

Sweet Summer Reading

38 Ways to Entertain Your Parents on Summer Vacation by Dette Hunter; Grades 3-5. A family heads for a summer getaway, leaving friends and high-tech amusements behind. Mom and dad are worried about what the kids will do.

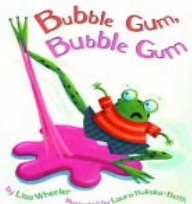
Amelia's Itchy-Twitchy, Lovey-Dovey Summer Camp Mosquito by Marissa Moss; Grades 4-7. Summer camp offers Amelia more excitement, new experiences and relationship challenges than she expected.

The Best Vacation Ever by Stuart J. Murphy, 1997. Grades 1-4. A busy family looks forward to summer vacation. But where will they go?

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter; Grades 4-7. Dillontown, CA is a dying town built on mining and baseball. The residents are at odds. Can developers save or will progress destroy the community spirit?

Boy Rocks! By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, 2007; Grades 4-6. The rivalry between the Malloy girls and the Hatford boys revolve around their summer venture producing a newspaper. The mystery could be the "scoop" of the year!

Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum by Lisa Wheeler; Pre-2. This icky-sticky rhyming story is about animals getting stuck in gum on a hot day.



Cam's cabin.

Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries by David Adler; Grades 2-4. Cam & Eric use their sleuthing skills at summer camp to catch a couple of thieves and to figure out who pulled a prank on

Camp Babymouse by Jennifer Holm, Grades 2-4. This graphic novel is about Babymouse's dream of being a hero at summer camp.

Crafts to Make in the Summer by Kathy Ross; Grades K-5. There are 29 useful projects and many use recyclable objects.

Hot Day on Abbot Avenue by Karen English; Grades K-3. Javaka Steptoe's brilliant paper collages bring the story to bold life.

How Baseball Works by Keltie Thomas; Grades 4-8. The title says it all—history, life skills, physical education and more!



Hurricanes! By Gail Gibbons; Grades 1-4. The illustrations give ample information about these devastating storms. Safety tips and interesting end notes add value.

I Heard it from Alice Zucchini: Poems about the Garden by Juanita Havill; Grades K-6. Poems celebrate the buzzing life of a summer vegetable garden, from

gossiping vegetables to earthworms navigating underground with the help of the radish light bulbs.

Ice Cream: The Full Scoop by Gail Gibbons; P-3. The bright pictures and kid-friendly text traces the history of the delicious varieties of everyone's favorite summer treat!

The Kids Summer Game Book by Jane Drake and Ann Love; Grades 3-6. Nary an electronic gadget to be found! Games for one or many, young or old, indoors or out, and messy and neat!

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies; Grades 2-4. A sibling rivalry develops when younger sister Jessie skips a grade and is assigned to Even's 4th grade class for the coming school year—an experience that yields valuable lessons.



Marshmallow Kisses by Linda Crotta; Grades P-2. This is a picture book of poems about the pleasures of summer.

The Nature of Science and Summer by Jane Burton and Kim Taylor; Grades 3-5. This book introduces natural features and processes of summer such as droughts, photosynthesis, animal babies, tide pools, and more.

Salmon Summer by Tom Birdseye; Grades K-2. Summer isn't always fun and games. This book describes 9 year-old Alex's first summer fishing for salmon with his father.

Summer According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney; Grades 4-6. The popular pet hamster spends the summer at a nature camp learning about being a good camper.



The Summer Solstice by Ellen Jackson; Grades 2-5. This is a historical narrative that combines folklore, crafts, activities, and a bit of science. Richly colored illustrations.

Summerhouse Time by Eileen Spinelli; Grades 4-6. The annual month in the summer spent with relatives at the beach is Sophie's favorite time of year. But this summer gets complicated.

Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey; Grades 1-4. A child's narrative tells about the enjoyment and simple pleasures of summer on an island.

Veamos el verano/Let's Look at Summer by Sarah L. Schuette; Grades P-3. This is a simple introduction to the plants, animals, and weather of summer. Bilingual text.

What Can You Do with a paleta?/Que puedes hacer con una paleta? By Carmen Tafolla; Grades K-3. This bilingual picture book admires the pleasures of summer in the barrio.

When the Fireflies Come by Jonathan London; Grades K-3. The magic of fireflies imitates the night's emerging stars in a neighborhood full of kids.



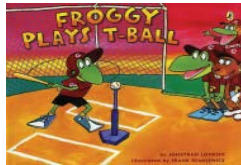
Baseball and Soccer Reads:

Albert's Ballgame by Leslie Tryon. A group of animals play baseball, including a monkey that throws bean balls and "mean" balls.

Batter Up, Wombat by Helen Lester. A losing baseball team has high hopes for new player Wombat, whom they mistake for a "Wham bat."

Froggy Plays Soccer by Jonathan London. Froggy keeps forgetting the soccer rule about not using hands.

Froggy Plays T-Ball by Jonathan London. Froggy takes this game too literally, such as the time when he's told to catch flies in the outfield and he finds the buzzing kind.



