



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 Second 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.

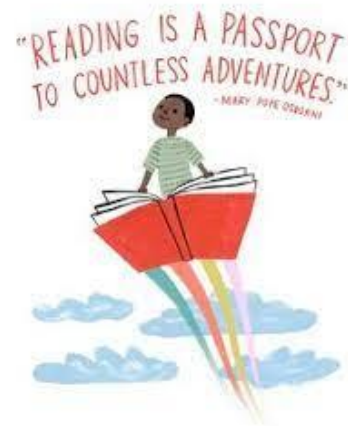
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits! Your imagination's the limit.

Ayer Public Library

(978-772-8250)
26 E. Main Street, Ayer, MA
www.ayerlibrary.org

Hazen Memorial Library (978-425-2620)

3 Keady Way, Shirley, MA
www.shirleylibrary.org



Grade 2 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers

A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars by Seth Fishman

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History (Vashti Harrison)
by Vashti Harrison

Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed

One Wish: Fatima al-Fihri and the World's Oldest University by
M.O. Yuksel

**Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a
Disability** by Shane Burcaw

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita
Hubbard

A Place to Start a Family: Poems About Creatures that Build by
David L. Harrison

Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin

Parent Read Aloud Recommendations

The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco

The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor

Outside In by Deborah Underwood

Grade 2 - Fiction Suggestions

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by Dan
Santat

All the Animals Where I Live by Phillip Stead

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

Show the World by Angela Dalton

The Bad Guys Book by Aaron Blabey

Big Feelings by Alexandra Penfold

The Disgusting Critter (Series) by Elise Gravel

Dory Fantasmagory: The Real True Friend by Abby Hanlon

Giraffe Problems by Jory John

Hey, Water! by Antionette Portis

Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise by David Ezra
Stein

Ivy and Bean (series) by Annie Barrows

Just Help! How to Build a Better World by Sonia Sotomayor

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (A Narwhal and Jelly Book #1) by Ben
Clanton

Amah Faraway by Margaret Chiu Greanias

Ouch Moments by Michael Genhart

Climb On! By Baptiste Paul

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell

Except Antarctica by Todd Sturgell

When Lola Visits by Michelle Sterling

Let Me Fix You a Plate: A Tale of Two Kitchens by Elizabeth Lilly