Reading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time. Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.
SUMMER READING LIST

**Birth through Preschool**

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**All Kinds of People**  
by Shelley Rotner, photographs by Sheila M. Kelly  
Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in many shades in this introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.

**Flora and the Chicks: A Counting Book**  
by Molly Idle  
Flora tries to keep up with an increasing number of hatching chicks.

**Good Day, Good Night**  
by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Loren Long  
Reminiscent of the author’s beloved Goodnight Moon, this shares a day—and night—in the life of a busy little bunny.

**Hello Humpback!**  
by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers  
First Nations artist Vickers takes toddlers to the wild and magical West Coast.

**Hello, World! Moon Landing**  
by Jill McDonald  
“With that mask, you can become anything you dream of being.” Lucia’s abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies, by sharing that Lucia comes from a long line of strong women luchadoras.

**Interstellar Cinderella**  
by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Meg Hunt  
This Cinderella story is told with a STEM slant and an updated twist on the familiar ending.

**Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions**  
by Christie Matheson  
Babies can discover what it means to look happy, angry, surprised, silly, and sleepy.

**Nerdy Babies: Space**  
by Emmy Kastner  
Explore bright colors and textures with one black bird flying through the day.

**One Lonely Fish:**  
by Andy Mansfield  
Bold colors, die-cut pages, and a twist ending ensure repeated readings of this cleverly designed concept book.

**Saturn is Swimming Day**  
by Hyewon Yum  
This interactive bedtime story explores the magic of the nighttime sky.

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**Beach Baby**  
by Laurie Elmlquist, illustrated by Elly MacKay  
From sand dollars to sandpipers, a baby’s blissful day at the beach is recalled in lyrical verse and simple pastel-hued illustrations.

**Before & After**  
by Jean Jullien  
A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

**Black Bird Yellow Sun**  
by Steve Light  
Explore bright colors and textures with one black bird flying through the day.

**A Busy Creature’s Day Eating!**  
by Mo Willems  
Willems’ trademark zaniness—“Q is for queasy”—reinvents the alphabet book as a purple creature gobbles his way from A to Z.

**Lucia the Luchadora**  
by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez  
Lucia’s abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies, by sharing that Lucia comes from a long line of strong women luchadoras.

**Sunset Is Swimming Day**  
by Hyewon Yum  
A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

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**Windows**  
by Julia Denos, illustrated by E. B. Goodale  
In a lively neighborhood, just before dark, a boy walking his dog enjoys the views through the neighbors’ windows.

**You and Me**  
by Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Susan Reagan  
This poetically and sensitively explores the importance of balancing attention given to an older and younger sibling.

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**Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet / Diez deditos de los pies, dos piecitos**  
by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Jane Massey  
A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

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**Touch the Brightest Star**  
by Christie Matheson  
A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**  
by David Ellwand  
A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

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