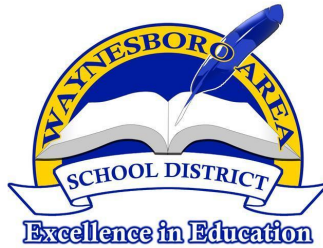


# WASD Summer Reading



Waynesboro Area School District believes strongly in the importance of daily reading! Summertime offers a wonderful opportunity to build daily reading habits. Reading to and with your child will not only help maintain reading skills and strategies learned in school, but will provide enrichment through the exploration of both real and imaginary worlds within books!

## Book Suggestions

*The following book lists were compiled by the Pennsylvania Keystone State Literacy Association. The list contains suggestions and recommendations for classic and newer literature as well as educational apps. This is not a mandated reading list. Also, please note that the thoughts and opinions presented by the individual story authors do not necessarily represent the viewpoints of WASD.*

# Grades K-1 reading list

*The Families and Reading resources are created to give families suggestions of new books, magazines, and apps to share. The information presented in these books and magazines represents the thoughts and opinions of the authors and does not necessarily represent the viewpoints of the Keystone State Literacy Association.*

For more resources, visit your local library or one of the following sites:

- Power Library ([www.powerlibrary.org](http://www.powerlibrary.org)) - A PA library collaboration of shared materials and resources. Click on the links at the top of the homepage to view recommendations or to visit Power Kids.
- Unite for Literacy (<http://www.uniteforliteracy.com>) - Access a free digital library.
- Visit Scholastic ([www.scholastic.com/parents](http://www.scholastic.com/parents)) and Amazon ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) for more book options.



## Grades K-1 Reading List

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### Classics:

- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *Are You My Mother?* by Phillip D. Eastman
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg

### Newer Informational Books:

- *Birds of Every Color* by Sneed B. Collard III - For birds, colors serve important purposes. They send messages, attract mates, answer questions, and much more.
- *The Curious Guide to Things that Aren't* by John and James Fixx - Read and solve riddles--one for each letter of the alphabet.
- *Terrific Tongues!* by Maria Gianferrari - Some animals use their tongues in unusual ways to find food, eat, and clean themselves.
- *The One and Only Wolfgang: From Pet Rescue to One Big Happy Family* by Steve Greig and Mary Rand Hess - A real-life family of dogs, chickens, rabbits, and a pig share favorite foods, cuddles, and love for each other no matter what.
- *The Wonders of Nature* by Ben Hoare - Discover the wonders of planet Earth and learn about some of the most amazing animals, plants, rocks, minerals, and microscopic life that live here.
- *Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page - Use clues to guess which animal will be revealed on the next page. More facts are shared about each of the animals, as well.
- *This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World* by Matt Lamothe - Follow one day in the real lives of seven kids from around the world—Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia.
- *Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart*

*Octopus Found His Way Home* by Sy Montgomery - Inky achieved worldwide fame after escaping from New Zealand's National Aquarium via a floor drain.

- *If You Were the Moon* by Laura Purdie Salas - Learn about all the things the moon does through lyrical text with lots of explanatory information provided.
- *Kitten Lady's Big Book of Little Kittens* by Hannah Shaw - Learn how the Kitten Lady from Youtube and Instagram helps orphan kittens grow up, get adopted, and become healthy, happy cats.
- *Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs* by Melissa Stewart - Some animal characteristics might seem like weaknesses, but they are critical for finding food and staying safe in an eat-or-be-eaten world.
- *Skulls!* by Blair Thornburgh - This story dispels any fears kids might have about their skeletons, flipping our view of skulls from a spooky symbol to a fascinating and crucial part of our bodies.

