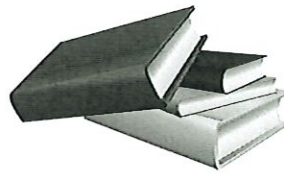


# Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading



We strongly encourage your child to read at least two fiction books of his/her choice during the summer. “Summer Slide,” or the loss of academic skills that occurs during the summer, can be detrimental to your child’s learning. The good news is that reading continually throughout the summer can substantially combat that slide, and in many cases, keep your child learning and growing throughout the break in school.

Attached you will find a book lists created by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers listed by levels. Please choose books you have never read before and books within/close to your GR level. If you are not sure of your level, choose a book that truly interests your reader! Allowing young children to make even a minimal task choice increases learning from the task and enhances subsequent interest in the activity (Cordova & Lepper, 1996; Iyengar & Lepper, 1999). Worthy and McKool (1996) found that allowing students to make choices about their reading material increases the likelihood that they will engage more in reading. In addition, Guthrie and Wigfield (2000) suggest that providing genuine student choices increases effort and commitment to reading. So have your child crack open some great books this summer, and enjoy the many benefits that continuous reading brings!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

### Suggested Books by Level

Level Q	Level R	Level S	Level T
<i>Mr. Popper’s Penguins</i>	<i>Hatchet</i>	<i>Matilda</i>	<i>The Quest of the Cubs</i>
<i>Humphrey (Series)</i>	<i>Frindle</i>	<i>The One &amp; Only Ivan</i>	<i>Granted</i>
<i>Superfudge</i>	<i>Shiloh</i>	<i>The Cricket in Time Square</i>	<i>Kira-Kira</i>
<i>Fourth Grade Rats</i>	<i>Rules</i>	<i>Out of my Mind</i>	<i>Swindle</i>
<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	<i>I Survived Series</i>	<i>Ida B</i>	<i>Love That Dog</i>
<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	<i>Brian’s Winter</i>	<i>The Lemonade War</i>	<i>Flora &amp; Ulysses</i>

Level U	Level V	Level W	Level X/Y/Z
<i>The Watson's Go To Birmingham</i>	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	<i>Hoot</i>	<i>The Giver</i>
<i>The Maze of Bones (The 39 Clues Series)</i>	<i>Holes</i>	<i>Freak the Mighty</i>	<i>A Night Divided</i>
<i>Number the Stars</i>	<i>Restart</i>	<i>Among the Hidden</i>	<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i>
<i>Inside Out &amp; Back Again</i>	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	<i>Moon Over Manifest</i>	<i>Warriors (Series)</i>
<i>The BFG</i>	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	<i>City of Embers</i>	<i>The Grimm Legacy</i>
<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>	<i>Home of the Brave</i>	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>

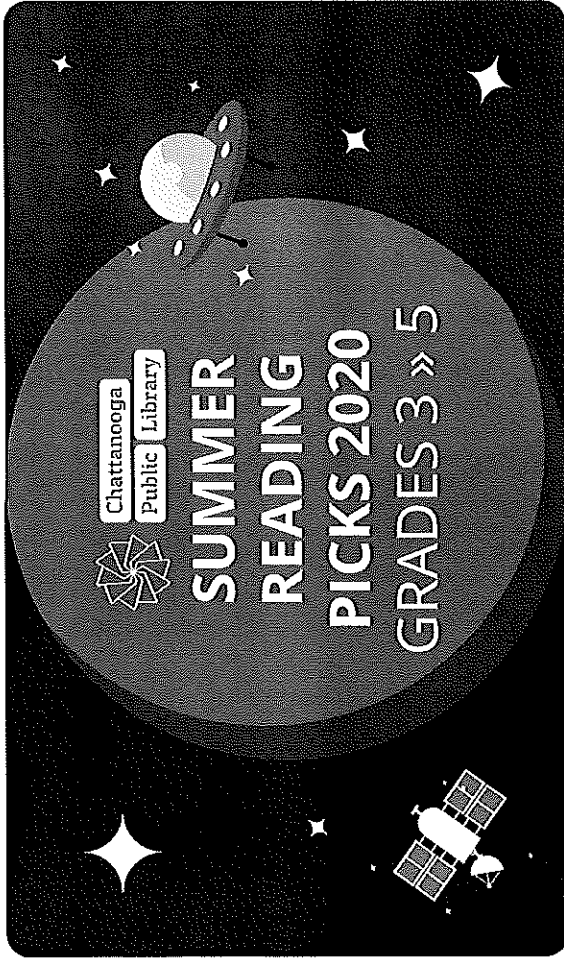
Below are some optional activities for you to do with your child over the summer to insure that they are getting the most out of their reading experience.

#### **Optional Summer Reading Activities:**

- Make a brochure
- Make a PowerPoint
- Make a poster
- Make a two way journal with a parent or friend. In this time of isolation, this would be a great way for students to stay in touch. This would allow them to read, write about reading and have conversations about reading.
- Zoom book club
- Compare and contrast books that are also a movie
- Read the book together and take turns reading the chapters out loud to each other

We hope you have a great summer and look forward to a great 2020-2021 school year in fifth grade!





**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2020 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2020 List will help your family pick the best books for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

*Happy Reading!*

*Corinne Hill*  
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 Executive Director  
 Chattanooga Public Library

**CLASSICS**

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle**

by Beverly Cleary

A mouse makes friends with a boy at an inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

O | J | Cle

**The BFG**

by Roald Dahl

A Big Friendly Giant whisks Sophie away from the orphanage to save the world from mean giants.

U | J | Dah

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

by E.L. Konigsburg

Two children hide in a museum where they stumble upon a mystery.

S | J | Kon

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

by C.S. Lewis

Four siblings step through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.

