

## TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS\* GRADES K– 2



\*Summer vacation is the perfect time to read a good book. This list is published to give parents and students ideas of good reading material. It is not a required reading list. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure, read for information, read for adventure...just read!



### Childhood Classics

Angelina Ballerina, Holabird  
Blueberries for Sal, McCloskey\*  
The Carrot Seed, Krauss\*  
Curious George, Rey\*  
Danny and the Dinosaur, Hoff\*  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Numeroff\*  
The Doorbell Rang, Hutchins\*  
Goodnight Moon, Brown\*  
Harold and the Purple Crayon, Johnson\*  
Horton Hears a Who, Seuss\*  
Little Engine That Could, Piper\*  
Make Way for Ducklings, McCloskey\*  
Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel, Burton\*  
Prehistoric Pinkerton, Kellogg  
The Story of Babar, de Brunhoff  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen

### Nursery Rhymes and Folktales:

The Gingerbread Man  
Jack and the Beanstalk  
The Little Red Hen\*  
Mother Goose Rhymes  
The Three Little Pigs  
Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose, DePaola  
Town Mouse, Country Mouse, Brett  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen  
Pio peep!: Traditional Spanish  
Nursery Rhymes, Campoy\*  
This is the House that Jack Built, Taback



### Fabulous Fiction

Dog and Bear, Seeger  
The Giant Jelly Bean Jar, Aboff  
Gus & Gertie and the Missing Pearl, Nixon  
How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?, Yolen\*  
I Love Saturdays y Domingos, Ada  
Let the Good Times Roll with Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe, Cannon  
The Lorax, Seuss  
Maybelle Goes To Tea, Speck  
Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!, Fleming  
My name is Yoon, Recorvits  
Spaghetti Eddie, San Angelo

### Books in Series:

#### Beginning Readers and Short Chapter Books

Amanda Pig, Van Leeuwen  
Arthur, Hoban  
Biscuit, Capucilli\*  
Cork and Fuzz, Chaconas  
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa, Silverman  
Elephant and Piggie, Willems  
Fly Guy, Arnold  
Frog and Toad, Lobel\*  
Froggy, London\*  
George and Martha, Marshall  
Henry and Mudge, Rylant  
Ivy + Bean, Barrows  
Mr. Putter and Tabby, Rylant  
A to Z Mysteries, Roy  
Amber Brown, Danzinger\*  
Bailey School Kids, Dadey  
Cam Jansen, Adler  
Horrible Harry, Kline  
Junie B. Jones, Park\*  
Magic Tree House, Osborne  
Mercy Watson, DiCamillo  
Nate the Great, Sharmat  
Pinky and Rex, Howe  
Turtle and Snake, Spohn

#### Let's Learn About...Nonfiction Books

Big Cats, Simon  
Boy! Were We Wrong  
About Dinosaurs, Kudlinski  
The Butterfly Alphabet Book,  
Cassie and Pallotta  
Dogs and Cats, Jenkins\*  
I See A Kookaburra! Discovering  
Animal Habitats Around the  
World, Jenkins  
Looking Closely Through the  
Forest, Serafini  
Manfish: a story of Jacques  
Cousteau, Berne  
One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: a  
Counting by Feet Book, Sayre  
Surprising Sharks, Davies  
Trains, Gibbons  
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True  
Story from Africa, Winter\*  
What Can You Do With an Old  
Red Shoe?, Alter  
What Do You Do With a Tail  
Like This?, Jenkins\*

### Poetry

In Our Backyard Garden, Spinelli  
Bow Wow Meow Meow: it's rhyming  
cats and dogs, Florian  
Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz, Salas  
Dirty Laundry Pile, Janeczko  
Doodle Dandies: poems that take shape, Lewis  
Days Like This: a collection of small  
poems, James  
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature, Sidman  
Take Me Out of the Bathtub,  
Katz



### Great Read-Alouds

And Then It's Spring, Fogli-  
ano  
Bats at the Beach, Lies  
Bear Snores On, Wilson\*  
Big Bad Wolves at School, Krensky  
The Big Hungry Bear, Wood  
Buzz, Spinelli  
Calvin Can't Fly, Berne  
Duck at the Door, Urbanovic  
The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?, Willems  
Fluffy and Baron, Rankin  
The Gruffalo, Donaldson\*  
Hibernation Station, Meadows  
Interrupting Chicken, Stein\*  
Library Mouse, Kirk  
Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza), Sturges  
Move Over Rover, Beaumont  
My Lucky Day, Kasza\*  
Night Pirates, Harris\*  
Ouch!, by Scamell  
The Perfect Nest, Friend  
Too Many Frogs, Ashner  
A Visitor for Bear, Becker  
Wee Little Bunny, Thompson  
Yes Day!, Krouse



### Awesome Authors

Jan Brett	Eileen Spinelli
Marc Brown	Nancy Tafuri
Eric Carle	Karma Wilson
Tomie DePaola	Mo Willems
Kater DiCamillo	
Gail Gibbons	
Kevin Henkes	
Suzy Kine	
Laura Numeroff	
Patricia Polacco	
Dr. Seuss	





**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**Fantasy and Science Fiction**

**City of Ember**, DuPrau\*  
**Eager**, Fox  
**Found**, Haddix\*  
**Doll People**, Martin  
**Ella Enchanted**, Levine  
**Gregor the Overlander**, Collins\*  
**Lightning Thief**, Riordan \*  
**Masterpiece**, Broach  
**McMummy**, Byars  
**Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane\***,  
**The Tale of Despereaux**, DiCamillo\*  
**The Mouse and the Motorcycle**, Cleary\*  
**Sweet Miss Honeywell’s Revenge**,Reiss  
**Poppy**, Avi  
**Power of Un**, Etchemendy  
**A Wrinkle in Time**, L’Engle