### Newer Fiction Books:

- *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* by Andrea Beaty - Sofia's abuelo gets hurt at the local landfill, and Sofia wants to transform the dangerous landfill into a park. She's told she's too young, but she is determined to make a difference.
- *Lion and Mouse* by Jairo Buitrago - In this updated fable, the mouse marches into the lion's den without an invitation. Before the lion can eat him for breakfast, the mouse begs for mercy.
- *Camp Tiger* by Susan Choi - Every year, a boy and his family go camping. Usually, they see things like an eagle, a salamander, and chipmunks but this year, there's a tiger.
- *The Hippo at the End of the Hall* by Helen Cooper - When Ben receives a mysterious invitation to an odd museum, he's swept into a peculiar world of forgotten secrets and wild magic.
- *Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings - Arfy, a homeless dog, writes letters to members of his community, hoping to be adopted.
- *Badger's Perfect Garden* by Marsha Diane

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- Arnold Badger and his friends plant rows of perfect flowers and vegetables, but then a rainstorm comes and washes away the beautiful seeds, and Badger thinks his perfect garden is ruined. But is it?
- *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman - When Daddy spots a weed in his lawn, he's appalled. However, his daughter Sweetie has fallen in love with the beautiful flower, even going so far as to name it. What will happen to the beloved weed?
- *The Scarecrow* by Beth Ferry - Everyone knows not to mess with Scarecrow, but when a small crow falls from midair, Scarecrow does the strangest thing. He saves the tiny baby crow, and soon a bond grows between them.
- *Field Trip to the Moon* by John Hare - During the field trip, one student takes a break and falls asleep. When he wakes up, he discovers that the rest of the class and the spaceship are gone!
- *Nobody Hugs a Cactus* by Carter Goodrich - Hank is a cactus who is prickly inside and out. But when he starts feeling lonely and decides a hug might be good, no one wants to give him one. No one, that is, until Rosie tumbles by.
- *Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself* by Matthew Gray Grubler - Rumple has crooked teeth, straggly hair, green skin, and his left foot is slightly bigger than his right. He is unusual, but he understands the importance of being unique and loving yourself.
- *Friends Stick Together* by Hannah Harrison - Rupert and Levi are unlikely friends, tolerating each other's unique qualities.
- *How Do You Dance?* by Thyra Heder - Jiggle, wiggle, stomp, and laugh your way through reading this book.
- *Hello, Door* by Alastair Heim - A thieving fox makes his way through an empty house, greeting the goodies he snatches along the way. Then he comes face-to-face with the homeowners.
- *We Don't Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan Higgins - It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. They're just so delicious!
- *Elmore* by Hollie Hobby - Elmore is a porcupine desperate to make friends, but it is hard to seek closeness with others when you're covered with spikes that shoot off your back.
- *Be a Maker* by Katey Howes - Celebrate creativity through beautiful rhyming verse about the many things we can make, including making a difference in the world.
- *The Good Egg* by Jory John - The Good Egg is very good, but sometimes it's hard to be good when everyone around you is rotten.
- *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter* by Shabazz Larkin - Written as a love poem to his two sons, a father shares the important facts about bees and their importance as pollinators.
- *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by Davis LaRochelle - Max is not a cat. Max is a dog. But much to Max's dismay, the book keeps instructing readers to "see the cat." How can Max get through to the book that he is a DOG?
- *Chapter Two is Missing* by Josh Lieb - A hopelessly lost narrator, an unqualified detective, and a very sneaky janitor are all surprised to discover that the second chapter of the very book of which they are a part is--gasp--missing!
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin - Little Star loves the delicious mooncake that she bakes with her mama, and she learns about phases of the moon, too.
- *The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier - One day, Ruby decides to build a fort. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build. Ruby builds her fort, but will she allow her brothers to play in it?
- *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard - Told in verse, learn what fry bread means to modern Native American families.
- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal - Alma has six names and her dad explains the story behind each of her namesakes.
- *Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away* by Meg Medina - Evelyn and Daniela are more than neighbors. They are best friends. But now, Evelyn is moving away. As moving day looms nearer, the girls make a plan to keep in touch because friends are special.
- *Saturday* by Oge Mora - A little girl and her mother look forward to spending Saturday together, but everything is going wrong. Is the day completely ruined?

