

# Need ideas for summer reading?

## Recommendations for the summer after grades K - 1

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”*

Bats at the Beach – by Brian Lies – On a moonlit night, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun at the beach. (also other books in this series by Brian Lies – Bats at the Library, Bats at the Ballpark etc.)

Shells, Shells, Shells - by Nancy Wallace – A story about Bear’s visit to the beach. Included are facts about seashells.

Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea by Cynthia Rylant – Henry, Henry’s father, and their big dog, Mudge, enjoy seaside adventures. (also recommended, other Henry and Mudge books)

Wave – by Suzy Lee – A wordless picture book that shows a little girl’s first experiences at the beach. Talk about the story together as you look at the pictures!

Paddington at the Beach by Michael Bond – At the beach, Paddington is followed by hungry seagulls who would like to eat his snack. One of a series of picture books based on the classic Paddington chapter books by Michael Bond. (also recommended, other Paddington picture books)

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

I See the Sun in China - by Dedie King (also other books in the series, I See the Sun in India, I See the Sun in Mexico 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.

Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train - by Cynthia Rylant – After a small setback, Mr. Putter and his friends enjoy the best train ride of their lives. (also recommended, other Mr. Putter and Tabby books)

Dodsworth in Tokyo - by Tim Egan – Dodsworth’s mischievous duck companion falls into a koi pond at the Imperial Palace during their trip to Tokyo. (also recommended, other books in that series, Dodsworth in Paris, Rome etc.)

Minnie and Moo Go to Paris – by Denis Cazet – Two cow friends try to drive a bus to Paris. (also, other Minnie and Moo stories by Denis Cazet)

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

Stink Moody in Master of Disaster - by Megan McDonald – Stink camps in the backyard and tries to protect his family from an approaching comet. (also other books in the Judy Moody and Friends series, Jessica Finch in Pig Trouble, Rocky Zang in the Amazing Mr. Magic etc)

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together - by Mary Ann Hoberman – Short stories in two voices. (also recommended, other books in the You Read to Me, I'll Read to You series)

Take Me Out to the Yakyu – by Aaron Meshon - A little boy's grandfathers, one in America and one in Japan, teach him about baseball and its rich, varied cultural traditions.

It's Fun to Draw Pets – by Mark Bergin – Step-by-step instructions to help young artists. (also, many other books in the It's Fun to Draw series by Mark Bergin)

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

Camping: A Mr. and Mrs. Green Adventure - by Keith Baker – Camping sounds like fun, but Mr. Green is worried about going into the deep, dark woods. Where will Mrs. Green's map take them? (also, other easy readers about Mr. and Mrs. Green by Keith Baker)

Edward and the Pirates – by David McPhail – Once David has learned to read, books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures. (also, other picture books by David McPhail)

Traction Man is Here – by Mini Grey – A Horn Book Award winner, Traction Man is Here is an imaginative tale of an action figure superhero with a variety of humorous adventures. (also, two other Traction Man stories by Mini Grey)

***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>)