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Kids K-5 Summer Reading 2017 Booklist

These books were selected by librarians at Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, Queens Library, and the NYC Department of Education School Library System.

GRADES K & 1

Fiction

Build, Dogs, Build: A Tall Tail

By James Horvath

A canine crew constructs a new high rise.
(J-E HORVATH)

Don't Throw It to Mo!

By David A. Adler; Sam Ricks (Illus.)

Mo loves football but will he get a chance to play? (J-E ADLER)

Interrupting Chicken

By David Ezra Stein

Little red chick hilariously corrects Papa's bedtime stories. (J-E STEIN)

Just a Dream

By Chris Van Allsburg

Wasteful Walter's fantastic journey reveals the importance of environmentalism.
(J-E VAN ALLSBURG)

Lily's New Home

By Paula Yoo; Shirley Ng-Benitez (Illus.)

Adventures are waiting around every corner of NYC. (J-E YOO)

Ling & Ting: Together in All Weather

By Grace Lin

Discover the fun in all four seasons!
(J-E LIN) EBK

Little Blue and Little Yellow

By Leo Lionni

Best friends transform each other.
(J-E LIONNI) CHI

Little Red Writing

By Joan Holub; Melissa Sweet (Illus.)

The tiny pencil vs. the Wolf 3000 sharpener.
(J-E HOLUB)

Miss Rumphius

By Barbara Cooney

One woman's quest to make the world more beautiful. (J-E COONEY) EAUD

Phoebe & Digger

By Tricia Springstubb; Jeff Newman (Illus.)

Nothing can stop a girl and her truck.
(J-E SPRINGSTUBB)

Swing, Otto, Swing!

By David Milgrim

Where there is ingenuity, there is a way.
(J-E MILGRIM)

Tia Isa Wants a Car

By Meg Medina; Claudio Muñoz (Illus.)

Can *la familia* save enough money to make a dream come true? (J-E MEDINA)

Vincent Paints His House

By Tedd Arnold

An artist makes his home a canvas.
(J-E ARNOLD)

Nonfiction (Grades K & 1)

All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel

By Dan Yaccarino
Four generations. One amazing journey.
(J B YACCARINO A)

A Butterfly Is Patient

By Dianna Hutts Aston; Sylvia Long (Illus.)
Fascinating facts about amazing insects.
(J 595.789 A) EBK

A Cool Drink of Water

By Barbara Kerley
One of the world's most precious resources.
(J 363.61 K)

Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book

By Yuyi Morales
Grandma Beetle outwits Señor Calavera. (J
398.2 M)

Mae Jemison

By Jodie Shepherd
Discover the first African-American female
astronaut. (J 629.45 S)

Grades K-1 Series

Bones Mysteries By David A. Adler; Barbara
Johansen Newman (Illus.)

Elephant and Piggie Like Reading! By various
authors

Fly Guy Presents (nonfiction) By Tedd Arnold
Mr. Putter & Tabby By Cynthia Rylant; Arthur
Howard (Illus.)

Pete the Cat By James Dean, Eric Litwin &
Kimberly Dean

GRADES 2 & 3

Fiction

The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut: Bowling Alley Bandit

By Laurie Keller
Breaking News: Pastry Detects Bowling
Tournament Misbehavior! (J FIC KELLER) DB

The Adventures of Ook & Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future (graphic novel)

By George Beard & Harold Hutchins
Prehistoric pals travel through time to save the
world. (J FIC PILKEY) EBK

Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split

By Anica Mrose Rissi; Meg Park (Illus.)
Making up is hard to do. (J FIC RISSI) EBK

Cakes in Space

By Philip Reeve; Sarah McIntyre (Illus.)
Carnivorous confections create havoc aboard
Astra's ship. (J FIC REEVE) EBK

The Great Pet Escape (graphic novel)

By Victoria Jamieson
Chaos ensues when classroom critters attempt
a jailbreak. (J FIC JAMIESON)

Inspector Flytrap

By Tom Angleberger; Cece Bell (Illus.)
Solve mysteries with a fly-eating plant and a
skateboarding goat. (J FIC ANGLEBERGER)

Marty McGuire Digs Worms!

By Kate Messner; Brian Floca (Illus.)
Saving the earth—with worms! (J FIC
MESSNER) AUD, DB, EBK

Pedro, First-Grade Hero

By Fran Manushkin; Tammie Lyon (Illus.)
From battling bugs to campaigning for class
president. (J FIC MANUSHKIN)

Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building

By Deborah Hopkinson; James E. Ransome
(Illus.)
A boy and his father watch as history is made. (J
FIC HOPKINSON) DB

Violet the Pilot

By Steve Breen
Go soaring in a homemade flying machine. (J-E
BREEN) DB

Nonfiction (Grades 2 & 3)

Brick by Brick

By Charles R. Smith, Jr.; Floyd Cooper (Illus.)
A true story of the enslaved people who built the White House. (J 975.3025 S)

Castle: How It Works

By David Macaulay & Sheila Keenan
Experience life in a medieval fortress. (J 623.1 M)

Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table

By Jacqueline Briggs Martin; Eric-Shabazz Larkin (Illus.)

