

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
Goldie and the Three Hares, Palatini
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*



Fabulous Fiction

Dog and Bear, Seeger
The Giant Jelly Bean Jar, Aboff
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site, Rinker
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
Spaghetti Eddie, San Angelo
Underground, Fleming
Yucky Worms, French

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
Subway Ride, Miller
Surprising Sharks, Davies
Trains, Gibbons
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True
Story from Africa, Winter*
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

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
Move Over Rover, Beauont
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



Biography

Barnum Brown: Dinosaur Hunter, Brown
Planting the Trees of Kenya, Nivola*

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	



*Title also published in Spanish .

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**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

Beneath the Streets of Boston, McKendry
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
If Stones Could Speak, Aronson
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
**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
Life in the Ocean, Nivola
Mama Miti: Wangari & the Trees of Kenya, Napoli
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
Talkin’ About Bessie..., Grimes

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
Shredderman, Van Draanen
The Time Warp Trio, Scieszka



2014 Nutmeg Children's Book Award Nominees

The Candymakers, Mass
Closed for the Season, Hahn
The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman, Wolitzer
The Great Wall of Lucy Wu, Long-Shang
Inside Out & Back Again, Lai

Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel, Holt
Out of My Mind*, Draper
Saving Armpit, Hyde
Wild Girl, Giff
Wildfire Run, Garretson



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