



## Prince William County Public Schools

### Summer Reading Program

### Suggested Reading List

### Elementary – Fourth Grade

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Recommendation is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

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Author	Title	Publication Date	Annotation
Bowen, Carl	<i>Quarterback Rush</i> or any <i>Sports Illustrated Kids Graphic Novel</i> book	2015	The Otters keep leaving their game on the practice field and losing their football games. Wide receiver Steve Michaels must overcome his own frustrations and help Aaron Corbin, his quarterback, get past his fears and play like the champion he can be.
Brallier, Max	<i>The Last Kids on Earth</i> or any book in the <i>Last Kids on Earth</i> series	2015	After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.
Castaldo, Nancy	<i>Mission: Polar Bear Rescue</i> , or <i>The Story of Seeds</i> , or <i>Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs Save the World</i>	2014	<i>Mission: Polar Bear Rescue</i> shares stories and facts that reveal the real-life survival challenges that have caused polar bears to become endangered, and provides information about what kids can do to support conservation efforts.
Draper, Sharon	<i>Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Buried Bones Mystery</i> or any book in the <i>Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs</i> series	2006	After the neighborhood basketball court is vandalized, Ziggy and his friends decide to form a club called the Black Dinosaurs and build their clubhouse in Ziggy's backyard.
Gutman, Dan	<i>Mrs. Meyer is on Fire!</i> or any book in the <i>My Weird School</i> series	2016	Mrs. Meyer from the local fire department has been brought in to teach the students at Ella Mentry School, but she is the weirdest safety expert in the world. She likes fire just a little too much.
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Babymouse: Queen of the World!</i> or any book in the <i>Babymouse</i> series	2005	An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.
Kibuishi, Kazu	<i>Amulet Book 1: The Stonekeeper</i> or any book in the <i>Amulet</i> series	2008	Emily and Navin follow their mother into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals
Law, Ingrid	<i>Savvy</i> or any other book in the <i>Savvy</i> series	2008	<i>Savvy</i> recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy" – a magical power unique to each member of her family.

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Luper, Eric	<i>Key Hunters: The Mysterious Moonstone</i> or any book in the <i>Key Hunters</i> series	2016	Cleo and Evan are curious about where the librarian disappears to at the back of the library, so they follow her into a magical library full of locked books and find a letter which tells them that the previous librarian is trapped between the covers of one of the enchanted books, and that they must find her.
McDonough, Yona Zeldis	<i>Who Was Harriet Tubman?</i> or any book in the <i>Who Was...?</i> series	2002	A biography of the nineteenth-century woman who escaped slavery and went back many times to take other slaves north to freedom on the Underground Railroad.
Park, Linda Sue	<i>Wing &amp; Claw: Forest of Wonders</i> or any book in the <i>Wing &amp; Claw</i> series	2016	When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more.
Peirce, Lincoln	<i>Big Nate Blasts Off</i> or any book in the <i>Big Nate</i> series	2016	After his fight with Randy Betancourt makes headlines in the school paper, Big Nate has a problem worse than detention on his hands.
Riley, James	<i>Story Thieves</i> or any book in the <i>Story Thieves</i> series	2015	Except for reading the Kiel Gnomefoot magic adventure series, Owen's life is boring until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the school library and he learns that Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book for her missing father, a fictional character.
Rodkey, Geoff	<i>The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)</i> or any book in the <i>Tapper Twins</i> series	2015	An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper of New York City.
Sachar, Louis	<i>Fuzzy Mud</i> or any children's book by this author	2015	<i>Fuzzy Mud</i> is the story of two middle-grade kids who take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Bollywood Burglary</i> or any book in the <i>Geronimo Stilton</i> series	2017	Asked by a Bollywood star for help protecting a valuable ruby, Geronimo Stilton and Hercule Poirat are inadvertently cast in the actress's film in spite of limited acting skills and are horrified when an anonymous thief makes off with the ruby.
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>Tornado Terror</i> or any book in the <i>I Survived: True Stories</i> series	2017	Tells the stories of two young people who survived terrifying tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and includes tornado facts and profiles of the well-respected scientists and storm chasers who study them.
Watson, Jude	<i>Mission Titanic</i> or any book in the <i>39 Clues</i> series	2015	Seventeen-year-old Ian Kabra, the head of the powerful Cahill family, hopes he can find Amy and Dan to decipher clues that will help him prevent four of history's greatest disasters.