



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 Fourth 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 4 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship by Irene Lathan

What Makes a Monster? Scariest Creatures by Jess Keating

The Universe in You: A Microscopic Journey by Jason Chin

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander

Killer Underwear Invasion! How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation, and Conspiracy Theories by Elise Gravel

National Geographic Kids Weird But True Series

Grade 4 - Fiction Suggestions

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel by Dan Santat

The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

Creatures of the Pines by Adam Gidwitz

The Unforgettable Logan Foster Book by Shawn Peters

Invisible: A Graphic Novel by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

The Map of Flames: The Forgotten Five by Lisa McMann

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

City of Dragons (series) by Jaimal Yogis

Grade 4 - Fiction Suggestions (cont.)

Katie and the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable

Science Comics: Dogs from Predator to Protector by Andy Hirsch

Mercy Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Stepping Stone by Lucy Kinsley Graphic

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

I Survived...(series) by Lauren Tarshis

The Last Day of Summer by Lamar Giles

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Holes by Louis Sachar

The One and Only Ivan, or **Bob**, or **Ruby** by Katherine Applegate

El Deafo by Cece Bell

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

The Stormrunner (series)_by J.C. Cervantes

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (series) by Kwame Mbalia

The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey

Planet Omar (Series) by Zanib Mian