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- *A Boy Like You* by Frank Murphy - There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. Be unique and celebrate all the wonderful ways to be a boy.
- *Tallulah the Tooth Fairy CEO* by Tamara Pizzoli - Tallulah knows practically everything about being a tooth fairy. She knows how to collect teeth, dispense money, and even train other fairies.
- *My Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero - When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with Papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known, like her dad's love.
- *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market* by Raúl the Third - Little Lobo and his dog Bernabe deliver supplies to a variety of vendors, selling everything from sweets to sombreros, portraits to piñatas, and carved masks to comic books.
- *Truman* by Jean Reidy - Truman the turtle loves spending his days with Sarah. Then, one day Sarah puts on her backpack and leaves. Truman waits and waits, wondering if Sarah will return.
- *Nerdy Birdy Tweets* by Aaron Reynolds - Nerdy Birdy joins Tweetster to make new friends, but how will his best friend Vulture feel about this?
- *The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories* by Sergio Ruzzier - Fox and Chick are off on new adventures involving a boat ride, a mysterious box, and an early morning trip to see the sunrise. This contradictory duo always manages to have fun together.
- *Kate, Who Tamed the Wind* by Liz Garton Scanlon - A wild wind blows on the top of a steep hill, turning everything upside down for the man who lives there. Luckily, Kate comes up with a plan.
- *Mommy's Khimar* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow - A young girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on.
- *The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!* by Mo Willems - Pigeon already knows everything, so why must he go to school?
- *Who Is the Mystery Reader?* by Mo Willems - Zoom Squirrel tries out a new superpower with help from a mysterious mystery reader, but even the squirrels have

no idea who the mystery reader is.

- *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson - A heartwarming book about finding the courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone.
- *A Kite for Moon* by Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple - A little boy flying his kite notices a sad moon. He sends up kites to her, writing notes promising he will come see her someday. Will he keep his promise?
- *The Boring Book* by Shisuke Yoshitake - "I'm bored!" Every child says it and so does this book's main character. He soon realizes that boredom is a portal into exciting experiences.

### Series Books:

- *Clifford, the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
- *Arthur* by Marc Brown
- *Narwhal and Jelly* by Ben Clanton
- *Pete the Cat* by James Dean
- *Pinkalicious* by Victoria Kann
- *I Wonder* series of nonfiction books by DK Publishing
- *Jada Jones* by Kelly Starling Lyons
- *What If You Had* by Sandra Markle
- *Ordinary People Change the World* by Brad Meltzer
- *The Adventures of Otto* by David Milgrim
- *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor
- *Who Would Win?* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey
- *Elephant & Piggie* by Mo Willems

### Poetry Books:

- *How to Read a Book* by Kwame Alexander - Experience the joy of reading through a poem all about it.
- *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups* by Chris Harris - Pour over the text and illustrations as you read these laugh-out-loud poems for the young and old.
- *Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animal Poems for Two or More Voices* by Georgia Heard - A collection of poems based on research about animal sounds.
- *Cricket in the Thicket* by Carol Murray - Playful poems about the world of insects. Facts about each insect appear on the pages along with additional information in the back matter.

### Magazines:

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- Big Backyard
- Kids Discover
- National Geographic Little Kids
- Nickelodeon
- Zoobooks

### **Educational Apps:**

- ABC Mouse - leveled learning of letters, words, and stories
- Curious World (iOS) - features games, books, and videos for reading, math, and science
- Endless Alphabet - teaches letters, letter sounds, and vocabulary
- Endless Reader - teaches sight words (like a sequel to Endless Alphabet)
- Epic - build an unlimited library of children's books
- iStoryTime - narrated children's storybooks
- Little Bird Tales (iOS) - take photos and record audio and use them to create a story
- My Story (iOS) - create a book with visuals and text
- ABC Phonics Make a Word - increase phonics skills by building short vowel words
- Reading Raven HD (iOS) - teaches letters and sounds
- Sight Words: Kids Learn - different interactive activities to learn sight words
- Sight Word Ninja - slash through given sight words
- Sushi Scramble - make words from the given letter tiles
- Teach Your Monster to Read - match letters to sounds, blend, segment, and read
- The Word Monsters: Learn to Read - phonics-based books with activities based on the books
- Word Wizard - phonics and word building

