

# 2024 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our school year comes to a close, we all look forward to summer, a time that affords us a chance to relax and have fun with family and friends. In addition, summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to explore great books. Our WTS students are encouraged to share the love of reading with their family! Your child may enjoy being read to, or they may wish to read on their own. No matter the choice, books will take our children to places near and far, without ever leaving home. Summer reading is the perfect vacation destination for everyone!

At White Township School, literacy is a priority at every grade level. We enlist our families help to ensure our children are reading over the summer. WTS invites students to challenge themselves as readers throughout the summer. With the help of our teachers, we have compiled suggested reading lists by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2023 summer reading log posted on our website. Remember to turn in your summer reading log in September so that we may recognize your child's efforts in the fall.

Your support and encouragement contributes to your child's love of reading and is much appreciated!

## Tips for Encouraging Reading Growth—

### for the summer and beyond!

Inspired by Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

- Try to make sure an adult role model is seen reading daily. It works best if you read at the same time as the child.
- Allow children to choose the books they wish to read to themselves, even if they don't meet your high standards.
- Don't take that vacation car trip without recorded books on board. They count too!
- Set some time parameters, short at first and longer as children get older and read more.
- Newspapers and magazines, even comic books, count toward reading time. All of it amounts to exposure to print.
- The self-selection, self-interest factor is the important part. Let children read what interests them.

**Our lists offer suggestions,  
NOT requirements.**

**The goal here is to raise a lifetime reader!**

Your greatest resource is **The Warren County Public Library!**

<https://www.warrenlib.org/>

Use the app to search and request a book,  
download ebooks or audiobooks

[Tumble Books](#), [Capstone ebooks](#), [Big Timber Media Books](#)  
It's free!

**Check out the selections on our**

[Early Reader Chapter Books Padlet](#)

<https://padlet.com/mulligan1/early-chapter-books-2la88yal8pbzwc2y>

**The links below are for additional  
summer reading lists and tools to help  
with book selection.**

**\*Book lists, author links and reviews:**

[Children's Book Choice Awards:](#)

<https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reader-resources/childrens-choices-list/>

**\*Tool to help find a book that's just right!**

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

<https://getepic.com/promo>

**\*Summer reading lists by grade:**

[https://www.educationworld.com/summer\\_reading](https://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading)

# WHITE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

## Suggested Summer Reading Book List

# 2024

## Entering Grades 3-5



## Entering Grade 3

### Fiction

*Alien in My Pocket* series by Ball  
*Amelia Bedelia* series by Parish  
*Amber Brown* series by Danziger  
*Arthur* series by Marc Brown  
*Black Lagoon Adventures* by Thaler  
*Boxcar Children* by Warner  
*Cam Jansen* by Adler  
*Capital Mysteries* series by Roy  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Dalh  
*Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe* by Springstubb  
*Encyclopedia Brown* by Sobol  
*Eerie Elementary* series by Chabert  
*Fergus and Zeke* by Messner  
*Greetings from Somewhere* by Paris  
*Hank the Cowdog* series by Erikson  
*Henry Huggins* series by Cleary  
*Humphrey* series by Birney  
*Jigsaw Jones* series by Preller  
*Judy Moody and Stink* by McDonald  
*Louise, The Adventure of a Chicken* by DiCamillo  
*Lulu Walks the Dog* by Viorst  
*Magic Tree House* series by Pope Osbourne  
*Magic School Bus* series  
*Marvin Redpost* series by Sachar  
*Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series by MacDonald  
*My Life in Pictures* by Zemke  
*Ramona* series by Cleary  
*Ready Freddy* series by Klein

### Nonfiction

*DK Readers* (Level 2-3)  
*I Can Read Books* (Level 2 or 3)  
*Step into Reading Series* (Level 3)  
*Time for Kids* (Level 2 or 3)  
*National Geographic Kids* (levels 3-4)  
*True Book Series*

### Biography

*Don't You Dare Shoot That Bear* by Quackenbush  
*Log Cabin in the Woods* by Henry  
*Vanished* by Kulling  
*What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* by Fritz  
*Who Was?* series by various authors

## Entering Grades 4-5

### Fiction

*All's Faire in Middle School* (graphic novel) by Jamieson  
*Ballpark Mysteries* by Kelly  
*Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary  
*The Borrowers* (Series) by Norton  
*Bunnica* (Series) by Howe  
*Champ* by Jones  
*Coraline* by Gaiman  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, (Series) by Kinney  
*Doll Bones* by Black  
*Hardy Boys* (Series) by Dixon  
*Hello, Universe* by Kelly  
*I Survived Series* by Tarshis  
*Jake Maddox Survival* series by Maddox  
*The Littles* (Series) by Peterson  
*Lost and Found* by Clements  
*Lunch Money* by Clements  
*May Bird*, (Series) by Anderson  
*Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism* by Byng  
*My Weird School* by Gutman  
*Nicky Fifth* (Series) by Willever  
*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Riordan  
*Room One* by Clements  
*School's Out* by Hurwitz  
*Spiderwick Chronicles* by DiTerlizzi and Black  
*The Secrets of Droon* by Abbott  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Barnhill  
*The BFG* by Roald Dahl  
*The Kingdom Keepers* series by Pearson  
*The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan  
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by DiCamillo  
*The Puppy Place Series* by Miles  
*The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet* by Deeby  
*The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer  
*There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Lous Sachar  
*The Tail of Emily Windsnap* series by Kessler  
*The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer  
*Tracing Stars* by Moulton  
*Warriors Series* by Hunter  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead  
*Wish* by O'Connor

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### Historical Fiction

*A Day of Tears* by Lester  
*By the Great Horn Spoon* by Fleishman  
*Caddie Wodlawn* by Brink  
*Crow Calls* by Lowry  
*Dash* by Larson  
*Duke* by Larson  
*Dear America Series*  
*Emily's Fortune* by Naylor  
*Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Taylor  
*Mr. Tucket* by Paulsen  
*Nine Open Arms* by Lindelauf  
*Nory Ryan's Song* by Giff  
*May B.* by Rose  
*One Came Home* by Timberlake  
*Out of the Dust* by Hesse  
*Soldier's Heart* by Paulsen  
*Something Upstairs* by Avi  
*The Cabin Faced West* by Fritz  
*Titanic Crossing* by Williams  
*Thunder at Gettysburg* by Gauch  
*The Winter People* by McMahon

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### Biographies/Informational

*Amelia Earhart* by Stone  
*And Then What Happened Paul Revere?* by Fritz  
(and other selections by Fritz)  
*Boy* by Dahl  
*Eleanor Roosevelt* by Freedman  
*The Great Fire* by Hort  
*Helen Keller* by Garrett  
*Jacob's Rescue* by Drucker & Halperin  
*Marie Curie, A Brilliant Life* by MacLead  
*Parallel Journeys* by Ayer  
*The Real Benedict Arnold* by Murphy  
*Through My Eyes* by Bridges  
*Who Was?* series by various authors