

# Summer Reading Assignment

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Greetings, Rising Fourth Grader! The fourth-grade teachers are excitedly anticipating your arrival to the BLUE Hall. This summer reading assignment will represent one of our first impressions of the skills you are bringing with you from third grade. You will show us what you know about many reading and writing skills in this assignment. It will also be your first ELA grade! Show us your best work, as it will help us begin to develop your plan for growth in fourth grade. We look forward to getting to know you in August!

### Assignment:

Choose one good-fit book (100 pages minimum...no graphic novels) to read for this assignment. Once you have read the book, you will write two strong paragraphs. Be thoughtful as you construct both of your paragraphs. Remember, this is our first indicator of what you can do as a reader and a writer. Write your paragraphs neatly on a sheet of lined notebook paper.

- Paragraph one: Summarize your book. Name the title and author of the book. If the book you read is fiction, be sure to include information about the main characters, the setting, and the events that took place in the beginning, the middle, and the end. If there was a problem in the story, explain briefly how the problem was resolved. If the book you read is nonfiction, be sure to include information about the subject of the book as well as details from the beginning, the middle, and the end of the book.
- Paragraph two: Describe your impressions of the book. Include a topic sentence, and provide at least three details explaining what elements of the book made you want to read to the end, which features made the book so interesting, and what you noticed or wondered about the book.

Complete the Summer Reading Log attached to this assignment.

The Chattanooga Public Library summer reading list is attached to this assignment to guide you in your book selection. Happy reading!

## Fourth Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Every fourth-grade student is REQUIRED to complete both the reading log and the assignment.

- Document at least 20 days of reading on the Reading Log provided below. Read for 30 minutes each day. All sections of the Reading Log must be completed. A parent must sign the completed log.
- Complete the assignment outlined on the back of the Reading Log.
- The log and assignment are due by Friday, August 18, 2023.

Date	Book Title	Genre	# Pages Read

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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# 2023 Staff Picks Grades 3-5

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2023 List of Staff Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community.

All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

## CLASSICS

### Tuck Everlasting

By Natalie Babbitt

A girl discovers the Tuck family's secret spring, which keeps them young.

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### Beezus and Ramona

By Beverly Cleary

Beezus loves her little sister, even though she causes many problems.

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### Bud, Not Buddy

By Christopher Paul Curtis

A boy escapes foster care to look for his father.

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### James and the Giant Peach

By Roald Dahl

James grows a peach the size of a house with a hidden entrance.

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### Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

By Robert C. O'Brien

A mouse family seeks help from special rats.

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### Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

By Donald J. Sobol

A ten-year-old has a knack for solving mysteries. Follow the clues to see if you can too.

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### Stuart Little

By E.B. White

A mouse searches for a friend—a bird who once visited his garden.

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## FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

### Amari and the Night Brothers

By B.B. Alston

Amari gets an invitation from the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

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### The In-Between

By Rebecca K.S. Ansari

Cooper and Jess are fascinated by the ghostly girl next door.

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### Monster and Boy

By Hannah Barnaby

Find out what happens when a boy discovers a monster under his bed.

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### Secondhand Dogs

By Carolyn Crimi

A new addition to the pack proves disruptive.

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### The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

By Adrianna Cuevas

Using his power to talk to animals, Nestor tries to stop an evil witch.

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### Maya and the Robot

By Eve L. Ewing

After Maya builds a robot, it is sabotaged at the science fair.

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### The Clockwork Crow

By Catherine Fisher

A girl receives a strange package that leads her on a perilous journey.

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### Hummingbird

By Natalie Lloyd

A girl with brittle bone disease finds magic and friendship. (Local author)

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## FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

### The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck

By Matt Phelan

Three secret agents save the world from dastardly enemies.

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### The Last Mapmaker

By Christina Soontornvat

Sai sails away on an epic adventure to discover new worlds.

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### Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

By A.F. Steadman

A young teen is selected to train for a deadly race.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### A Place to Hang the Moon

By Kate Albus

During WW II, siblings are evacuated from London to rural England.

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### Letters from Cuba

By Ruth Behar

Based on true events, a Jewish girl flees the Nazis in Poland to join her father in Cuba.

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### Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

By Chris Grabenstein

Find out how it all began. A young Luigi Lemoncello joins the carnival.

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### The List of Unspeakeable Fears

By J. Kasper Kramer

Haunting tale about an early 20th century quarantine hospital on a creepy island. (Local author)

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### The Puffin Keeper

By Michael Morpurgo  
Allen and a solitary lighthouse keeper rescue a puffin.

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### I Survived the Galveston Hurricane,

1900

By Lauren Tarshis

A hurricane floods Galveston, Texas.

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## MODERN REALISM

### Franklin Endicott and the Third Key

By Kate DiCamillo

A key changes the life of a boy who has many anxieties.

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### J.D. and the Great Barber Battle

By J. Dillard

A 3rd grade whiz at cutting hair challenges the local barber to a contest.

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### Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year

By Nina Hamza

Ahmed's family moves from Hawaii to Minnesota.

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### King of the Ice

By Kelly Starling Lyons

Miles accepts the challenge to learn how to ice skate.

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### The Astronomically Grand Plan

By Rie Neal

Astrid joins a science club dedicated to space.

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### The Used-to-Be Best Friend

By Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo isn't sure if Fern wants to be her best friend at school.

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## MODERN REALISM

### Wretched Waterpark

By Kiersten White

Two sleuths investigate a creepy waterpark where people are disappearing.

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### Maizy Chen's Last Chance

By Lisa Yee

While visiting her grandparents, Maizy uncovers family secrets.

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## NONFICTION & POETRY

### Rez Dogs

By Joseph Bruchac

In this verse novel, Malian shelters on a reservation during COVID.

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### This Is Your World: The Story of Bob

Ross

By Sophia M. Gholz

Bob Ross still teaches us *The Joy of Painting*.

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### My Big Book of Outdoors

By Tim Hopgood

Explore poetry and activities about the great outdoors.

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### The Wisdom of Trees

By Lita Judge

Facts and poetry merge to teach us about trees.

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### If the World Were 100 People

By Jacqueline McCann

This visual guide helps explain the demography of our global community.

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## NONFICTION & POETRY

### Animal Sidekicks: Amazing Stories of

Symbiosis

By Macken Murphy

Learn about the fascinating relationships some animals have with one another.

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### Mimic Makers

By Kristen Nordstrom

Discover the ways nature inspires people to create new technology and inventions.

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### Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And

Other Tasty Poems

By Jack Prelutsky

Silly rhymes about food.

J 811.54 Pre

### Amazing Landmarks

By Rekha S. Rajan

Travel around the world learning about 10 famous structures.

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### Courageous Creatures

By Lauren Tarshis

From the *I Survived* series. Find out about some truly remarkable animals.

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### Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race

Massacre

By Carole Boston Weatherford

Learn about the horrific massacre in 1921.

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## GRAPHIC

### The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza

By Mac Barnett

To save the world, a cat journeys into space on an unusual quest.

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### Swim Team

By Johnnie Christmas

Facing her fears, Bree joins her school's swim team.

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### What Was the Turning Point of the

Civil War?

By Ellen Crenshaw

The Battle of Gettysburg comes to life through the eyes of a war reporter.

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### Invisible

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Five very different kids unite while doing community service.

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### Bunnacula: the Graphic Novel

By James Howe and Andrew Donkin

The much-loved classic about a vampire bunny becomes a graphic novel.

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### Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant

By Remy Lai

A small elephant is separated from his family.

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