



### 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 Fourth 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.

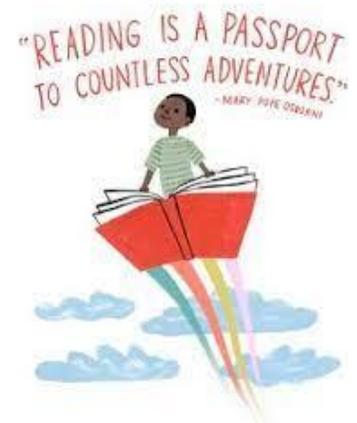
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands of* amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits! Your imagination's the limit.

#### Ayer Public Library

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

#### Hazen Memorial Library (978-425-2620)

3 Keady Way, Shirley, MA  
[www.shirleylibrary.org](http://www.shirleylibrary.org)



## Grade 4 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

**Everything Awesome about Sharks** by Mike Lowery

**Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship** by Irene Lathan

**What Makes a Monster? Scariest Creatures** by Jess Keating

**Hello Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly

**Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera** by Candace Fleming

**Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets** by Kwame Alexander

**The Tree Lady: The Story how one Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever** by H. Joseph Hopkins

**Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented** by Tanya Lee Stone

**National Geographic Kids Weird But True Series**

## Grade 4 - Fiction Suggestions

**Aru Shah and the End of Time (series)** by Roshani Chokshi

**The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel** by Dan Santat

**The Cardboard Kingdom** by Chad Sell

**Creatures of the Pines** by Adam Gidwitz

**The Finniverse (series)** by Michael Buckley

**The Unforgettable Logan Foster Book** by Shawn Peters

**Pie in the Sky** by Remy Lai

**Amari and the Nigh Brothers (series)** by B.B. Alston

## Grade 4 - Fiction Suggestions (cont.)

**Katie and the Catsitter** by Colleen AF Venable

**Science Comics: Dogs from Predator to Protector** by Andy Hirsch

**Mercy Suarez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina

**Stepping Stone** by Lucy Kinsley Graphic

**Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

**I Survived...**(series) by Lauren Tarshis

**The Last Day of Summer** by Lamar Giles

**The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier

**Moo** by Sharon Creech

**New Kid** by Jerry Craft

**The One and Only Ivan** & **The One and Only Bob** by Katherine Applegate

**Restart** by Gordon Korman

**The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo

**The Stormrunner (series)** by J.C. Cervantes

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (series)** by Kwame Mbalia

**The Unteachables** by Gordon Korman

**Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis

**We're Not From Here** by Geoff Rodkey