

# Great Summer Reads!



Summer is finally here! While it's great to enjoy the time away from school relaxing, playing outside, and vacationing, it's also essential to include some time every day to read!

Summer is a great time to check out some new books, so be adventurous in your reading choices!

Be sure to check out the Summer Reading Program at the Oradell Public Library.

Happy Reading!

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**What's New?**

Feel like you've read everything worth reading? Tired of the same old stories? Check out these brand new releases!

### **K-3**

*Children Make Terrible Pets* by Peter Brown. Lucy, a young bear, discovers a lost boy in the woods and wants to keep him as a pet.

*Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator* by Mo Willems. Meet Amanda and her Alligator and enjoy a few surprises along the way.

*I'm a Shark*. Bob Shea. Meet a not-so-scary shark in this short but entertaining tale.

*Just Grace and the Terrible Tutu* by Charise Mericle Harper. Grace and her best friend Mimi are excited to work as mother's helpers.

*Miss Child Has Gone Wild!* by Dan Gutman. In this "Weirder School" series, Gutman continues the weird and wacky adventures!

*The Loud Book* by Deborah Underwood. Great illustrations and simple text explores the many loud noises over the course of a single day.

*Press Here!* by Herve Tullet. An interactive picture book that is sure to be read again and again!

*Scaredy Squirrel has a Birthday Party* by Melanie Watt. Scaredy plans to celebrate his birthday quietly, but a surprise inspires him to increase his guest list to two.

*The Secret Box* by Barbara Lehman. A wordless picture book in which several children discover a box hidden by a boy many years ago.

*Should I Share My Ice Cream?* by Mo Willems. The newest and sweetest Elephant & Piggie book comes out in June!

*Trains* by Philip Steele. Describes different types of trains and their history with extended, movable images, maps, and paintings.

### **3-6**

*A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz. Based on the Grimms' fairy tales, this story follows Hansel and Gretel on a dark and exciting adventure.

*Babymouse #14: Mad Scientist* by Jennifer Holm. While working on a science fair project, Babymouse discovers Squish, a new species of amoeba.

*Best of the Best* by Tim Green. Determined to play in the Little League World Series, Josh struggles to concentrate on his game and cope with his parents' divorce.

*Lemonade* by Bob Raczka. An innovative poetry book that includes a puzzle at the end of each poem.

*Squish: Super Amoeba* by Jennifer Holm. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, tries to navigate his way through the school and save his friends.

*A Tale of Two Castles* by Gail Carson Levine. Twelve-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon.

*Tales from a Not-So Talented Pop Star: Dork Diaries #3* by Rachel Rene Russell. Nikki decides to enter the talent show at her school, but runs into trouble with her nemesis MacKenzie.

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham. Theodore finds himself involved in a murder trial in this first book for kids by John Grisham.

*The Throne of Fire* by Rick Riordan. The second installment in Riordan's "Kane Chronicles" series follows Sadie and Carter Kane on their quest to restore Ra, the sun god, to power.

*Vespers Rising* by Rick Riordan. Amy and Dan Cahill were never warned about the Vespers, powerful enemies, but are faced with them when they rise to seek the Clues.

### **A Series of Enjoyable Books**

Need something beyond *Magic Tree House*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and *Harry Potter*? Check out these equally fantastic series!

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*Amber Brown* by Paula Danzinger. Read along as Amber makes her way from second to fourth grade.

*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parrish. Amelia Bedelia is well-meaning, but causes chaos all around her when she takes everything literally.

*Bailey School Kids* by Debbie Dadey. The Bailey School Kids investigate strangers who visit their school and town.

*Bones* by David Adler. Young detective Jeffrey Bones gathers clues and solves mysteries.

*Calvin Coconut* by Graham Salisbury. Comical adventures of mischievous Calvin Coconut having fun growing up in Hawaii!

*Cam Jansen and Young Cam Jansen* by David Adler. Cam's photographic memory helps her solve mysteries. Great first series for mystery-lovers!

*Clementine* by Sarah Pennypacker. Clementine can't seem to keep out of trouble in this funny series.

*Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor. A young girl who loves fancy things helps everyone around her become fancy too.

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown. Stanley Lambchop, an ordinary boy turned flat hero, goes on all kinds of adventures.

*Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel. Best friends Frog and Toad enjoy many adventures together in this series.

*Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold. A funny, action-packed adventures of Buzz and his pet insect Fly Guy, has great illustrations and simple text.

*Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant. Read all about Henry, an only child, and his loveable (but huge) dog, Mudge.

*Horrible Harry* by Suzy Kline. Harry inevitably gets involved with the most horrible things and strange situations.

*Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows. Two very different girls become the best of friends and collaborators in mischief.

*Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo. The amusing adventures of an adorable pig. Great early chapter books with illustrations.

*Miss Nelson* by Harry Allard. The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a terrible substitute.

*Nate the Great* by Marjorie Sharmat. Nate solves mysteries with the help of his faithful dog, Sludge.

*Poppleton* by Cynthia Rylant. Poppleton the Pig and friends have adventures in short chapters. Perfect for first grade readers!

*Ready Freddy* by Abby Klein. Join Freddy and his friends on great first-grade adventures!

*Ruby Lu* by Lenore Look. Eight-year-old Ruby spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, and has adventures with new friends.

*Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott. Eric and his friends find entry into the mysterious world of Droon by using a staircase in Eric's basement.

*Skippyjon Jones* by Judith Byron Schachner. Skippyjon Jones, a Siamese kitten who thinks he's a Chihuahua, has big dreams!



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*Alex Rider* by Anthony Horowitz. Spy thrillers that feature the adventures of young Alex.

*Alice* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Alice faces the agonies of growing up in this realistic and humorous series.

*Amelia's Notebook* by Marissa Moss. Amelia fills her journal with words and drawings that will inspire girls to write their own notebooks.

*Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi. In this graphic novel, Emily and Navin must find their way through a magical world below their home to rescue their mother.

*Bone* by Jeff Smith. Follow the adventures of cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone when they are run out of Boneville, their home, and become separated in the wilds.

*City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau. In the city of Ember, Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places, perhaps even glimpse the Unknown Region beyond her beloved city.

*Edge Chronicles* by Paul Stewart. In a brave attempt to find out where he belongs, Twig wanders into the mysterious, dangerous woods.

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini. In Aagaesia, a 15 year-old boy called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that changes his life forever.

*Gregor the Overlander* by Eleven-year-old Gregor is pulled into a strange underground world, triggering an epic battle involving humans, bats, spiders, and more.

*His Dark Materials* by Philip Pullman. A complex fantasy series for advanced readers follows the adventures of Lyra as she travels through different worlds.

*Inkheart Trilogy* by Cornelia Funke. When Meggy discovers that whatever she reads comes to life, nothing is ever the same again. Great fantasy series for Harry Potter lovers!

*Joey Pigza* by Jack Gantos. Hilarious and honest, Joey has to deal with everything from family to school while managing his ADHD.

*Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald. This entertaining series about an eight-year-old girl becomes a movie with the release of *Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer* this June.

*Maximum Ride* by James Patterson. Maximum Ride and other members of the Flock, a band of genetically modified children who can fly, are pursued by their evil creator, the Uber-Director.

*Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart. After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at a private school.

*The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall. The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating and they hatch a plan to stop him.

*Redwall* by Brian Jacques. Animals of Redwall Abbey including mice, rabbits, and more fight to protect their home in this fantasy adventure series.

*Sammy Keyes* by Wendelin Van Draanen. Exciting mysteries starring the feisty and smart seventh grade ace detective, Samantha Keyes.

*Septimus Heap* by Angie Sage. The seventh son of a seventh son, Septimus is destined to be a great wizard, but not without lots of evil schemes and plenty of action first.

*A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket. The Baudelaire orphans must live with Uncle and deal with an a string of bad luck.

*Shredderman* by Wendelin Van Draanen. Fifth-grader Nolan uses his secret identity as the Shredderman to triumph over the school bully.

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