

# Summer Reading

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Dear Families,

It is that time again when we start thinking about the wonderful summer ahead and planning how to spend our time during those hot sunny days. It is our hope that, when planning what to pack for camp, vacation, or a sleepover, our children will remember to pack their favorite book or magazine to bring along. Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Our readers have strong opinions about themselves as readers. Some will say, "I like reading fantasy" or "I like to read a whole series in order", or "I am more of a nonfiction reader". We hope that these lists will offer plenty of opportunities for your child to find the right books for him or her this summer. There is a book out there for everyone, for sure! Please note that the books on the list represent a range of difficulty levels. The children know what a "just right" book is for them and should be able to choose a book that they will be able to read comfortably.

Springhurst School also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection. Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related non-fiction eBooks from Scholastic. This interactive resource also includes Spanish versions for many of their paired texts, a read aloud component in which children can hear a narrated story and definitions of key words, and educational games and activities. To access our school's subscription, follow these easy instructions:

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

As part of *Summer reading at New York Libraries* (<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>), the State Education Department and myON, by Renaissance, are partnering to bring thousands of authentic, enhanced digital books to children all over the state. Unlimited, 24/7 access to the myON digital library will be available from May 1 through September 30. Children and families can read online using any web-based device and offline using free mobile apps.

- Go to: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/myon/>
- Login: read
- Password: books

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer!

Happy Reading!

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**2019 Summer Reading Suggestions**  
**Entering 3rd and 4th Grade**

**The Cardboard Kingdom** by Chad Sell

Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters--and their own inner demons--on one last quest before school starts again.

**Fergus and Zeke at the Science Fair** by Kate Messner

Fergus and Zeke love being the class pets in Miss Maxwell's classroom, and they do everything the students do — listening at storytime, painting masterpieces during art class, and keeping their own special journals. But when it's time for the school science fair, the mice aren't sure just how to get involved.

**The Major Eights: Battle of the Bands** by Melody Reed

Jasmine, Maggie, Becca, and Scarlet love jamming together, but are they ready to perform in front of a real audience in a Battle of the Bands competition?

**Mac B. Spy Kid: Mac Undercover** by Mac Barnett

Before Mac Barnett was an author, he was a kid. And while he was a kid, he was a spy. Not just any spy. But a spy...for the Queen of England.

**Alabama Spitfire: The Story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird** by Bethany Hegedus

Nelle Harper Lee grew up in the rocky red soil of Monroeville, Alabama. From the get-go she was a spitfire. Nelle loved to watch her daddy try cases in the courtroom. And she and her best friend, Tru, devoured books and wrote stories of their own.

**The Losers Club** by Andrew Clements

Sixth grader Alec can't put a good book down. So when Principal Vance lays down the law—pay attention in class, or *else*—Alec takes action. He can't lose all his reading time, so he starts a club. A club he *intends* to be the only member of.

**Finding Langston** by Lesa Cline-Ransom

It's 1946. Langston's mother has just died, and now they're leaving the rest of his family and friends. He misses everything, but Langston's new home has one fantastic thing. Unlike the whites-only library in Alabama, the Chicago Public Library welcomes everyone.

**The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs: The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation** by Kate Messner

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony, one person to make a difference, one idea to change the world. The ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs are the living legacy of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation