

## Summer Reading Book Recommendations for EACMSI Junior Level

The Junior Level Library is organized into five categories. We talk to the children about how the process of learning to read is like the process of becoming a butterfly. Everyone starts learning the sounds of letters and slowly morphs until they can read big and complicated books with ease.

Everyone makes this metamorphosis at their own pace. The most important thing is to keep practicing reading by choosing books that are “just right” for the reader. The first step on this path is with reading books we call “Emergent Readers.” These are often short books with lots of phonetic words and early sight words. Some of these books are smaller chapter books. The next four steps are “Egg,” “Caterpillar,” “Chrysalis,” and “Butterfly.” Our readers progress through each level as their reading skills develop until they become a full-fledged, high soaring Butterfly Reader!

Our Summer Reading list is organized into our five categories, and students who have been in Junior Level over the past year should know which level of books will be the “just right” fit for them.

We have also included a list of picture books, either for independent reading, if they are a “just right” book for your child, or for reading to your child as a delightful way to spend time together.

### **Emergent Readers**

*The Nine Lives of Aristotle* by Dick King-Smith  
*Stan the Hot Dog Man* by Leonard Kessler  
*Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same* by Grace Lin  
*Mud Pies and Other Recipes* by Marjorie Wilson

- \**Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capacilli
- \* *Pete the Cat* by James Dean
- \**Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo
- \**Happy and Honey* by Laura Godwin
- \**Little Witch Learns to Read* by Deborah Hautzig
- \**Arthur’s Funny Money* by Lillian Hoban
- \**A Bargain for Frances* by Lillian Hoban
- \**Zelda and Ivy* by Laurie McGee Kvasnosky
- \**Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- \**Fox All Week* by Edward Marshall
- \**George and Martha* by James Marshall
- \* *Little Critter* by Mercer Mayer
- \**Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- \* *Puppy Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- \**Henry and Mudge: the First Book* by Cynthia Rylant
- \**Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea* by Cynthia Rylant
- \**Poppleton* by Cynthia Rylant
- \**Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

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## **Egg Books**

- The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl  
*Gooseberry Park* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Thimbleberry Stories* by Cynthia Rylant  
\**The Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott  
\**Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Missing Diamonds* by David Adler  
\**Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke  
\**Little Rat Sets Sail* by Monika Bang-Campbell  
\**Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows  
\**Sir Gadabout* by Martyn Beardsley  
\**The Case of the Hungry Stranger* by Crosby Bonsall  
\**Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel  
\**Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger  
\**Dodsworth in New York* by Tim Egan  
\**Iris and Walter* by Elissa Haden Guest  
\**My Weird School* by Dan Gutman  
\**B is for Betsy* by Carolyn Haywood  
\**Bunnicula* by James Howe  
\**Lady Lollipop* by Dick King-Smith  
\**Flight of the Phoenix* by R. L. LaFevers (Nathaniel Flood, Beastologist, Book 1)  
\**Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in Locked Library* by Lucinda Landon  
\**Something Queer is Going On* by Elizabeth Levy  
\**The Children of Noisy Village* by Astrid Lindgren  
\**Betsy-Tacy* by Maud Hart Lovelace  
\**Rats on the Roof and Other Stories* by James Marshall  
\**Dragon Slayers Academy* by Kate McMullen  
\**A Tooth Story* by Margaret McNamara (Robin Hill School series)  
\**Rainbow Magic Fairies* by Daisy Meadows  
\**Gus and Grandpa* by Claudia Mills  
\**Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne  
\* *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey  
\**Big Max* by Kin Platt  
\**In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen* by Cynthia Rylant (Cobble Street Cousins series)  
\**High-Rise Private Eyes: the Case of the Missing Monkey* by Cynthia Rylant  
\**The Storm* by Cynthia Rylant (Lighthouse Family series)  
\**Araminta Spookie 1: My Haunted House* by Angie Sage  
\**Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka (Time Warp Trio series)  
\**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* by Erica Silverman  
\**Mud Flat Mystery* by James Stevenson  
\**Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton  
\**Thea Stilton and the Dragon's Code* by Thea Stilton  
\**Good Night, Good Knight* by Shelley Moore Thomas  
\**Daisy Dawson Is on Her Way* by Steve Voake  
\**Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole* by Wong Herbert Yee

- \**Commander Toad in Space* by Jane Yolen
- \* *Time Warp Trio* by John Scieszka
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### **Caterpillar Books**