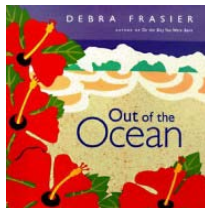
Hooray for Snail by John Stadler. Snail hits a pop-up that travels to the moon and back and he "hurries" around the bases to beat the ball before it lands.

Beach Reads:

D.W. All Wet by Marc Brown. Arthur's little sister hates to get wet and wants to leave the beach, but Arthur helps her learn to enjoy the seashore.

Otto Goes to the Beach by Todd Parr. After a rude encounter with a crabby crab, Otto the dog finds a poodle friend.

Out of Frasier discover while



the Ocean by Debra Frasier. A girl and her mother several natural wonders walking up and down the seashore.

Please Do Feed the Bears by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Percy makes room for his teddy bears by removing the food intended for a beach picnic.

Spot Goes to the Beach by Eric Hill. Spot and his dad have a fun-filled day at the beach in this lift-the-flap book.

Camping and Hiking Reads:

Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping by Peggy Parish. The famous maid displays her trademark literal goofs in the outdoors.

Just Me and My Dad by Mercer Mayer. Little Critter and his dad have several ups and downs on their camping trip before settling in for a well-deserved night's sleep in their tent.

Sheep Take a Hike by Nancy Shaw. Shaw's sheep take a rhythmic hike and use their fleece to find their way home.

Stella and Roy Go Camping by Ashley Wolff. Roy hopes to see bear tracks while he and his sister take a mountain trip.

Zigby Camps Out by Brian Paterson. Zigby the zebra receives a tent for a present and heads to the jungle for a campout.

Books About Fairs and Circuses:

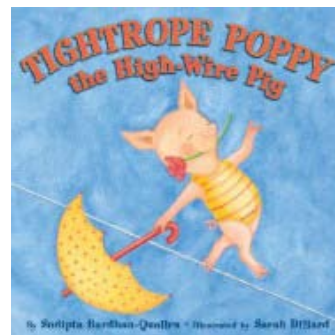
Circus Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina. The peddler from *Caps for Sale* loses his caps and they become part of the circus act.

Circus Family Dog by Andrew Clements. A dog that gets laughs from the circus crowd by being lazy has renewed energy when a young pup joins the troupe.

Minerva Louise at the Fair by Janet Morgan Stoeke. A chicken wanders into the county fair after mistaking fireworks for falling stars.

Tightrope Poppy the High-Wire Pig by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen. A pig has dreams of performing on the high wire and learns to be very persistent.

Where's Pup? by Dayle Ann Dodds. Everyone at the circus asks the title question in this fun read-aloud.



Books About Picnics:

The Best Picnic Ever by Clare Jarret. While Jack's mother prepares their picnic meal, animal friends keep him from getting bored.

Bing Go Home by Ted Dewan. Bing and his stuffed bunny, Flop, add more and more items to the picnic basket right before it rains.

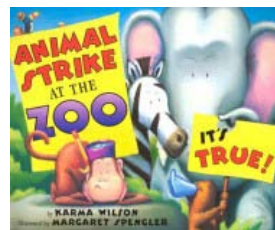
The Bunnies' Picnic by Lezlie Evans. Eight bunnies work together to prepare a picnic stew, but disaster strikes when the stew falls to the floor.

Oscar's Half Birthday by Bob Graham. The family celebrates baby Oscar's six-month birthday by going on a picnic.

The Rattlebang Picnic by Margaret Mahy. The McTavish family has the wildest picnic of all when their mountain picnic site turns out to be an active volcano.

Zoo Books:

Animal Strike at the Zoo, It's True by Karma Wilson. The poor zookeeper tries to meet the animals' picky demands for better conditions.



Be Nice to Spiders by Margaret Bloy Graham. The zoo animals are upset when spiders' webs are swept away and the fly population increases.

Hippo, No Rhino by Jeff Neuman. Rhino goes crazy when Hippo's sign is mistakenly placed on Rhino's exhibit.

A Lion Named Shirley Williamson by Bernard Waber. Shirley runs away from the zoo when the zoo officials change her name to Bongo.

Our Class Took a Trip to the Zoo by Shirley Neitzel. The rebus format of the book follows the ups and downs of one student during a class field trip.

Additional Summer-themed Reading That's Too Hot to Miss!

Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse. A sweltering summer day is relieved by a highly anticipated rainstorm.

Daddies are for Catching Fireflies by Harriet Ziefert, illustrated by Cynthia Jabar. This book is perfect for Father's Day, as it chronicles all the wonderful things that dads can do.

Fireflies by Julie Brinckloe. A young boy has fun catching fireflies in a jar, but at night, while sleeping and admiring the fireflies in his jar, he notices the light becomes more and more dim. He realizes they cannot survive, and must set them free.

Frog Hunt by Sandra Jordan. Children spend a hot, summer day wading through a pond searching for frogs, only to discover nature has many other gifts to offer.

