

Summer Brain Gain!

Summer Reading Recommendations

Parents - It is critical that children read year-round! Research has shown reading consistently over the summer can prevent summer learning loss. Please make time for your child to read every day this summer – with you, independently, or both – so that he or she can continue to grow as a reader!

Students -- As you read, log your books here:
<http://tinyurl.com/BrentReading>



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Guidelines for Recommended Summer Reading

- Summer reading is incredibly important for reading level maintenance, so it is critical to make time for reading every day.
- These books represent only a small sample of titles that your child/children may enjoy. You should not feel compelled to either stick to or complete the list.
- These books are hand-selected by Brent staff! There are some classics, some currently popular titles, some fiction, and some non-fiction. It would be pages and pages long if we put down everything we would like for kids to read, so this is just a representative sample. The idea is for families to go forth from here.
 - There is a separate list of poetry, appropriate for a wide range of readers, and also a list of graphic novels for middle readers.
 - There is a separate list containing the names of non-fiction authors and series. We included non-fiction books in this way because sometimes we find authors that write great books on lots of subjects at lots of levels. Equally often, we find series that are assembled according to certain criteria, and the author is less important than a books' membership in the collection.
- If your family is completing a summer reading challenge (such as the one offered by DC Public libraries, [here](#), or by East City Bookshop, [here](#)), lots of these books meet the terms of those challenges!
- **Record each book you read at the Brent On-line Reading Log: <http://tinyurl.com/BrentReading>**
- Enjoy the reading! We hope that family reading time is a favorite activity in your home and that you are looking forward to devoting lots of time to it this summer!

FAQ About the Reading Log

Can we only enter books from this recommended list?

- *Read and enter whatever books your child is interested in! Don't feel constrained by the list – these are just suggestions.*

My child is too young to type. Does this mean he can't log?

- *Do whatever works for your family typing-wise, provided that the child is providing the thinking. The idea is to promote the concept that we think about what we read, and share that thinking with others, so that is the important part.*

Who reads the entries on the log?

- *Lots of us do! On our end, the log is open to teachers, Mr. Young, Ms. Ewbank, Ms. Cruz, and Ms. Bettina. We really enjoy checking in on our readers all summer long.*

Do we have to finish the whole book before we log it?

- *Not if it is a long chapter book. Some of our older readers log by chapter, others log when they finish. It depends on the book.*

Do we need to log the book when we read it? We're going on vacation and won't have internet.

- *Feel free to log the books that were read on vacation when you get back home. You can log them all, or log the "best of" – whatever is best for you.*

Is there a minimum or maximum number of books that need to be read in order to log?

- *Nope. In the past we've had some kids log one while others log close to 40. The most important thing is to read steadily throughout the summer.*

How can I get a list of all the books we've entered so far?

- *E-mail chloe.patterson@dc.gov to ask and she will mail you a copy of your list.*

In the book, *Rocks*, I learned about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. It tells how each group of rocks is made and used. This book gives so much information on the three kinds of rocks.

- Rising 4th (*Rocks*)

I like the illustrations : there was the sun, the star, and the moon !!!

- Rising K (*Not for Sadie*)

In this story there's this kid name Greg who learns some of life lessons. He learns that he should appreciate what he gets from his family. He also learns that he should be okay with the kisses he receives from his aunts and grandmother because it shows that they love him.

- Rising 3rd
(*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*)

The cows want electric blankets. They find an old typewriter in the barn and write the farmer. The farmer says no so cows go on strike. Cows finally agree to return typewriter to farmer in exchange for blankets. Duck, who is returning the typewriter asks for a diving board for the pond.

- Rising 2nd (*Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type*)

Picture Books for Family Read Aloud



Title and Author	Title and Author
A Bad Case of Stripes by D. Shannon	Swimmy by L. Lionni
Salt in His Shoes by D. Jordan	The Patchwork Quilt by V. Flourney
Lola at the Library by A. McQuinn	The Day the Crayons Quit by D. Daywalt
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by P. Brown	The Honest-to-Goodness Truth by P. McKissack
Abiyoyo by P. Seeger	The Emperor's Egg by M. Jenkins
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by P. Goble	The Little House by V. L. Burton
One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale by Remi	Olivia by L. Falconer
The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore by W. Joyce	Corduroy by D. Freeman
Make Way for Ducklings by R. McCloskey	Blueberries for Sal by R. McCloskey
Have You Filled a Bucket Today? By C. McCloud	Fanny at Chez Panisse by A. Waters
Koala Lou by M. Fox	Goin' Someplace Special by P. McKissack
Rapunzel by R. Isadora	Rosie Revere, Engineer by A. Beaty
One by Kathryn Otoshi	Amazing Grace by M. Hoffman
Follow the Moon Home by P. Cousteau	The Different Dragon by J. Bryan
Is Your Mama a Llama? By D. Guarino	Going Places by P. Reynolds
Alvin Ailey by A. D. Pinkney	The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by M. Prett
A Chair for My Mother by V. B. Williams	The Stinky Cheese Man by J. Scieszka
The Dragon Prince by L. Yep	The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System by J. Cole

