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.

Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
(714) 375-5107

Helen Murphy Branch Library
15882 Graham Street
(714) 375-5006

Main Street Branch Library
525 Main Street
(714) 375-5071

Banning Branch Library
9281 Banning Avenue
(714) 375-5005

Oak View Branch Library
17251 Oak View Lane
(714) 375-5068

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Astronaut Annie
by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell
Annie uses inspiration from her relatives to present her career aspirations.

Auntie Luce’s Talking Paintings
by Francie Latour, illustrated by Ken Daley
A young girl explores her identity and culture through her aunt’s striking artwork.

A Big Mooncake for Little Star
by Grace Lin
The big mooncake that Little Star baked with her mother is so delicious! She’s not supposed to eat any until her mother says so, but how can she resist?

Bookjoy, Wordjoy
by Pat Mora, illustrated by Raúl Colón
Lee & Low, 2018, ISBN: 9781620142868
Mora’s lyrical poetry and Colón’s richly hued illustrations celebrate reading, writing, singing, and playing with words.

CatStronauts: Mission Moon
by Drew Brockington
Major Meowser, Waffles, Blanket and Pom Pom set up a solar power planet on the moon.

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13
by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Tiemdow Phumiruk
A nonfiction picture book about one of the African American and female mathematicians at NASA and her involvement with Apollo 13.

Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales
Morales and her young son discover how they fit into their strange new country when they find the public library in this gorgeous, personal picture book.

Dude!
by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Dan Santat
Speaking just one word, a beaver and a platypus share a hilarious adventure at the beach.

A First Book of the Sea
by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton
Fifty-three poems introduce children to the sea and to people and beings that live and work in and around it, from tide pools to harbors, deep-sea animals to explorers, lighthouses to litter.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
by Margot Lee Shetterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman
A nonfiction picture book that tells the story of the first four African American female mathematicians and their role in the space race at NASA.

Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall
The big moment has come for Jabari to jump off the diving board, but is he ready?

Kick It, Mo!
by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks
Mo’s family helps him practice his kicking. Will it be enough for Mo to make the winning goal in the big soccer game?

Mae among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed, illustrated by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Liniers
The story of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space.

Meet Yasmin!
by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly
Meet Yasmin, a bright, fun Pakistani American second-grader. With her oversized imagination and a little help from her family, there’s no problem she can’t solve.

Hello Lighthouse
by Sophie Blackall
Learn about the unique chores of a lighthouse keeper and the function of a lighthouse through delicate text and delightful illustrations.

Pigeon Young Readers, 2018, ISBN: 9780062398697
Fox wishes he were a tiger—fast and big and sneaky—and pretends to be one, until he meets someone who likes him for being a fox—fast and big and sneaky.

The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal
by Nick Seluk
Fifty-three poems introduce children to the sea and to people and beings that live and work in and around it, from tide pools to harbors, deep-sea animals to explorers, lighthouses to litter.

The Stuff of Stars
by Margot Adler, illustrated by Ekaa Holmes
A visually stunning and poetic representation of the beginning of our universe and life.

Thank You, Omu!
by Oge Mora
Omu is exceedingly kind to her neighbors, but when she has given her all, can she count on others to return her generosity?

What Do They Do with All That Poo?
by Jane Kurtz, illustrated by Marion Dane Bauer
Learn about the unique scat of zoo animals, as well as the fascinating things zoos do with the thousands of pounds of poo they collect each day.

Whale in a Fishbowl
by Troy Howell, illustrated by Richard Jones
Wednesday the whale lives in a fishbowl in the city center, but she belongs in the sea. Can she jump high enough to reach her joy?

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga
by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac
Charlesbridge, 2018, ISBN: 9781580897723
Following a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences, this book shares the contemporary life of the Cherokee people, highlighting their tradition of gratitude.

The Slime Book: All You Need to Know to Make the Perfect Slime
by Yuyi Morales
For slime enthusiasts, this collection of thirty easy-to-read-and-follow DIY slime recipes will be hours of gooey fun!

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