



### 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.

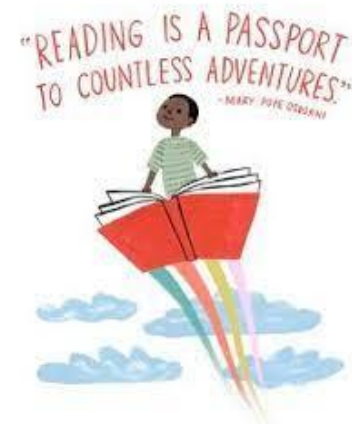
Our town librarians are book experts. They have *thousands* of amazing books that they want to share with you! Whatever you're interested in, there's a book for you. Adventure awaits! Your imagination's the limit.

#### 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 5 - Nonfiction and Poetry Suggestions

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

**Hidden Figures, Young Readers Edition** by Margot Lee Shetterly

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

**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park

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

## Grade 5 - Fiction Suggestions

**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed

**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan

**The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman

**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone

**Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros

**It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit** by Justin Reynolds

**See you in the Cosmos** by Jack Cheng

**Bad Sister** by Charise Mericle Harper

**Refugee** by Alan Gratz

## Grade 5 - Fiction Suggestions (cont.)

**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang

**I Funny** by James Patterson

**The Land of Stories** (series) by Chris Colfer

**The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill

**Love Sugar Magic** (series) by Anna Meriano

**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga

**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson

**The Playbook** by Kwame Alexander

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

**Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli

**A Tale of Magic (series)** by Chris Colfer

**Red Whit and Whole** by Rajani LaRocca

**Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar

**When Stars are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson

**The Last Cuentista** by Donna Barba Higuera

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate

**Echo** by Pam Munoz Ryan

**Omar Rising** by Aisha Saeed