- \**Kittens in the Kitchen* by Ben M. Baglio (Animal Ark #1)
- \**Pet Finders Club* by Ben Baglio
- \**A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond
- \**Clarice Bean* by Lauren Child
- \**Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary
- \**Puppy Patrol* by Jenny Dale
- \**My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- \**Catwings* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- \**Amazing Days of Abby Hayes* by Anne Mazer
- \**Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker
- \**Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* by Donald J. Sobol
- \**The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

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### **Chrysalis Books**

- Jack Plank Tells Tales* by Natalie Babbitt
- The Little White Horse* by Elizabeth Goudge
- Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* by Lynne Jonell
- The Seven Sorcerers* by Caro King
- Secrets at Sea* by Richard Peck
- The Hoboken Chicken Emergency* by Daniel Pinkwater
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg
- The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

- \**American Girl Books* by various authors
- \**Whales on Stilts* by M.T. Anderson (Pals in Peril series)
- \**The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks
- \**The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mac Barnett (Brixton Brothers series)
- \**Freddy Goes to Florida* by Walter Brooks (Freddy the Pig series)
- \* *Over Sea Under Stone* by Susan Cooper (The Dark is Rising series)
- \**The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
- \**Half Magic* by Edward Eager (Magic series)
- \**The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald
- \**Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost* by Cornelia Funke
- \**The Marvelous Inventions of Alvin Fernald* by Clifford B. Hicks
- \**Comet in Moominland* by Tove Jansson (Moomin series)

- \* *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- \* *Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin
- \* *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren
- \* *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald
- \* *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey
- \* *The Doll Shop Downstairs* by Yona Zeldis McDonough
- \* *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
- \* *Nicholas* by René Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempé
- \* *The Rescuers* by Margery Sharp
- \* *All-of-a-Kind Family* by Sydney Taylor
- \* *The Gecko and Sticky: the Villain's Lair* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- \* *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Little House on the Prairie)

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### **Butterfly Books**

- The Castle Corona* by Sharon Creech
- D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths* by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes
- The Ear, the Eye and the Arm* by Nancy Farmer
- The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm* by Norman Hunter
- Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson
- The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
- Trouble in Bugland* by William Kotzwinkle
- The Book of Dragons* by E. Nesbit
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick
- The Grimm Legacy* by Polly Shulman
- Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne
- Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne-Jones
  
- \* *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken
- \* *The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander (Chronicles of Prydain series)
- \* *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum (Oz series)
- \* *Tumtum & Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall* by Emily Bearn
- \* *The House with a Clock in Its Walls* by John Bellairs
- \* *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin
- \* *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
- \* *The Name of this Book is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch
- \* *The Children of Green Knowe* by Lucy Boston
- \* *The Mad Scientists' Club* by Bertrand R. Brinley

\**The Sisters Grimm: The Fairytale Detectives* by Michael Buckley  
 \**How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell (Hiccup the Viking series)  
 \**The Moffats* by Eleanor Estes  
 \**The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley  
 \**George's Secret Key to the Universe* by Lucy and Stephen Hawking  
 \* *Warriors* by Erin Hunter  
 \**Big Red* by Jim Kjelgaard  
 \**Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos* by R.L. LaFevers  
 \**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (The Chronicles of Narnia)  
 \**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin  
 \**The Doll People* by Ann M. Martin  
 \* *Charlie Bone* by Jenny Nimmo  
 \**The Neddiad* by Daniel Pinkwater  
 \**Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome  
 \* *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
 \* *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling  
 \* *Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell  
 \**Magyk* by Angie Sage (Septimus Heap series)  
 \**The Alchemyst* by Michael Scott (The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series)  
 \**The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden  
 \**The Edge Chronicles #1: Beyond the Deep Woods* by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell  
 \**The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart  
 \**100 Cupboards* by N.D. Wilson (100 Cupboards series)  
 \**Detectives in Togas* by Henry Winterfeld  
 \**The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: Book 1: The Mysterious Howling* by Maryrose Wood

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### **Graphic Novels**

*The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook* by Eleanor Davis  
*Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke  
*Copper* by Kazu Kibuishi  
*The Unsinkable Walter Bean* by Aaron Renier  
*Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity* by Dave Roman  
*Robot Dreams* by Sara Varon

\**Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword* by Barry Deutsch  
 \**Baby Mouse #1: Queen of the World* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm  
 \**Sticky Burr: Adventures in Burrwood Forest* by John Lechner  
 \**Owly, Vol. 1: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer* by Andy Runton  
 \**Binky the Space Cat* by Ashley Spires

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## **Poetry**

*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* by Mary Ann Hoberman

*Something BIG Has Been Here* by Jack Prelutsky

*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children: a treasury of 572 poems for today's child*  
selected by Jack Prelutsky