It's Summer! by Linda Glazer, illustrated by Susan Swan. This book shows a variety of animals in action during a summer day.

Lucille Camps In by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Marilyn Hafner. Lucille, the youngest pig in her family, must stay home with her mom while her dad takes her brothers camping. However, she and her mom discover that a campout in the living room can be just as much fun as a campout in the wilderness.

One Hot Summer Day by Nina Crews. The experiences of an urban summer come to life in a manner that many children will identify with in this book.

Ten Flashing Fireflies by Philemon Sturges, illustrated by Anna Vojtech. Written in rhyme, this counting book chronicles a brother and sister catching fireflies one by one until there are ten in their jar.

The Longest Day: Celebrating the Summer Solstice by Wendy Pfeffer. A great source for learning about the summer solstice and how it is celebrated around the world.

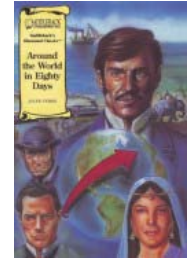
The Sun is my Favorite Star by Frank Asch. A simple story that tells about the many things the sun provides for us.

The Twelve Days of Summer by Jan Andrews, illustrated by Susan Rennick Jolliffe. A new translation of the classic "Twelve Days of Christmas," this summer theme tells of what delightful things summer can provide.

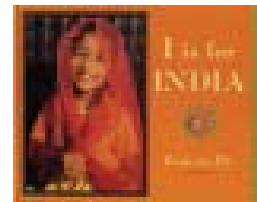
Thundercake by Patricia Polacco. A grandmother lovingly helps her grandchild overcome a fear of thunderstorms through the use of a special cake recipe.



Phileas Fogg journeyed around the world in 80 days in the novel by Jules Verne. This summer as you read around the world in the Norwalk Public Library's Summer Reading Club, perhaps the following book titles may be helpful and enjoyable!



- ***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** by Gennifer Choldenko. (California)
- ***The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid*** by Geronimo Stilton. (Egypt)
- ***The Falcon's Malteser*** by Anthony Horowitz. (London)
- ***Homesick, My Own Story*** by Jean Fritz. (China)
- ***The House of Sixty Fathers*** by Meindert de Jong. (China)
- ***I is for India*** by Prodeeptha Das. (India)



- ***Night of the Ninjas*** by Mary Pope Osborne. (Japan)
- ***The Red Pyramid (The Kane chronicles), Bk. 1*** by Rick Riordan. (Egypt)

- ***Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything*** by Lenore Look. (California)

- ***The Secret of Platform 13*** by Eva Ibbotson. (London Underground)



- ***Wabi Sabi*** by Mark Reibstein. (Japan)
- ***Younguncle Comes to Town*** by Vandana Singh. (India)



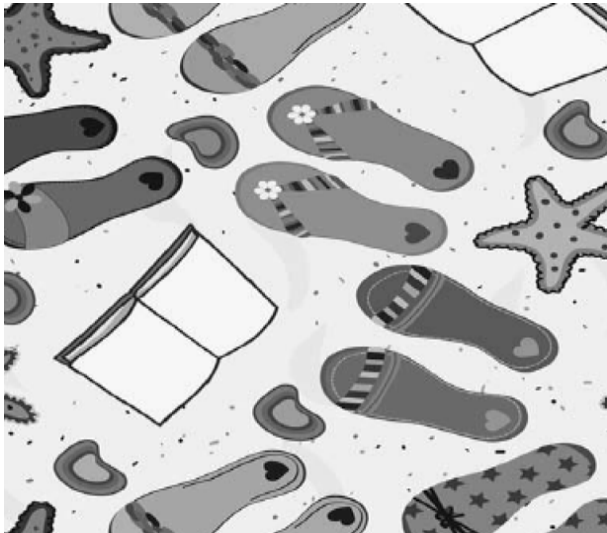
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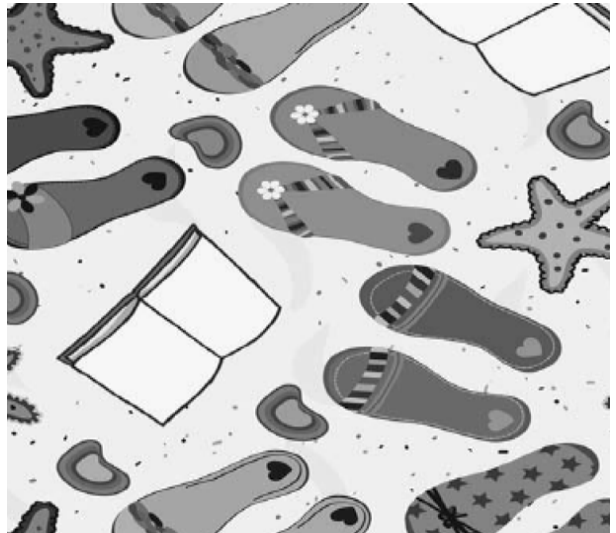
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