**Back in Time ... Historical Fiction**

**Blood on the River**, Carbone  
**Esperanza Rising**, Ryan\*  
**Fever**, Anderson  
**The Dreamer**, Ryan\*  
**Inside Out & Back Again**, Lai  
**Jacob Have I Loved**, Paterson\*  
**Joshua’s Song**, Harlow  
**Lily’s Crossing**, Giff  
**Number the Stars**, Lowry\*  
**Trouble Don’t Last**, Pearsall  
**Winter of Red Snow**, Gregory

**Adventure**

**The Cay**, Taylor\*  
**Kensuke’s Kingdom**, Morpugo  
**My Side of the Mountain**, George  
**Nim’s Island**, Orr  
**Wanderer**, Creech

**Let’s Learn About...Nonfiction Books**

**African Critters**, Haas  
**Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak**, Winter  
**Don’t Know Much About Pilgrims**, Davis  
**Owen and Mzee**, Hatkoff\*  
**Far Out Science Projects about the Earth’s Sun and Moon**, Gardner  
**Finding the Titanic**, Ballard  
**Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World**, Hatkoff\*  
**Riding to Washington**, Swain  
**The Truth About Great White Sharks**, Cerullo  
**Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Series**, Osborne  
**Nubs: the true story of a mutt, a marine & a Miracle**, Dennis  
**Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation**, Jules  
**Wolves are Back**, George  
**What is the Solar System?** Bredeson

**Fabulous Fiction**

**Because of Winn-Dixie**, DiCamillo\*  
**Bridge to Terabithia**, Paterson\*  
**Clementine**, Pennypacker\*  
**Dear Mr. Henshaw**, Cleary\*  
**Dacey’s Song**, Voigt  
**Frindle**, Clements\*  
**Ida B.**, Hannigan\*  
**Granny Torrelli Makes Soup**, Creech  
**Holes**, Sachar  
**The Invention of Hugo Cabret**, Selznick  
**Masters of Disaster**, Paulsen  
**Mick Harte Was Here**, Park  
**MVP\* Magellan Voyage Project**, Evans  
**On My Honor**, Bauer  
**Rules**, Lord  
**Saving Lilly**, Kehret  
**Savvy**, Law; **Scumble**, Law  
**So B. It**, Weeks  
**Summer of the Swans**, Byars  
**Wringer**, Spinelli  
**Young Man and the Sea**, Philbrick

**Magazines**

**American Girl**  
**Boys’ Life**  
**Cricket**  
**Discovery Girls**  
**Kids Discover**  
**My Big Backyard**  
**National Geographic for Kids**  
**Sports Illustrated for Kids**  
**Zoobooks**



**Solve it! ... Mystery**

**39 Clues: Maze of Bones**, Riordan  
**Chasing Vermeer**, Balliett  
**Following Fake Man**, Holmes  
**The Ghost of Fossil Glen**, DeFelice  
**From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**, Konigsburg  
**Regarding the Fountain**, Klise  
**Shakespeare’s Secret**, Broach  
**Skeleton Man**, Bruchac  
**Westing Game**, Raskin

**Biographies**

**26 Fairmount Ave**, DePaola  
**Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope**, Grimes  
**The Boy on Fairfield Street**, Krull  
**The Boy Who Drew Birds**: Davies  
**Farmer George Plants a Nation**, Thomas  
**George Washington’s Mother**, Fritz  
**The Many Rides of Paul Revere**, Giblin  
**Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman**, Schroeder  
**Rosa**, Giovanni  
**The Secret Soldier**, McGovern  
**Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln**, St. George  
**The Story of Ruby Bridges**, Coles

**Favorite Series**

**Amber Brown**, Danziger  
**A to Z Mysteries**, Roy  
**Animal Ark**, Baglio  
**Baseball Card Adventure**, Gutman  
**Cam Jansen**, Adler  
**Chet Gecko**, Hale  
**Children of the Red King**, Nimmo  
**Dark Hills Divide**, Carman  
**Deltora Quest**, Rodda  
**Harry Potter**, Rowling  
**Horrible Harry**, Kline  
**Jigsaw Jones**, Preller  
**Judy Moody**, McDonald  
**Land of Elyon**, Carman  
**Magic Shop**, Coville  
**Magic Tree House**: Osborne  
**Tales From the Odyssey**, Osborne  
**Marvin Redpost**, Sachar  
**Percy Jackson and the Olympians**, Riordan  
**Shadow Children**, Haddix; **Missing Haddix**  
**Ramona**, Cleary  
**Redwall**, Jacques  
**Rowan of Rin**, Rodda  
**Sammy Keyes**, Van Draanen  
**Secrets of Droon**, Abbott  
**Series of Unfortunate Events**, Snicket  
**Spiderwick Chronicles**, DiTerlizzi & Black  
**Underland Chronicles**, Collins  
**Time Warp Trio**, Scieszka  
**Zack Files**, Greenburg



**2013 Nutmeg Children’s Book Award Nominees**

**Baseball Great**, Green  
**Because of Mr. Terupt**, Buyea  
**Born to Fly**, Ferrari  
**Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**  
**My Life as a Book**, Tahsijian\*

**Potato Chip Puzzles**, Berlin  
**Powerless**, Cody  
**A Tale Dark & Grimm**, Gidwitz  
**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, Lin  
**The Wonder of Charlie Anne**, Fusco