## **Non-Fiction**

*Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein* by Don Brown

*Rare Treasure: Mary Anning and Her Incredible Discoveries* by Don Brown

(There are many other great biographies by Don Brown)

*The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon* by Jacqueline Davies

*Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini* by Sid Fleischman

*Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea* by Steve Jenkins

*Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest* by Steve Jenkins

*Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press* by Bruce Koscielniak

*Built to Last* by David Macaulay

*The New Way Things Work* by David Macaulay

*Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

*Candy Bomber: the Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell

\**What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* by Jean Fritz

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## **Resources**

[The Horn Book Magazine](#) (Boston, MA: Horn Book Inc. 1945-)

“Independent, opinionated, and stylish, *The Horn Book Magazine* has long been essential for everyone who cares about children's and young adult literature. Our articles are lively, our reviews are insightful, our editorials are always sharp. We have gathered current and archival material to give you a taste of what we've been offering since 1924.”

[www.hbook.com](http://www.hbook.com)

Available at the Tompkins County Public Library

[The Horn Book Guide](#)

“Published each spring and fall by the Horn Book Inc., the authoritative Horn Book Guide publishes short, critical reviews of virtually every hardcover trade book published in the United States.” (Not available locally but available by subscription)

Pam Allyn, *What to Read When: the Books and Stories to Read with Your Child—and All the Best Times to Read Them* (New York: Avery, 2009).

Eden Ross Lipson, *The New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children* (New York: Three Rivers Press, 2000).

Nancy Pearl, *Book Crush: For Kids and Teens – Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Interest* (Seattle, WA: Sasquatch Books, 2007).

Roger Sutton and Martha Parravano, *A Family of Readers: the Book Lover's Guide to Children's and Young Adult Literature* (New York: Candlewick Press, 2011).

### **Picture Books**

*The Lonely Phonebooth* by Peter Ackerman

*Mr. Putney's Quacking Dog* by Jon Agee

*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett

*Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty

*In the Town All Year 'Round* by Rotraut Susanne Berner

*Pelle's New Suit* by Elsa Beskow

*Peter in Blueberry Land* by Elsa Beskow

*How Groundhog's Garden Grew* by Lynne Cherry

*Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel* by Leslie Connor

*Lost! A Story in String* by Paul Fleischman

*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Marla Frazee

*The Giant Ball of String* by Arthur Geisert

*The Rabbit Problem* by Emily Gravett

*The Once Upon a Time Map Book* by Barbara G. Hennessey

*How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hills

*A House is a House for Me* by Mary Ann Hoberman

*The Seven Silly Eaters* by Mary Ann Hoberman

*The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers

*The Duchess Bakes a Cake* by Virginia Kahl

*The Apple Doll* by Elisa Kleven

*Shall I Knit You a Hat: A Christmas Yarn* by Kate Klise and M. Sarah Klise

*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen

*The Philharmonic Gets Dressed* by Karla Kuskin

*Batter Up, Wombat* by Helen Lester

*Applesauce Season* by Eden Ross Lipson

*Halibut Jackson* by David Lucas

*The Shivers in the Fridge* by Fran Manushkin

*Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* by Salley Mavor

*Mama, Is It Summer Yet?* By Nikki McClure

*To Market, To Market* by Nikki McClure

*Mole Music* by David McPhail

*The Ink Garden of Brother Theophane* by C.M. Millen

*The Hallo-wiener* by Dav Pilkey

*Knitting Nell* by Jule Jersild Roth

*Do Re Mi: If You Can Read Music, Thank Guido D'Arezzo* by Susan L. Roth

*A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip Christian Stead  
*Brave Irene* by William Steig  
*The Library* by Sarah Stewart  
*The Quiet Book* by Deborah Underwood  
*Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku* by Lee Wardlaw  
*Jam & Jelly* by Holly & Nellie by Gloria Whelan  
*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams  
*Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea* by Vera Williams

\**Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard  
\**A Summer Story* by Jill Barklem (Brambly Hedge series)  
\**Mrs. Armitage, Queen of the Road* by Quentin Blake  
\**Bill and Pete* by Tomie de Paola  
\**Lucy's Summer* by Donald Hall  
*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes  
\**Alfie's Feet* by Shirley Hughes  
\**Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers  
\**Harvey the Baker* by Lars Klinting  
\**Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester  
\**Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and the Strawberries* by Maj Lindman  
\**Snipp, Snapp, Snurr and the Red Shoes* by Maj Lindman  
\**The Worst Person in the World* by James Stevenson  
\**Yoko Writes Her Name* by Rosemary Wells  
\**Zoom at Sea* by Tim Wynne-Jones

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