



Parents & Guardians

Our summer reading program is based upon these four goals:

- (1) Maintain learning gains from school year,
- (2) Develop stronger reading skills,
- (3) Expose children to quality literature, and
- (4) Encourage a love of books.

Ideas to support your child's summer reading:

- Set aside time each day for reading
- Read together as a family
- Allow your child to choose the book
- Plan regular visits to the library
- Listen to audiobooks in the car
- Participate in the summer programs at the local library

How to Rock the Read Aloud

- Read with expression. Try creating different voices for different characters.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the characters, pictures, and words.
- Talk about the story with your child. Did he or she like it? Why?
- Your child may want you to read the same story over and over again. After several retellings, ask your child to tell *you* the story.
- Model Making Connections: Strong readers aren't passive—their minds are constantly making connections between what they read and the world around them. As you read, pause to connect the book to other books you have read together, to your memories, or to places or events you both know.

Entering First Grade



This summer, spend some time exploring the world around you through the books we have compiled! In this brochure you will discover great new books by award-winning authors.

Did you know that you can use the library's lobby/curbside pick-up to borrow books? Or, that many books are available in eAudio or eBook format, too. Not sure how this works? Just ask your librarian.

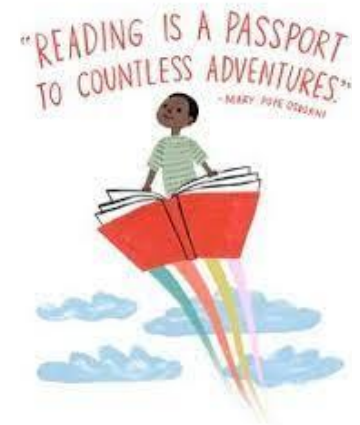
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits!

Ayer Public Library

(978-772-8250)
26 E. Main Street, Ayer, MA
www.ayerlibrary.org

Hazen Memorial Library (978-425-2620)

3 Keady Way, Shirley, MA
www.shirleylibrary.org



Grade 1 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

Creature Features by Steve Jenkins

Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist by Linda Skeers

Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmer's Market by Michelle Schaub

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard

Hello Puddle by Anita Sanchez

Hen Who Sailed Around the World: A True Story by Guirec Soudee

I Am Rosa Parks by Rosa Parks

Just Help! How to Build a Better World by Sonia Sotomayor

Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion by Shannon Stocker

Once in A Blue Moon by Danielle Daniel

Pengs Vase a Chinese Folk Tale by Paolo Proietti

Moving Words about a Flower by K.C. Hayes

That's Not My Name by Anoosha Syed

Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers by Sara Levine

Parent Read Aloud Recommendations

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco

Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug by Jonathan Stutzman

Grade 1 - Fiction Suggestions

Adrian Simcox Does Not Have a Horse by Marcy Campbell

Bathe the Cat by Alice McGinty

Beauty Work by NoNieqa Ramos

Berry Song by Michaela Goade

Amira's Picture Day by Reema Faruqi

Dear Dragon: A Pen Pal by Josh Funk

Hattie and Hudson by Chris VanDusen

Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

I Am Enough by Grace Byers

It Came in the Mail by Ben Clanton

Just in Case You Want to Fly by Julie Fogliano

In a Jar by Deborah Macero

Outside, Inside by LeUyen Pham

Princess and the Pit Stop by Tom Angleberger

Speak Up by Miranda Paul

Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev

What If by Samantha Berger

Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer

Friends are Friends Forever by Dane Liu

Watercress by Andrea Wang

Room for Everyone by Naaz Khan