T | J | Lew

**CLASSICS**

**The Borrowers**

by Mary Norton

A family of tiny people live hidden in an English house.

S | J | Nor

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters**

by John Steptoe

Daughters with very different personalities travel to meet the Great King.

N | E | Ste

**Charlotte's Web**

by E.B. White

A lonely pig learns about love and friendship from a spider and a young girl.

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**FANTASY & SCI-FI**

**Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows**

by Asia Citro

Zoey and her cat named Sassafras care for a sick dragon.

O | J | Cit

**The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure**

by Doreen Cronin

Squirrel needs the Squad to solve a mystery. Does it have anything to do with the UFO in their yard?

N | J | Cro

**The Storm Keeper's Island**

by Catherine Doyle

Fionn and his sister are swept up in sinister magic on Arranmore Island.

R | J | Doy

**The Lifters**

by Dave Eggers

Two new friends discover a secret buried beneath their town which leads them on an epic adventure.

P | J | Egg

**FANTASY & SCI-FI**

**Rumple Buttercup**

by Matthew Gray Gubler

An odd-looking monster learns about acceptance and love in his community.

M | J | Gub

**Over the Moon**

by Natalie Lloyd

Mailie disguises herself as a boy so that she can go on special missions on flying horses.

O | J | Llo

**Fablehaven**

by Brandon Mull

Kendra and Seth travel to a land of witches, trolls, fairies and other mystical creatures.

S | J | Mul

**Nightbooks**

by J.A. White

Captured by a witch, Alex must tell her stories in order to survive.

R | J | Whi

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

**Finding Langston**

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

In 1946, an African American boy discovers the Chicago Public Library and the poetry of Langston Hughes.

Q | J | Cli

**Out of Left Field**

by Ellen Klages

When she is told she can't play in Little League because she is a girl, Katy attempts to overturn the decision.

O | J | Kla

**White Bird**

by R.J. Palacio

In occupied France during World War II, a family hides a Jewish girl.

M | J | Graphic Pal

## HISTORICAL FICTION

- Planet Earth is Blue**  
by Nicole Panteleakos  
Placed in a foster home, her new family recognizes an autistic child's talents.  
**Q | J Pan**
- Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine**  
by Caroline Rose  
During the Klondike Gold Rush, two brothers search for a lost mine.  
**P | J Ros**
- I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919**  
by Lauren Tarshis  
A metal tank filled with molasses explodes and threatens the lives of the people of North Boston.  
**R | J Tar**
- Front Desk**  
by Kelly Yang  
Mia helps run the desk at the motel her parents manage while fighting injustices along the way.  
**M | J Yan**

## MODERN REALISM

- A Boy Called Bat**  
by Elana K. Arnold  
Bat cares for a baby skunk and wants to keep him for a pet.  
**O | J Arn**
- Stella Diaz Has Something to Say**  
by Angela Dominguez  
At school, Stella worries about her accent when making friends.  
**O | J Dom**

## MODERN REALISM

- Song for a Whale**  
by Lynne Kelly  
A deaf girl wants to help a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales.  
**R | J Kel**
- I'm Ok**  
by Patti Kim  
Ok Lee comes up with an idea to make money to help his mother pay the bills.  
**S | J Kim**
- Jada Jones: Rock Star**  
by Kelly Starling Lyons  
Jada and her classmates are grouped together for a science project.  
**N | J Lyo**
- The Season of Styx Malone**  
by Kekla Magoon  
Two brothers befriend a clever, but troubled, teen.  
**Q | J Mag**
- Pay Attention, Carter Jones**  
by Gary Schmidt  
Carter's whole life changes when an English butler arrives at his front door.  
**T | J Sch**

- Other Words for Home**  
by Jasmine Warga  
Jude and her mother escape Syria to live with relatives.  
**U | J War**

## NONFICTION

- What Miss Mitchell Saw**  
by Hayley Barrett  
Maria Mitchell discovers a comet and becomes the first American female astronomer.  
**M | JB Mit**
- Bonkers About Beetles**  
by Owen Davey  
Award-winning science book about beetles.  
**R | J595.76 Dav**
- Science You Can Eat**  
by Stefan Gates  
Learn about food and try out new experiments.  
**R | J641.3 Gat**
- The Lost Book of Adventure**  
by Teddy Keen (ed.)  
An Unknown Adventurer takes you around the world in this survivalist notebook.  
**W | J796.5 Kee**
- Beasty Puzzles**  
by Rachel Poliquin  
Can you solve these brainteasers and puzzles?  
**Q | J793.73 Pol**
- DK Findout! Universe**  
by Giles Sparrow  
Fabulous photographs and fascinating details about the universe.  
**T | J523.1 Spa**
- The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid**  
by Dylan Thuras  
Travel to 100 mysterious and weird-but-true places on Earth.  
**T | J 910.41 Thu**

## POETRY

- The Undeclared**  
by Kwame Alexander  
Celebrate African Americans throughout history.  
**M | J 811.6 Ale**
- Up Verses Down: Poems, Paintings, and Serious Nonsense**  
by Calef Brown  
Silly poems and characters abound in this poetry book.  
**N | J 811.54 Bro**
- Superlative Birds**  
by Leslie Bulion  
Birds are the subject of this science book in verse.  
**S | J 598 Bul**
- Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature**  
by Nicola Davies  
Facts, poetry and illustrations make for a wonderful book about nature.  
**K | J 811.6 Dav**
- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**  
by Fred Rogers  
The lyrics of Mister Rogers' favorite songs come alive in this illustrated collection.  
**O | J 811.6 Rog**
- The Day the Universe Exploded My Head**  
by Allan Wolf  
Funny poems and facts about space.  
**O | J 811.54 Wol**