens when he takes the typewriter home. For grades 4-7.

RC45226, BR11155

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.45226>

Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of her Own Making by Catheryn Valente

Twelve-year-old September's ordinary life in Omaha, Nebraska, becomes an adventure when the Green Wind offers her a ride to Fairyland on the back of a leopard. Once there an evil marquess demands that September retrieve a talisman from the enchanted wood. For grades 5-8. Andre Norton Award.

Commercial audiobook.

DB73304

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Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

A hungry caterpillar eats his way through so much food that he has a stomachache. When he builds a small house for himself, something wonderful happens. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

DB/RC73304, BR6130

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How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills

A little yellow bird introduces the dog Rocket to the wondrous alphabet and teaches him to read. When winter arrives little yellow bird flies south and Rocket practices until spring, when his new friend and teacher returns. PRINT/BRAILLE.

For preschool-grade 2 and older readers.

DB75409, BR 15801

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Charlies Raven by J.C. George

When thirteen-year-old Charlie takes a baby raven from its nest, he hopes the bird will cure his grandfather, who is recuperating from a heart attack. The grandfather, a retired naturalist, enjoys the chick's antics. He encourages Charlie to scientifically study the effect of ravens on humans. For grades 5-8.

BR15801

Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff

Describes how a baby hippopotamus, Owen, was stranded alone on the Kenyan coast after the tsunami in 2004. Discusses the rescue effort to deliver Owen to Haller Park, an animal sanctuary, where he met Mzee, a solitary, 130-year-old tortoise, who became a substitute mother. For grades K-3.

RC62663

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Unlikely Friendships: 47 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom by Jennifer Holland

Senior writer for National Geographic describes relationships between animals of different species, including an elephant and a sheep; a pot-bellied piglet and a Rhodesian ridgeback dog; and a lion, tiger, and bear trio. Explains that such "friendships" meet needs that range from companionship and nursing to protection. Bestseller.

DB73802, BR18747

Download from BARD: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73802>

Animal Talk: How Animals Communicate by Etta Kaner

Presents interesting facts about bird, fish, insect, and mammal communication. Explains various forms of interaction between animals, including sounds, odors, body language, and signals. Contains activities. For grades 3-6. ASPCA Award.

RC63447

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Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Texas, 1899. Being the only girl in the middle of six brothers, it is deemed odd that eleven-year-old Calpurnia Virginia Tate (Callie Vee) does not prefer knitting socks

and learning cookery with her mother to roaming outdoors with her naturalist grandfather. For grades 5-8.

DB/RC69280, BR18654

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Natures Art Box by Laura C Martin

Sixty-five craft projects are grouped by the materials for making them: vines, twigs, cones, and moss; gourds, pods, husks, and seeds; clay, stones, sand, and shells; flowers and leaves. Includes collecting tips and instructions for making dyes, potato stamps, paste, glue, and clay. For grades 4-7 and older readers.

RC61103

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