



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 Fifth 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.

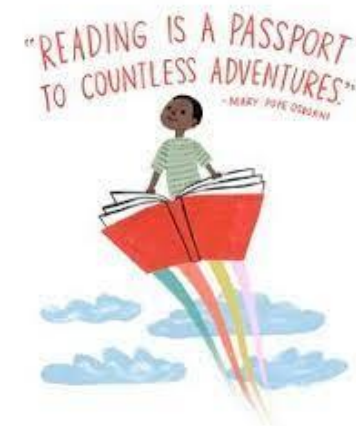
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits!

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 5 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Akim Aliu: Dreamer Original Graphic Memoir by Akim Aliu

Hidden Figures, Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly

How Old is a Whale? Animal Life Spans from the Mayfly to the Immortal Jellyfish by Lily Murray

The Screaming Hairy Armadillo and 76 Other Animals with Weird Wild Names by Lily Murray

The Who Was/What Was/When Was Series by various authors

Grade 5 - Fiction Suggestions

A First Time for Everything by Dan Santant

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

The Elephant's Girl by Celesta Rimmington

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Bad Sister by Charise Mericle Harper

Refugee by Alan Gratz

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New Kid by Jerry Craft

Grade 5 - Fiction Suggestions (cont.)

Parachute Kids A Graphic Novel by Betty C. Tang

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Love Sugar Magic (series) by Anna Meriano

Wildoak by C.C. Harrington

The Playbook by Kwame Alexander

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood by Liesl Shurtliff

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez

Red White and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier