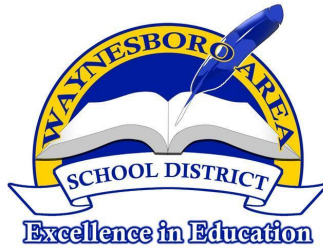


# WASD Summer Reading



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 2-3 **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.
- Visit Scholastic ([www.scholastic.com/parents](http://www.scholastic.com/parents)) and Amazon ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) for more book options.



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## Grades 2-3 Reading List

### Classic Books:

- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- *Bunnacula* by James Howe
- *Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco
- *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams

### Newer Informational Books:

- *She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History* by Chelsea Clinton - Celebrate women in history who have spoken out for what's right, even when they have to fight to be heard.
- *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.
- *Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln* by Margarita Engle - After moving from Venezuela to America, Teresa practiced and continued to play the piano until she became famous. She became so famous that President Lincoln invited her to play at the White House.
- *Bat Count: A Citizen Science Story* by Anna Forrester - A young girl and her family count the bats that appear in their yard. They send the numbers to scientists who study bats and look for ways to help the bat population.
- *The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng* by Sophia Gholz - Jadav was distressed by the destruction of deforestation on his island home, so he began planting trees. What began as a small thicket of bamboo turned into much more.
- *Terrific Tongues!* by Maria Gianferrari - Some animals use their tongues in unusual ways to find food, eat, and clean themselves.
- *Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History* by Vashti Harrison - The legends in this book span centuries and continents, but what they have in common is that each one has blazed a trail for generations to come.
- *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.

- *United Tastes of America: An Atlas of Food Facts and Recipes from Every State* by Gabrielle Langholtz - A full-spread introduction to each state features background about its culinary culture with illustrated food facts, maps, and an easy-to-follow recipe with a photograph of the finished dish.
- *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.
- *Little Libraries, Big Heroes* by Miranda Paul - Thanks to Todd Bol and thousands of volunteers, many of whom are kids, millions of books in Little Free Libraries have been enjoyed around the world.
- *Seashells: More Than a Home* by Melissa Stewart - Learn about characteristics specific to each shell and how seashells provide more than a protective home.
- *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.
- *You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks* by Evan Turk - The beauty and importance of the National Parks is showcased in this book that takes readers on an amazing tour across the United States.
- *Full Moon Lore* by Ellen Wahi - This book takes us through the calendar as we learn about the name of each month's moon and the reason for that name.

### Newer Fiction Books:

- *Badger's Perfect Garden* by Marsha Diane Arnold - Badger and his friends plant rows of perfect flowers and vegetables, but then a rainstorm comes and washes away the beautiful seeds. Badger thinks his perfect garden is ruined. But is it?
- *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.
- *Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derrick

