



### Parents & Guardians

Our summer reading program is based upon these four goals:

- (1) Maintain learning gains from school year,
- (2) Develop stronger reading skills,
- (3) Expose children to quality literature, and
- (4) Encourage a love of books.

#### Ideas to support your child's summer reading:

- Set aside time each day for reading
- Read together as a family
- Allow your child to choose the book
- Plan regular visits to the library
- Listen to audiobooks in the car
- Participate in the summer programs at the local library

#### How to Rock the Read Aloud

- Read with expression. Try creating different voices for different characters.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the characters, pictures, and words.
- Talk about the story with your child. Did he or she like it? Why?
- Your child may want you to read the same story over and over again. After several retellings, ask your child to tell *you* the story.
- Model Making Connections: Strong readers aren't passive—their minds are constantly making connections between what they read and the world around them. As you read, pause to connect the book to other books you have read together, to your memories, or to places or events you both know.

## Entering First Grade



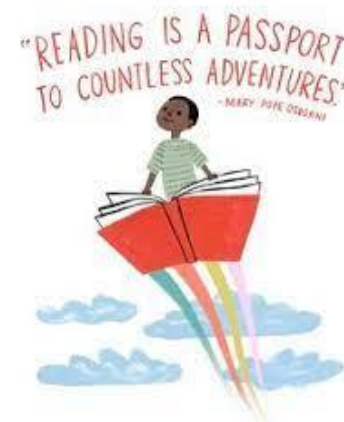
This summer, spend some time exploring the world around you through the books we have compiled! In this brochure you will discover great new books by award-winning authors.

Did you know that you can use the library's lobby/curbside pick-up to borrow books? Or, that many books are available in eAudio or eBook format, too. Not sure how this works? Just ask your librarian.

Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits!

**Ayer Public Library**  
(978-772-8250)  
26 E. Main Street, Ayer, MA  
[www.ayerlibrary.org](http://www.ayerlibrary.org)

**Hazen Memorial Library** (978-425-2620)  
3 Keady Way, Shirley, MA  
[www.shirleylibrary.org](http://www.shirleylibrary.org)



# Grade 1 Suggested Titles

Title	Author	Type
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold	Parent ReadAloud
Amira's Picture Day	Reema Faruqi	Fiction
Animals in Pants a Poetry Book	Suzy Levinson	Parent ReadAloud
Bathe the Cat	Alice McGinty	Fiction
Being a Cat: a Tail of Curiosity	Maria Gianferrari	Fiction
Berry Song	Michaela Goade	Fiction
Big	Vashti Harrison	Fiction
Built to Last	Mihn Le	Parent ReadAloud
Butt or Face? A hilarious Animal Guessing Book for Kids	Kari Lavelle	NonFiction
Cape	Kevin Johnson	Fiction
Creature Features	Steve Jenkins	NonFiction
Dear Dragon: A Pen Pal	Josh Funk	Fiction
Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist	Linda Skeers	NonFiction
Evergreen	Matthew Cordell	Parent ReadAloud
Footprints Across the Planet	Jennifer Swanson	NonFiction
Fox Has a Problem	Corey Tabor	Fiction
Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmer's Market	Michelle Schaub	NonFiction
Friends are Friends Forever	Dane Liu	Fiction
Fungi Grow	Maria Gianferrari	NonFiction
Greta and the Giants	Zoe Tucker	Fiction
Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur	Helen Yoon	Fiction
Hello Puddle	Anita Sanchez	NonFiction
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	Fiction
In a Jar	Deborah Macero	Fiction
In Every Life	Marla Frazee	Fiction
It Came in the Mail	Ben Clanton	Fiction
Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider	Jessica Lanan	NonFiction
Just Wild Enough Mireya Mayor, Primatologist	Marta Migellan	NonFiction
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion	Shannon Stocker	NonFiction
Moving Words about a Flower	K.C. Hayes	NonFiction
My Head Has a Bellyache and More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups 2	Chris Harris	NonFiction
Nat the Cat Takes a Nap	Jarrett Lerner	Fiction
Once in A Blue Moon	Danielle Daniel	NonFiction
Once Upon a Book	Grace Lin & Kate Messner	Fiction
Princess and the Pit Stop	Tom Angleberger	Fiction
Room for Everyone	Naaz Khan	Fiction
Speak Up	Miranda Paul	Fiction
Strictly No Elephants	Lisa Mantchev	Fiction
That's Not My Name	Anoosha Syed	NonFiction
The Only Way to Make Bread	Cristina Quintero	Fiction
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The Thingamajig	Rilla Alexander	Fiction
They Hold the Line: Wildfires, Wildlands, and the Firefighters Who Brave Them	Dan Paley	NonFiction
Thunder Cake	Patricia Polacco	Parent ReadAloud
Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug	Jonathan Stutzman	Parent ReadAloud
Watercress	Andrea Wang	Fiction
What a Map Can Do	Gabrielle Balkan	NonFiction
What If	Samantha Berger	Fiction
When You Can Swim	Jack Wong	Fiction
Wonder Walkers	Micha Archer	Fiction
Worm and Caterpillar are Friends	Kaz Windness	Fiction
You're Going to Love this Book	Jory John	Fiction