Picture Books for Shared Reading



Title and Author	Title and Author
Tikki Tikki Tembo by A. Mosel	Madeline by L. Bemelmans
Waiting is Not Easy! By M. Willems	The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog by M Willems
The Story of Ferdinand by M. Leaf	One Family by G. Shannon
Are You My Mother? By P. D. Eastman	Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
It's OK to Be Different by T. Parr	The Grouchy Ladybug by E. Carle
The Monster at the End of This Book by J. Stone	A Flag for Our Country by E. Spencer
What if Everybody Did That? by E. Javernick	The Earth Book by T. Parr
Harold and the Purple Crayon by C. Johnson	Max Found Two Sticks by B. Pinkney
Harry the Dirty Dog by G. Zion	Bear Shadow by F. Asch
Peter's Chair by E. J. Keats	Guess How Much I Love You? By S. McBratney
Giraffes Can't Dance by G. Andreae	I Know an Old Lady that Swallowed a Fly by N. B. Westcott
Lola at the Library by A. McQuinn	Dragons Love Tacos by A. Rubin
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By B. Martin Jr.	To Market, To Market by A. Miranda
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss	Goodnight, Gorilla by P. Rathmann
The Rainbow Fish by M. Pfister	The Runaway Bunny by M. W. Brown
please, baby, please by S. Lee and T. L. Lee	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by L. Numeroff
How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? by J. Yolen	Goodnight Moon by M. W. Brown
Whoever You Are by M. Fox	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by J. Viorst

Early Readers/Chapter Books and Series



Individual Books	Books in Series
Danny and the Dinosaur by S. Hoff	Miami Jackson by P. McKissack
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile by B. Waber	Nate the Great by M. W. Sharmat
Amelia Bedelia by P. Parrish	Berenstain Bears by J. Berenstain
Morris the Moose by B. Wiseman	Katie Woo by F. Manushkin
Grizzwold by S. Hoff	Nikki & Deja by K. English
Dinosaur Time by P. Parrish	Flat Stanley by M. Brown
Splat the Cat by R. Scotton	Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
Two for Joy by G. Amateau	Stink by M. McDonald
Mac and Cheese by S. Weeks	Keena Ford by M. Thomson
Pete the Cat by J. Dean	Houndsley and Catina by J. Howe
The Flimflam Man by D. B. Beard	The Magic Treehouse by M. P. Osborne
Not My Dog by C. Rodowsky	Mr. Putter and Tabby by C. Rylant
Gooney Bird Greene by L. Lowry	Lighthouse Family: The Storm by C. Rylant
Song of the Giraffe by S. Jacobs	George and Martha by J. Marshall
The Dream Stealer by S. Fleischman	EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken! By S. Warner
Freckle Juice by J. Bloom	Zelda and Ivy by L. McGee
Fish Face by P. R. Giff	Fox and His Friends by E. Marshall
The Skirt by G. Soto	Zapato Power by J. Jules

Middle Reader Chapter Books (Grades 3-6)



Title and Author	Title and Author
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by R. Dahl	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by G. Lin
Esperanza Rising by P. M. Ryan	The Penderwicks by J. Birdsall
My Side of the Mountain by J. C. George	Kira-Kira by C. Kadohata
Wild Robot by P. Brown	When You Reach Me by R. Stead
Clubhouse Mysteries: The Buried Bones Mystery by S. Draper	The One and Only Ivan by K. Applegate
The Lemonade War by J. Davies	Ghost by J. Reynolds
The Hidden World of Changers by H. K. Varian	Journey to Jo'burg by B. Naidoo
Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution by Avi	The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by R. Riordan
Crenshaw by K. Applegate	Wish by B. O'Connor
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by C. Grabenstein	Bunnicula by J. Howe
Island of the Blue Dolphins by S. O'Dell	The Phantom Tollbooth by N. Juster
Savvy by I. Law	The Witch of Blackbird Pond by E. G. Speare
The City of Ember by J. DuPrau	Harriet the Spy by L. Fitzhugh
Where the Red Fern Grows by W. Rawls	Paper Things by J. R. Jacobson
Ella Enchanted by G. C. Levine	Plunked by M. Northrup
Liar and Spy by R. Stead	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by M. D. Taylor
Becoming Naomi Leon by P. M. Ryan	Better Nate Than Ever by T. Federle
Flying Lessons & Other Stories edited by Ellen Oh, co-founder of We Need Diverse Books	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Books to Spark Conversation About Diversity and Inclusion



