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
**All Summer Long**
by Hope Larson
Bina's expectations for summer are upended, leading to new experiences and self-discovery.

**Amal Unbound**
by Aisha Saeed
A powerful story about a young Pakistani girl forced into indentured servitude.

**Ashes to Asheville**
by Sarah Dooley
Fella and her sister, Zany, take their deceased mother's ashes and run away to Asheville—the last place they were happy as a family—where they hope to scatter them as per her wishes.

**Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows**
by Ryan Calejo
Charlie is drawn into an ancient battle between good and evil when figures from the Latino myths his abuela told him suddenly appear in the real world—and his body begins to grow horns and feathers!

**Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon**
by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
Follow the U.S. space program's triumphs and setbacks, from President Kennedy's challenge to the nation in 1963 to its fulfillment with the first man on the moon.

**Dove Arising**
by Karen Bao
Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780451469014
Quiet, introverted Phae Theta keeps herself to herself, but when her mother is arrested, she must find her courage and enlist in the Moon's militia to free her mom and save her siblings. First in a series.

**Ghost**
by Jason Reynolds
Ghost is trying to outrun his tumultuous past while winning races on his new track team; will he learn what it takes to succeed and overcome his troubles? First in a series.

**Ghost Boys**
By Jewell Parker Rhodes
Jerome, a twelve-year-old boy, is killed by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real weapon. As a ghost, Jerome witnesses the calamity that comes to his community in the aftermath of his death, and he meets the ghost of Emmett Till, who helps him understand better the systematic racism that lead to both of their deaths.

**Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition**
by Margot Lee Shetterly
This is the young readers’ edition of Shetterly’s acclaimed nonfiction book about four African American women mathematicians at NASA whose work helped send the first astronauts into space.

**It All Comes Down to This**
by Karen English
In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an upper-middle-class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

**Love, Ish**
by Karen Rivers
Mischa "Ish" Love's dreams of escaping life in her small town and living on Mars one day are threatened by a sudden illness.

**Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish**
by Pablo Cartaya
Marcus just wants to help his single mom get by and protect his brother from bullies, but he creates more problems than he solves. His mother decides a trip to visit family in Puerto Rico is just the thing they need.

**Merci Suárez Changes Gears**
by Meg Medina
Sixth-grader Merci faces challenges as a scholarship student at her fancy private school while at home, her beloved grandfather has begun to act strangely. Can Merci navigate all these changes?

**Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword**
by Renée Watson
Jade is an “at-risk” student from a poor neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, who struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures. Allusions to collage art and the themes of making yourself out of the pieces of your life elevate this coming-of-age story.

**Piecing Me Together**
by Renée Watson
Alex Petrovski is on a mission to send a rocket into space with a recording on his iPod of what it’s like to be human, just like his hero Carl Sagan. His journey takes him farther than he ever could have imagined.

**The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life**
by Kwame Alexander, photographs by Thié Neave
Mixing poetry, photography, and inspiring stories from athletes and other role models, this book shares life lessons and advice for overcoming obstacles.

**Putting Peace First: 7 Commitments to Change the World**
by Yehudi Mercado
It's 1980s Brooklyn, and Wax just scratched the perfect beat, attracting the attention of an evil alien robot who transports his family, best friend, and cat to Mars. Wax must master the art of Sci-Fu if he wants to fight the bad guys, save the universe, and get back to Earth.

**The Night Diary**
by Vera Hiranandani
A gripping story of one family's flight from Pakistan during the partition of India in 1947, as told by twelve-year-old Nisha to her diary.

**The Witch Boy**
by Molly Knox Ostertag
In Aster's family, boys are shapeshifters and girls are witches—but Aster has always been more interested in witchcraft than shape shifting. As Aster tries to remain true to himself, secrets about his family’s past are unearthed. First in a series.

**Us, in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos**
by Lulu Delacre
A collection of short stories offering a refreshing and nuanced depiction of young Latinos growing up in the United States.

**Space Battle Lunchtime, Vol. 1: Lights, Camera, Snacktion**
by Natalie Riess
The competition is fierce on the universe’s most popular reality TV cooking show, Space Battle Lunchtime! Does Earth banker Peony have what it takes to win?