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
SUMMER READING LIST

**Grades 3 - 5**

**Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle**
by Hilda Eunice Burgos
Ana Maria tries to carve out space in her large (and growing) family by focusing her ambitions on attending a private school.

**Aquicorn Cove**
by Katie O'Neill
Lana discovers the Aquicorns, magical sea-dwelling creatures who need her help to stop the overfishing that is destroying their home.

**The Cardboard Kingdom**
by Chad Sell
A diverse group of kids create their own world of play and safe self-expression using a little cardboard and a lot of imagination.

**Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**
by Rita Williams-Garcia, illustrated by Frank Morrison
When his beloved grandfather, the blues man Cool Papa Byrd, dies suddenly, Clayton’s anger and misplaced alliances get him into trouble. This story of family, grief, reconciliation, and the power of music is set in New York City.

**Drawn Together**
by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat
When lack of a shared verbal language threatens to ruin a visit between a boy and his grandfather, the power of art is just the thing to bridge their differences.

**The House That Lou Built**
by Mae Respicio
Lou dreams of building a tiny house on the property her father willed to her. When taxes on the land become too high for her mother to pay, Lou needs all her ingenuity to find a way to save her dream.

**Me and Marvin Gardens**
by Amy Sarig King
Nan is an orphan, alone and working in a dangerous, cruel world. She discovers a friendly monster, and together, they try to start a new life.

**Real Friends**
by Shannon Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
Shannon is learning how to navigate the turbulent waters of childhood—handling bullies, dealing with cliques, and finding out who her true friends really are.

**Rocket to the Moon! Big Ideas That Changed the World #1**
by Don Brown
In this sequel to Mighty Jack, Jack and Lily travel through a portal to a bridge between worlds where they encounter grave dangers, fight monsters, and receive help from unexpected sources.

**Knights vs. Dinosaurs**
by Matt Phelan
Action and comedy rule when boasting sends four of King Arthur’s knights back in time to battle a legion of “terrible lizards.”

**National Parks of the U.S.A.**
by Kate Siber, illustrated by Chris Turnham
Get an advance look at your vacation destination or take an armchair tour through twenty-one of America’s spectacular natural treasures.

**Sanity & Tallulah**
by Holly Brooks
In this exciting conclusion to the Moon Base Alpha trilogy, everyone is a suspect after billionaire Lars Sjoberg is poisoned, and it’s up to thirteen-year-old Dash to figure out who did it.

**Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster**
by Jonathan Auxier
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**The Parker Inheritance**
by Varian Johnson
Candace would rather be home in Atlanta with her friends this summer, instead of where she is, in her grandmother’s small town of Lambert, South Carolina. But the discovery of clues to an intricate puzzle entwined in the town’s complicated history could lead to a hidden fortune.

**Saraí and the Meaning of Awesome**
by Monica Brown and Saraí Gonzalez
Scholastic, 2018, ISBN: 9781338236682
For Saraí, awesome means amazing, love, family, and fun—and it’s going to take all that and more to help save the day.