Title and Author (picture books)	Title and Author (chapter books)
Each Kindness by J. Woodson	Wonder by R. J. Palacio
The Journey by F. Sanna	I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition by M. Yousafzai
The Big Red Lollipop by R. Khan	Brown Girl Dreaming by J. Woodson
Last Stop on Market Street by M. de la Pena	One Crazy Summer by R. Williams-Garcia
Lost and Found Cat by D. Kuntz	Out of My Mind by S. Draper
And Tango Makes Three by J. Richardson	Just Juice by K. Hess
Family Pictures/ Cuadros de Familia by C. L. Garza	Long Walk to Water by L. S. Park
I Am Jazz by J. Herthel	The Red Pencil by A. D. Pinkney
The Story of Ruby Bridges by R. Coles	George by A. Gino
The Name Jar by Y. Choi	Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition by M. L. Shetterly
My Diary from Here to There by A. I. Perez	Inside Out and Back Again by T. Lai
The Harvey Milk Story by K. Krakow	Counting by 7's by H. G. Sloan
Finders Keepers? By R. Arnett	Return to Sender by J. Alvarez
Separate is Never Equal by D. Tonatiuh	Amina's Voice by H. Khan
This Day in June by G. Pitman	Shooting Kabul by N. H. Senzai
The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq by J. Winter	The Jacket by A. Clements
I Love Saturdays y domingos by A. F. Ada	I Lived on Butterfly Hill by M. Agosin
Thank You, Mr. Faulkner by P. Palacco	The Skin I'm In by S. Flake

Favorite Nonfiction Authors and *Series*



Author/Series	Description	Some Sample Titles
Seymour Simon	Scientific	The Sun; Guts; Animals Nobody Loves
Gail Gibbons	Scientific	Apples; The Reasons for Seasons; Halloween
Mary Pope Osborne	NF Companions	NF Companions for the Magic Tree House Series
Mary Kay Carson	Biographies, Scientific	Who Invented Television?; The Bat Scientists
Nic Bishop	Scientific	Lizards; Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close
Linda Bozzo	Discover Dogs, Animal Care	I Like Labrador Retrievers; Guide Dog Heros
Mary Jo Rhodes	Undersea Encounters	Life on A Coral Reef; Octopuses and Squids
<i>ASPCA Pet Care Guides</i>	Animal Care	Hamster; Fish; Turtle
<i>Inside Series</i>	Extreme Weather	Inside Tornadoes; Inside Hurricanes
<i>If You Lived...</i>	Historical	If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution
<i>My America</i>	Narrative Historical	Freedom's Wings: Corey's Underground Railroad Diary
<i>National Geographic Kids</i>	Expository High-Interest Topics	National Geographic Readers: Penguins!
<i>Let's Read and Find Out (Science)</i>	High Interest Answers to Kids' Question	How People Learned to Fly; What Makes a Magnet
<i>Klutz</i>	Instructional Books	Scoubidou: A Book of Lanyard and Lacing

Poetry and Graphic Novels



Poetry Collections and Anthologies	Graphic Novels for Middle Readers
Where the Sidewalk Ends By Shel Silverstein	El Deafo By Cece Bell
Honey, I Love By Eloise Greenfield	Secret Coders (series) By Gene Yang
Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry By X. L. Kennedy	Sunny Side Up By Jennifer L. Holm
Something Big Has Been Here By Jack Prelutsky	March (nonfiction trilogy) By John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
This Same Sky: Poems from Around the World By Naomi Shihab Nye	Real Friends By Shannon Hale
If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand By Kalli Dakos	Amulet (series) By Kazu Kibuishi
A Celebration of Bees By Barbara Esbensen	Phoebe and Her Unicorn (series) By Dana Simpson
All the Small Poems and Fourteen More By Valerie Worth	Babymouse (series) By Jennifer Holm
One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children By Michael Harrison	Ghosts By Raina Telgemeier
Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs By Douglas Florian	Roller Girl By Victoria Jamieson



Suggestions for:

Reading Online

- <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
 - *This site was created by the Screen Actors Guild and features well known actors and actresses reading favorite books. For example, check out James Earl Jones reading To Be A Drum! No sign-up required.*
- <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading>
 - *This site has many many leveled books available to read or have read aloud! It's a British site, so the accents are lovely, but the authors aren't as familiar. Sign-up required.*
- <http://www.biguniverse.com/>
 - *This is a useful site for finding non-fiction books to page through. You can even write and create books here! Sign-up required.*

Finding Books

- www.betterworldbooks.com
 - *This site is where the DC Public Library hosts its on-going online sidewalk sale.*
- www.thriftbooks.com
 - *Used books sold online with free shipping. Most books are priced under \$4. Site has textbooks too!*
- www.dclibrary.org
 - *Check out all the summer reading programs at the SE and NE libraries – there is a ton going on!*
- Fairy Godmother (319 7th Street SE)
- Politics & Prose (5015 Connecticut Ave. NW)
- East City Bookshop (645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE)
- Capitol Hill Books (7th & C St. SE)
 - *Used books, usually ½ the cover price. Not a ton for kids, but several classics.*
- Friends of the Montgomery County Library Bookstores
 - *Three locations selling used books. Check the website for daily hours at each store:*
 - *Rockville: 4886 Boiling Brook Parkway*
 - *Gaithersburg: 604 Quince Orchard Road*
 - *Wheaton: 11701 Georgia Ave*