One man sees a farm where others see an abandoned city lot. (J 630.9173 M) DB

I See a Kookaburra! Discovering Animal Habitats Around the World

By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

Spot creatures in their natural environments. (J 591.7 J)

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

By Mordicai Gerstein

A daredevil makes the impossible possible. (J 791.3 G) BR

Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau

By Jennifer Berne; Eric Puybaret (Illus.)

...the famous oceanographer and champion of the seas. (J B COUSTEAU B) EBK

Why the Sky Is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale

By Mary-Joan Gerson; Carla Golembe (Illus.)

Taking too much has unforeseen consequences. (J 398.2 G)

Saving Animal Babies

By Amy Shields

Adorable newborns survive with a little help. Awwwww! (J 591.392 S)

Snakes

By Nic Bishop

Hatching. Hunting. Eating. Surviving. (J 597.96 B)

Women Who Broke the Rules: Sonia

Sotomayor

By Kathleen Krull; Angela Dominguez (Illus.)

From the Bronx to the United States Supreme Court. (J B Sotomayor K)

Grades 2 & 3 Series

Disgusting Critters (nonfiction) By Elise Gravel

Kung Pow Chicken By Cyndi Marko

Lola Levine By Monica Brown; Angela Dominguez (Illus.)

The Princess in Black By Shannon Hale & Dean Hale; LeUyen Pham (Illus.)

Space Taxi By Wendy Mass & Michael Brawer; Elise Gravel (Illus.)

GRADES 4 & 5

Fiction

Cat Dad, King of the Goblins (graphic novel)

By Britt Wilson

You think you have problems?! (J FIC WILSON)

Dream On, Amber

By Emma Shevah, Helen Crawford-White (Illus.)

When life gets tough, imagination is the key. (J FIC SHEVAH) EBK

Gone Crazy in Alabama

By Rita Williams-Garcia

Goodbye, Brooklyn! The Gaither sisters spend the summer with Big Ma.

(J FIC WILLIAMS-GARCIA) DB, EAUD, EBK

Kid Beowulf: The Blood-Bound Oath (graphic novel)

By Alexis E. Fajardo; Color by Jose Mari Flores & Brian Kolm

Twins uncover their past and seek their future in this epic tale. (J FIC FAJARDO)

The King of Kazoo (graphic novel)

By Norman Feuti

Can Bing stop the diabolical antics of an evil genius? (J FIC FEUTI)

The Luck Uglies

By Paul Durham; Pétur Antonsson (Illus.)

When Bog Noblins threaten the village, old enemies must become allies.

(J FIC DURHAM) BR

Masterminds

By Gordon Korman

Can Eli unravel the mystery in his town before it's too late? (J FIC KORMAN) DB, EBK

Mighty Jack (graphic novel)

By Ben Hatke; Color by Alex Campbell & Hilary Sycamore
Plant a garden and watch your adventures grow!
(J FIC HATKE)

A Nearer Moon

By Melanie Crowder
Luna is willing to believe in magic if it will save her little sister. (J FIC CROWDER) EBK

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

By Kelly Jones; Katie Kath (Illus.)
City kid + farm + magical fowl = a whole lot of trouble (J FIC JONES) DB, EBK

A Whole New Ballgame: A Rip and Red Story

By Phil Bildner; Tim Probert (Illus.)
Best friends stick together when their new coach changes the game. (J FIC BILDNER) EBK

Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth

By Jeff Anderson; Andrea Miller (Illus.)
A little luck and a lot of chocolate might save the school dance. (J FIC ANDERSON)

The Zero Degree Zombie Zone

By Patrik Henry Bass; Jerry Craft (Illus.)
Bakari and Wardell try to survive 4th grade—and an impending invasion. (J FIC BASS)

Nonfiction (Grades 4 & 5)

125 Wacky Roadside Attractions

By National Geographic Children's Books
...See all the weird, wonderful, and downright bizarre landmarks from around the world!
(J 910.41 W)

Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard

By Loree Griffin Burns; Ellen Harasimowicz (Photos)
Step outside and study the world around you.
(J 590.723 B)

Coding Projects in Scratch

By Jon Woodcock
On your mark. Get set. Code! (J 005.133 W)

Hooray for Inventors!

By Marcia Williams
Amazing inventions that changed the world. (J 609.22 W)

What Was the March on Washington?

By Kathleen Krull; Tim Tomkinson (Illus.)
Experience this historic event in the fight for civil rights. (J 323.1196 K)

Grades 4 & 5 Series

Frank Einstein, By Jon Scieszka; Brian Biggs (Illus.)

Hilo (graphic novel), By Judd Winick

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (graphic novel), By Nathan Hale

Spy School, By Stuart Gibbs

The Tapper Twins, By Geoff Rodkey

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BR	Braille*
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EBK	eBook*
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LP	Large Print
TB	Talking Book*

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