

Need ideas for summer reading?

Recommendations for the summer after grades 2 - 3

Are you looking for something good to read over the summer? Those long summer days are a great time to relax with a good book. The books listed below are not required school reading but simply suggestions of good books from the Acton-Boxborough current and retired library staff. There are also many other wonderful books available at the public libraries. Any book that you and your parents feel is a good choice for you is a good book for summer reading! Happy Reading!

AT THE BEACH – *About the beach and light “beach reading”*

Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas – by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm – Nonfiction book that with beautiful illustrations and poetic language introduces young children to the life cycle of the ocean. Also recommended - other books by Molly Bang.

Disappearing Island by Corinne Demas – Carrie and her grandmother visit an island that appears and disappears with the tides. Fiction based on fact.

Out of the Blue – by Alison Jay – A wordless picture book about an octopus, a girl, and boy at the beach. Talk about the story together as you look at the pictures!

Waiting for High Tide – by Nikki McClure - Illustrated with cut-paper artwork, fictional story of a young boy's day at the beach as he waits for high tide.

Beachcombing: Exploring the Seashore – by Jim Arnosky – Illustrations and text describe some of the many things that can be found on a walk along a beach. (Also, other books by Jim Arnosky)

Ramona the Pest – by Beverly Cleary – First book in the classic humorous series about Ramona and her friends and family. (also recommended, other Ramona books and also Henry Huggins books by Beverly Cleary)

TAKE A TRIP – *To real or fantasy places . . .*

The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems – Diva, a pampered dog, and Flea, a street cat, develop a friendship on the streets of Paris. Also recommended, other books by Mo Willems.

Piper Green and the Fairy Tree – by Ellen Potter – Piper Green lives on an island off the coast of Maine, travels by lobster boat to school each day, and discovers a magical fairy tree in her backyard.

I See the Sun in Mexico by Dedie King (also other books in the series, I See the Sun in India, I See the Sun in China etc.) – With each book in this series you spend a typical day in the life of a child in that country. Each book is written in both English and the predominant language of the country profiled.

Charlotte's Web - by E.B. White – Visit the farm as you read or reread this beloved classic tale of Wilbur the pig, Charlotte the spider, and their friends. (also recommended, Stuart Little by E.B. White)

Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Imperial China – by Joanna Cole – Travel with Ms. Frizzle to China 1000 years ago. (also, other Ms. Frizzle Adventures by Joanna Cole)

FUN AND GAMES – *Jokes, crafts, funny poetry, sports, silly books*

Balloons Over Broadway: the True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade – by Melissa Sweet – Award-winning artist Melissa Sweet tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg and Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Mirror, Mirror: a Book of Reversible Verse – by Marilyn Singer (Also Follow, Follow and Echo, Echo by Marilyn Singer) – A book of poems which, when reversed, give a different perspective on the fairy tale characters they feature.

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel – by Kathryn Gibbs Davis – The true story of how George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. invented and constructed the amusement park ride that bears his name.

ADVENTUROUS TIMES – *Outdoor adventure, scientific adventure, fantasy adventure*

Who is Jane Goodall? – by Roberta Edwards - A biography of Jane Goodall, a scientist who studied chimpanzees in their natural habitat in Africa and changed what we know about them. (Also recommended, other Who Is . . / Who Was . . biographies)

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters - by Lenore Look – Alvin's father takes him camping. (also recommended, other stories about Alvin Ho and also Ruby Lu books by Lenore Look)

Your Backyard is Wild – Junior Explorer Series – by Jeff Corwin – Lucy and Benjamin have adventures discovering plants, animals and nature even in Brooklyn, New York. (also recommended, other books in the Junior Explorer Series)

The Time Warp Trio: Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka – A magic book transports three boys to adventures in medieval times. (also, other Time Warp Trio books)

PLACES TO FIND MORE BOOK IDEAS, DESCRIPTIONS, REVIEWS

Acton Memorial Library – (<http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org>) Summer Reading Program, book suggestions, borrow books from Acton and other libraries in the Minuteman Library Network (<http://find.minlib.net/iii/encore/?lang=eng>)

Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough – (<http://www.boxborough-ma.gov/sargent-memorial-library>) Summer Reading Program, book suggestions, borrow books from Boxborough and other C/W MARS member libraries (<http://boxboro.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home>) and the Commonwealth Catalog (<https://commonwealthcatalog.org/MVC/>)

Association for Library Service to Children – Summer Reading Lists – 2016
(<http://www.ala.org/alsc/2016-summer-reading-list>)