

## Summer Reading Together

This summer, all rising **3rd graders** will read  
*Ruby Lu, Star of the Show* by Lenore Look

All rising **4th graders** will read  
*Charlie Numbers and the Man in the Moon*  
by Ben & Tonya Mezrick

All rising **5th graders** will read  
*Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina

## Contemporary Fiction

*Becoming Naomi Leon* ..... Ryan  
*Catching a Storyfish* ..... Harrington  
*Cloudy Day, Sunny Day* ..... Crews  
*Daniel's Pet / Daniel y su mascota* ..... Ada  
*Dumpling Days* ..... Lin  
*Finding the Music / En pos de la música* ..... Torres  
*Galaxy Games: The Challengers* ..... Fishbone  
*George* ..... Gino  
*Ghost / Patina / Sunny* ..... Reynolds  
*Hurricane Child* ..... Callender  
*Inside Out and Back Again* ..... Lai  
*Lies and Other Tall Tales* ..... Hurston  
*Lights Out!* ..... Medearis  
*Olinguito, de la A al Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado /  
Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest*. Delacre  
*Rata pata scata fata* ..... Gershator  
*Rickshaw Girl* ..... Perkins  
*Ruby Lu (series)* ..... Look  
*Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* ..... Dominguez  
*The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* ..... Woods  
*The Magician's Elephant* ..... DiCamillo  
*Tia Lola (series)* ..... Alvarez  
*Tofu Quilt* ..... Yueng  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* ..... Grace Lin  
*Yasmin: the Painter* ..... Faruqi



## Folktales, Fairy Tales, & Legends

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

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

*City Trilogy* ..... Yep  
*How to Train Your Dragon (series)* ..... Cowell  
*Notebook of Doom (series)* ..... Cummings  
*Secrets of Droon (Series)* ..... Abbott  
*Spiderwick Chronicles (series)* ..... Black & DiTerlizzi  
*The Land of Stories (series)* ..... Colfer  
*The True Meaning of Smekday* ..... Rex  
*The Warriors (series)* ..... Hunter  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* ..... Lin

## Biography & Autobiography

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

## Historical Fiction

*Ahimsa* ..... Kelkar  
*Breaking Stalin's Nose* ..... Yelchin  
*Number the Stars* ..... Lowry  
*One Crazy Summer* ..... Williams-Garcia  
*Pax* ..... Pennypacker  
*Riding Freedom* ..... Ryan  
*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* ..... Coerr  
*Talking Leaves* ..... Bruchac  
*The Mighty Miss Malone* ..... Curtis

## Informational Books

*28 Days: Moments in Black History  
that Changed the World* ..... Smith  
*A Child's Introduction to African American History* ..... Asim  
*Howard Thurman's Great Hope* ..... Issa  
*Jazz* ..... Myers  
*Meltrek: Exploring Ancient Africa* ..... Dr. Ma'at  
*Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (series)* ..... Hale  
*Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting With the Great Whites  
of California's Farallon Islands* ..... Roy  
*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez &  
Her Family's Fight For Integration* ..... Tonatiuh  
*Volcano Rising* ..... Rusch  
*We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* ..... Nelson  
*What Was / What Is (series)* ..... various

## Poetry Books

*Animal Poems of the Iguazú/Animalario del Iguazú* ..... Alarcón  
*Bravo: Poems about Amazing Hispanics* ..... Engle  
*Can I Touch Your Hair?:  
Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship* ..... Latham  
*Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths* ..... Singer  
*Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems/Aleteo y Zumbido:  
Poemas de Animales* ..... Paschkis  
*Hip Hop Speaks to Children:  
A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat* ..... Giovanni  
*Let's Play! Poems about Sports and  
Games From Around the World* ..... Chatterjee & D'Arcy  
*Love to Langston* ..... Medina  
*My First Book of Korean Words* ..... Amen IV & Park  
*Poems In The Attic* ..... Grimes  
*The Great Migration: Journey to the North* ..... Greenfield

**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 when school begins. Boston school communities are welcome to opt into this one book/one grade summer reading program.

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 motivate, engage, and cultivate a culture of readers.

We encourage you to choose a second text to read from the reading list on the other side of this pamphlet. You may be asked to engage in a discussion about this text as well.

**Assignment:**

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

**Fiction**

1. What do you think the author wants us to know? What is the author's message?
2. How did the author create humor; suspense; sadness, and so on? (provide examples)
3. Is the language in the text inviting and engaging? (provide examples)
4. How does the writing in this text compare with other fiction texts you read this year?

**Non-Fiction**

1. What do you think the author wants us to know? What is the author's message?
2. Did the author explain things clearly? (provide examples)
3. How does the authors use of language to explain experiences? (provide examples)
4. How does this text compare with other nonfiction text (articles) you read this year?

*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.*

**Champion of Reading**

Do you have what it takes to be a Champion of Reading? How many activities can you complete before summer is over?

Check in every week from July 1 to August 26 with your librarian to show them your progress and to receive a prize. One prize per participant, per week.

Finish all the activities and you will be entered in a raffle to win a grand prize. Visit your local branch to participate in the grand raffle. One entry per participant.

This program is for children and teens from birth to 17. Go to [www.bpl.org/summer](http://www.bpl.org/summer) to print an activity sheet and for more information!

**Boston Public Library**  
**2019 Summer Reading**  
*Summer Reading Together*

Boston Public Library's 2019 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
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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**2019**  
**Summer Book List**  
**Grades 3-5**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

The summer months are a wonderful time to explore the world 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 to last the whole summer.

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This Summer Book List will help you choose high-quality literature geared to the interests of high school students. 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 to ensure high standards and high achievement for every student in every classroom, and literacy is a priority at all grade levels. We expect our students to work hard at reading and writing, and to keep reading year-round, and we need the support and encouragement of families to help us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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