eading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time.
Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.





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# SUMMER READINGLIST

# Birth through Preschool

## All Kinds of People

by Shelley Rotner, photographs by Sheila M. Kelly

Holiday House, 2018, ISBN: 9780823439720

Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in lots of shades in this introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.

#### Beach Baby

# by Laurie Elmquist, illustrated by Elly MacKay

Orca Book Publishers, 2016, ISBN: 9781459809543

From sand dollars to sandpipers, a baby's blissful day at the beach is recalled in lyrical verse and simple pastel-hued illustrations.

#### Before & After

## by Jean Jullien

Phaidon Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780714874081

A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

#### Black Bird Yellow Sun

## by Steve Light

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763690670

Explore bright colors and textures with one black bird flying through the day.

# A Busy Creature's Day Eating!

#### by Mo Willems

Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781368013529

Willems' trademark zaniness—"Q is for queasy"—

reinvents the alphabet book as a purple creature gobbles his way from A to Z.

# Flora and the Chicks: A Counting Book

## by Molly Idle

Chronicle Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781452146577

Flora tries to keep up with an increasing number of hatching chicks.

## Good Day, Good Night

# by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Loren Long

HarperCollins, 2017, ISBN: 9780062383105

Reminiscent of the author's beloved Goodnight Moon, this shares a day—and night—in the life of a busy little bunny.

## Hello Humpback!

#### by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers

Harbour Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 9781550177992

First Nations artist Vickers takes toddlers to the wild and magical West Coast.

## Hello, World! Solar System

#### by Jill McDonald

Doubleday, 2016, ISBN: 9780553521030

Presents the planets in the solar system and describes what makes them special.

#### Interstellar Cinderella

# by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Meg Hunt

Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452125329

This Cinderella story is told with a STEM slant and an updated twist on the familiar ending.

## Littles: And How They Grow

# by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by AG Ford

Doubleday, 2017, ISBN: 9780399555268

From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in the lives of growing children.

# Little Sunny Sunshine / Sol Solecito

#### by Susie Jaramillo

Encantos, 2018, ISBN: 9781945635113

A little piggy celebrates the radiance of the sun and the wistfulness of the moon, in English and Spanish.

#### Lucía the Luchadora

#### by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

POW!, 2017, ISBN: 9781576878279

"With that mask, you can become anything you dream of being." Lucía's abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies, by sharing that Lucía comes from a long line of strong women luchadoras.

# La Catrina: emociones/

Lil' Libros 2017, ISBN: 9780986109966 Introduces readers to the words for emotions in Spanish and English with illustrations inspired by the traditonal Mexican costumed and painted skeletons.

# Nerdy Babies: Space

#### by Emmy Kastner

Roaring Brook Press, 2019, ISBN: 9781250312051

Check out the moon, the sun, planets, gravity, and orbits in a simple question-and-answer format.

#### Now

## by Antoinette Portis

Roaring Brook Press/ Neal Porter, 2017, ISBN: 9781626721371

Following a girl's joys and experiences shows an appreciation of life's simple moments.

## One Lonely Fish: A Counting Book with Bite!

#### by Andy Mansfield, illustrated by Thomas Flintham

Bloomsbury, 2017, ISBN: 9781681192017

Bold colors, die-cut pages, and a twist ending ensure repeated readings of this cleverly designed concept book.

# A Parade of Elephants

#### by Kevin Henkes

Greenwillow Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780062668271

Five elephants are on a mission, marching from

dawn to dusk, up and down, through and around, in this colorful concept book.

# Saturday Is Swimming Day

## by Hyewon Yum

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763691172

A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

#### Summer Supper

# by Rubin Pfeffer, illustrated by Mike Austin

Random House, 2018, ISBN: 9781524714642

Shovel, sow, seed, snack: learn how food goes from farm to table in this alliterative, vibrantly colored tale.

## Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet / Diez deditos de los pies, dos piececitos

# by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Jane Massey

little bee books, 2018, ISBN: 9781499807073

A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

## Toesy Toes

#### by Sarah Tsiang

Orca Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781459813427

Looks at the different types of toes babies can have, from splishysplashy toes getting washed by a hose to cozy-dozy toes belonging to a napping child.

# Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

#### by David Ellwand

Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781536202205

In a fantastical take on a favorite rhyme, little teddy bears find themselves flying in rockets above the earth and bouncing on the moon.

#### **Windows**

# by Julia Denos, illustrated by E. B. Goodale

Candlewick Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780763690359

In a lively neighborhood, just before dark, a boy walking his dog enjoys the views through the neighbors' windows.

## You Hold Me Up/ Ki Kihceyimin Mana by Monique Gray Smith,

Orca Book Publishers, 2018, ISBN: 9781459821750

An evocative picture book intended to foster reconciliation among children and encourage them to show each other love and support.



