

# NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY

# SUMMER READING LIST

## AGES 0-5

- **The Adventures of Sparrowboy** by Brian Pinkney
- **Alphabet City** by Stephen T. Johnson
- **Antoinette** by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- **The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man** by Michael Chabon, illustrated by Jake Parker
- **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
- **Bee-Wigged** by Cece Bell
- **Block Party** by Gwendolyn Hooks, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
- **Drum Dream Girl** by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López
- **Good Morning, Superman** by Michael Dahl, illustrated by Omar Lozano
- **Max Speed** by Stephen Shaskan
- **Mighty Truck** by Chris Barton, illustrated by Troy Cummings
- **Niño Wrestles the World** by Yuyi Morales
- **Rain** by Manya Stojic
- **7 Ate 9** by Tara Lazar, illustrated by Ross MacDonald
- **Strega Nona** by Tomie dePaola
- **Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom** by John Rocco
- **Superfab Saves the Day** by Jean Leroy, illustrated by Bérengère Delaporte
- **They All Saw a Cat** by Brendan Wenzel
- **Where is the Green Sheep?** by Mem Fox, illustrated by Judy Horacek

## AGES 6-10

- **Absolutely Lucy** by Ilene Cooper
- **Amazing Masks to Make Yourself** by Thomasina Smith
- **The Bad Guys** by Aaron Blabey
- **Brobots** by J. Torres and Sean Dove
- **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White
- **Crazy for Science with Carmelo the Science Fellow** by Carmelo Piazza & James Buckley, illustrated by Chad Geran
- **Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs** by Carol Murray, illustrated by Melissa Sweet
- **Don't Throw It To Mo!** by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks
- **Giant Squid** by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann
- **Grandpa's Great Escape** by David Walliams, illustrated by Tony Ross
- **Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth** by Judd Winick
- **Juana and Lucas** by Juana Medina
- **Monkey with a Tool Belt** by Chris Monroe
- **Pedro, First Grade Hero** by Fran Manuskín, illustrated by Tammie Lyon
- **The Princess in Black** by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
- **Science of Fun Stuff: the Innings and Outs of Baseball** by Jordan Brown, illustrated by Dagny Downey
- **Super Fly: The World's Smallest Superhero!** by Todd Doodler
- **Thunder Rose** by Jerdine Nolen, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- **Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions** by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate

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National Summer Learning Day resources and tips!



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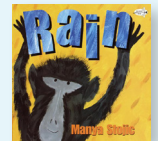
- **Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan
- **Better Nate Than Ever** by Tim Federle
- **Booked** by Kwame Alexander
- **George** by Alex Gino
- **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill
- **Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition** by Margot Lee Shetterly
- **Hoodoo** by Ronald Smith
- **The Matchstick Castle** by Keir Graff
- **The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin** by Elinor Teele
- **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia
- **101 Ways to Amaze & Entertain: Amazing Magic & Hilarious Jokes to Try on Your Friends & Family** by Peter Gross
- **Project Superhero** by E. Paul Zehr, illustrated by Kris Pearn
- **Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson
- **Secret Coders** by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Mike Holmes
- **See You in the Cosmos** by Jack Cheng
- **Sidekicks** by Dan Santat
- **Stopping Runaway Trains: Superman and the Science of Strength** by Agnieszka Biskup
- **Time Traveling with a Hamster** by Ross Welford
- **Wonder Woman at Super Hero High** by Lisa Yee

## TEENS

- **The Art of Secrets** by James Klise
- **All American Boys** by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler** by Philip Hoose
- **The Disenchantments** by Nina LaCour
- **Good Enough** by Paula Yoo
- **Head Lopper** by Andrew Maclean
- **Highly Illogical Behavior** by John Corey Whaley
- **Lumberjanes** by Noelle Stevenson
- **The March Trilogy** by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell
- **Miracle's Boys** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Radical** by E.M. Kokie
- **Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune** by Pamela Turner
- **Spontaneous** by Aaron Starmer
- **The Sun is Also a Star** by Nicola Yoon
- **You Know Me Well** by Nina LaCour and David Levithan

## READING ACTIVITIES + TIPS

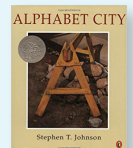
**Play with sounds!** Phonemic Awareness is the ability of a listener to hear the smaller sounds in words. A great book to play with phonemes—the smallest component of sound. A great book to practice hearing sounds with a child is *Rain* by Manja Stojic.



**Dialogic reading** fosters questions and answers between the adult reader and the child. It helps create a relationship with one another and with the text. Some great books to practice this together are: *Where is the Green Sheep?* by Mem Fox and *Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer.



**Print awareness** is the emerging reader's familiarity with the role of print on the page. *Alphabet City* by Stephen T. Johnson is a wonderful ABC book that encourages these skills while having fun with the serendipity of finding letters in city sites.



**Building a rich vocabulary** is an important skill for the developing reader and the lifelong learner. Words are the “tools” that help us understand our world and communicate well. Words can help us build bridges and understand each other. Try reading aloud *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White for a beautiful story and rich vocabulary, or read *The Matchstick Castle* by Keir Graff all together as a family for fun, new words to add to your child's “toolbox.”



Reading helps us **build empathy** in a child. By understanding characters or the struggles of a book character, children can learn valuable social skills. Choose *The Art of Secrets* by Jim Klise for young teens or *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill to help children develop these important traits.



**Being comfortable reading informational books, or non-fiction** is critical to the relationship a child has with text. A wonderful non-fiction book to share together is *Giant Squid* by Candace Fleming that will delight children in the natural world.



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