



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 Third 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.

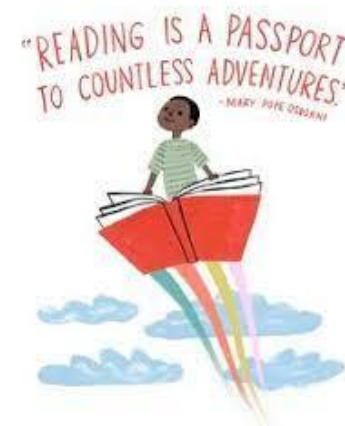
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits!

Ayer Public Library

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

Hazen Memorial Library (978-425-2620)

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



Grade 3 - Fiction Suggestions

Grade 3 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field by Scott Riley

Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes by Wab Kinew

The Hike: Nature Books for Kids by Alison Farrell

Child of the Flower-Song People by Gloria Amescua

The Leaf Detective: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest by Heather Lang

Lovely Beast: The Surprising Truth by Kate Gardner

The People Remember by Ibi Zoboi

The Magic and Mystery of Trees by Jenn Green

Once, I Laughed My Socks Off by Steve Attewell

Rocket to the Moon!: Big Ideas that Changed the World #1 by Dan Brown

Say Something by Peter Reynolds

Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid becomes a Congresswoman by Sharice Davids

Summertime Sleepers: Animals that Estivate by Melissa Stewart

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist by Jess Keating

Parent Read Aloud Recommendations

All Because You Matter by Tami Charles

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

And the People Stayed Home by Kitty O'Meara

The Chicken Squad (series) by Doreen Cronin

Cress Watercress by Gregory Maguire

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings by Laurel Snyder

Odder by Katherine Applegate

I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

Knights vs. Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up: Tales from Deckawoo Drive by Kate DiCamillo

Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same by Grace Lin

The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail by Richard Peck

My Weird School (series) by Dan Gutman

Not So Small by Pat Zietlow Miller

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab & Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Ranger in Time (series) by Kate Messner

Laxmi's Mooch by Shelley Amond

Ada Lace, On the Case by Emily Calandrelli

Stinkbomb & Ketchup-Face & the Badness of Badgers by John Dougherty

In My Mosque by M.O. Yuksel

Hank Zipzer Series by Henry Winkler

The Wild Robot /The Wild Robot Escapes by Peter Brown