

Summer Reading Together

This summer, all rising **3rd graders** will read
Go Mo'! Mo'ne Davis: The Girl Who Changed Baseball History
 by Mo'ne Davis

All rising **4th graders** will read
Case of the Time Capsule Bandit by Octavia Spencer

All rising **5th graders** will read
Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Contemporary Fiction

Tia Lola (series) Alvarez
Humphrey (series) Birney
Hate that Cat: A Novel Creech
The Lemonade Wars (series) Davies
Salsa Stories Delacre
The Magician's Elephant DiCamillo
Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond Brenda Woods
George Gino
Inside Out and Back Again Lai
Dumpling Days Lin
Ruby Lu (series) Look
Becoming Naomi Leon Ryan



Historical Fiction

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes Coerr
The Mighty Miss Malone Curtis
Number the Stars Lowry
Riding Freedom Ryan
One Crazy Summer Williams-Garcia
Breaking Stalin's Nose Yelchin

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Secrets of Droon (series) Abbott
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon Lin
City Trilogy Yep

Biography

*Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows
 A Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird* Copeland
*Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered
 the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World* Fern
*When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and
 the Creation of Hip Hop* Hill
*Temple Grandin: How the Girl who Loved Cows
 Embraced Autism and Changed the World* Montgomery
Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker Powell
Drawing From Memory Say
*Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of
 the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade* Sweet
Growing Up Pedro Tavares
Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx Winter

Folktales, Fairy Tales, and Legends

The Jumbies Baptiste
*Tales Our Abuelitas Told:
 A Hispanic Folktale Collection* Campoy and Ada
*Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal:
 A Worldwide Cinderella* Fleischman
The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven Jiang
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales Mandela
*Genies, Meanies, and Magic Rings:
 Three Tales from the Arabian Nights* Mitchell
More Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World Olson

Informational Books

*We are the Ship:
 The Story of Negro League Baseball* Nelson
Volcano Rising Rusch
*28 Days: Moments in Black History
 that Changed the World* Smith
*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez &
 Her Family's Fight For Integration* Tonatiuh
What Was.../What Is... (series) various

Poetry

*Animal Poems of the Iguazú/
 Animalario del Iguazú* Alarcón
*Let's Play! Poems about Sports and
 Games From Around the World* Chatterjee & D'Arcy
*Hip Hop Speaks to Children:
 A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat* Giovanni
The Great Migration: Journey to the North Greenfield
Poems In The Attic Grimes
Love to Langston Medina
*Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems/Aleteo y Zumbido:
 Poemas de Animales* Paschkis

Summer Reading Assignment

Summer Reading Together engages students in their rising grade to share the experience of reading and talking about the same book over the summer and at the beginning of the school year. Boston school communities are welcome to opt into this one book/one grade summer reading program. These books are for students to keep and add to their libraries and are available at the following Boston Public Library Branches:

- Dudley • East Boston
- Grove Hall • Hyde Park • Mattapan

The goal of this initiative is to prevent summer reading loss, encourage pleasure reading, and foster a culture of readers. It is our focus to foster motivation and engagement and begin to cultivate a culture of readers as we launch Guided Independent Reading (GIR).

Assignment:

This summer, read your text for about 20 minutes per session. As you read, consider the following:

- What is the author's message?
- Did the author explain things clearly?
- Is the language in the text inviting?
- How does this writing compare to that in other texts?

Remember to highlight, underline, or write in the margins of the text. Share with someone in your home what you found interesting or confusing, and discuss why. In September, bring your book to school. Be prepared to share your thoughts about the text you read this summer.

Summer in the City

Join the Boston Public Library's Summer in the City program and fill out a passport page each week indicating if you have been to a park, a museum, seen public art or visited a BPL library branch. Indicate what book, magazine or audiobook you have read that week and drop the passport page off at your neighborhood branch of the BPL to be entered in a drawing for prizes. Small weekly prizes will be awarded at each branch and grand prizes will be awarded system-wide at the end of the six weeks. This program is open to children and teens in grades K-12.



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Boston Public Library 2017 Summer Reading

Summer Reading Together

Boston Public Library's 2017 summer program features books and activities about all kinds of sports enjoyed by all kinds of people. For more information, contact or visit any BPL location.

Allston:	300 N. Harvard St.....	617-787-6313
Brighton:	40 Academy Hill Rd.....	617-782-6032
	419 Faneuil St.....	617-782-6705
Charlestown:	179 Main St.....	617-242-1248
Copley Square:	700 Boylston St.....	617-536-5400
Dorchester:	690 Adams St.....	617-436-6900
	500 Columbia Rd.....	617-265-0139
	1520 Dorchester Ave.....	617-436-2155
	41 Geneva Ave.....	617-427-3337
	27 Richmond St.....	617-298-7841
	690 Washington St.....	617-436-8214
East Boston:	365 Bremen St.....	617-569-0271
Hyde Park:	35 Harvard Ave.....	617-361-2524
Jamaica Plain:	433 Centre St.....	617-522-1960
Mattapan:	1350 Blue Hill Ave.....	617-298-9218
North End:	25 Parmenter St.....	617-227-8135
Roslindale:	4246 Washington St.....	617-323-2343
Roxbury:	2044 Columbus Ave.....	617-445-4340
	1497 Tremont St.....	617-427-3820
	65 Warren St.....	617-442-6186
South Boston:	646 East Broadway.....	617-268-0180
South End:	685 Tremont St.....	617-536-8241
West End:	151 Cambridge St.....	617-523-3957
West Roxbury:	1961 Centre St.....	617-325-3147

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2017 Summer Book List Grades 3-5

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your children develop a love of books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program for your children to last the whole summer.

This Summer Book List will help you assure that your children are reading high-quality literature. All the books on the list are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your children meet these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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David Leonard
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Boston Public Library