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- Barnes - Celebrate the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of the barber shop with newly-cut hair.
- *SumoKitty* by David Biedrzycki - A stray kitty gets a job in a sumo stable, chasing mice in exchange for food. But when eating like a sumo wrestler slows the feline hero down, he realizes he must train like a wrestler, too.
  - *The Ring Bearer* by Floyd Cooper - Jackson is to be the ring bearer in his mama's wedding, but he's worried that something may go wrong. When he helps his new stepsister avoid a fall, Jackson becomes a hero.
  - *Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech - Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures, but when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him.
  - *Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings - Arfy, a homeless dog, writes letters to members of his community to become adopted.
  - *All the Way to Havana* by Margarita Engle - A boy and his family drive to Havana, Cuba in their old family car. They experience many things along the way, making the book a celebration of the Cuban people and their innovative spirit.
  - *Common Threads: Adam's Day at the Market* by Huda Essa - When Adam gets separated from his Mom and Dad at the Eastern Market, he mistakes a friendly, diverse cast of characters in their traditional Muslim clothing for his parents. The story shows that we all have more in common than you might think.
  - *Nobody Hugs a Cactus* by Carter Goodrich - Hank is a cactus who is prickly inside and out. When he starts feeling lonely, he decides a hug might be good, but no one wants to give him one. No one, that is, until Rosie tumbles by.
  - *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.
  - *Puma Dreams* by Tony Johnston - A girl visiting her grandmother longs for a glimpse of the rarely seen puma. Finally, she sees the animal and knows it is everyone's responsibility to protect these increasingly threatened animals.
  - *Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship* by Jessica Krensky - Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks. Rescue can help Jessica find a way forward, one step at a time.
  - *The King of Bees* by Lester Laminack - Henry can't wait until he can have a bee suit of his own so he can help his Aunt Lilla with the sister bees. Then, he finds himself alone when the bees are ready to swarm.
  - *The Rough Patch* by Brian Lies - Evan and his dog do everything together, including caring for their garden. When Evan's dog dies, Evan destroys the garden and everything in it. But beauty grows in the darkest of places.
  - *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom - When a metaphorical black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.
  - *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard - Told in verse, learn what fry bread means to modern Native American families.
  - *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.
  - *Rolling Thunder* by Kate Messner - Told in rhyme, this story honors the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom where more than a million veterans and supporters gather in Washington, DC each Memorial Day to pay tribute to fallen heroes.
  - *Chippy Chipmunk Feels Empathy* by Kathy Miller - When Chippy Chipmunk meets a unique chipmunk, he learns to feel empathy and show kindness. His friends help him understand that there is diversity in every species.
  - *The Proudest Blue: The Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali - Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab.
  - *Blue Sky White Stars* by Sarvinder Naberhaus - Wonderfully simple verses pair with rich paintings to celebrate the iconic imagery of our nation, beginning with the



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- American flag.
  - *A Fist for Joe Louis and Me* by Trinka Hakes Noble - Gordy's father teaches him how to box, and Gordy becomes friends with a boy who shares a love of boxing. During the 1938 Fight of the Century, Gordy learns what it means to make a stand for a friend.
  - *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold - Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps.
  - *Cat Kid Comic Club* by Dav Pilkey - With lots of persistence, the Cat Kid Comic Club creates a comic book.
  - *Truman* by Jean Reidy - After his best friend Sarah leaves for her first day of school, a tortoise named Truman goes on an adventure across the living room and learns to be brave.
  - *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 Turtle Ship* by Helena Ku Rhee - The king announced a contest to design a new battleship to defend Korea. Determined to win, young Sun-sin attempts to build an indestructible battleship inspired by his pet turtle.
  - *Dear Girl*, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal - This letter is written for the special girl in your life; a gentle reminder that she's powerful and strong, and she holds a valuable place in the world.
  - *Tricky* by Kari Rust - The Duke and his dog, Tricky, spend their days making trouble, but one day, somebody new comes to town and gives Tricky a treat that melts his mischievous heart.
  - *Snowman - Cold = Puddle: Spring Equations* by Laura Purdie Salas - Each clever equation is a tiny poem that prompts readers to look at the ordinary and see the miraculous. Information in the sidebars reveals the science behind the signs of spring.
  - *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.
  - *AstroNuts Mission One: The Plant Planets* by Jon Scieszka - AstroWolf and LaserShark are some of the animals that have been hybridized to find other planets for humans to live on once we've ruined Earth.
  - *The Real McCoys: Wonder Undercover* by Matthew Swanson - Moxie, fourth grade detective, goes undercover in the Wonder Scouts to see who is sabotaging the badge competition.
  - *Blacksmith's Song* by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk - The son of an enslaved blacksmith learns that his father is using the rhythm of his hammering to communicate with travelers on the Underground Railroad. When Pa falls ill, who will help them?
  - *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:**
- *The Bailey School Kids* by Debbie Dadey
  - *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott
  - *The Treehouse Books* by Andy Griffiths
  - *Extreme Animals* by Steve Jenkins
  - *Ballpark Mysteries* by David Kelly
  - *I Wonder series of nonfiction books* by DK Publishing
  - *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
  - *The Zack and Zoe Mysteries* by Mike Lupica
  - *Jada Jones* by Kelly Starling Lyons
  - *What If You Had* by Sandra Markle
  - *The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels* by Ann Martin
  - *Ordinary People Change the World* by Brad Meltzer
  - *The Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne
  - *The Magic Tree House Fact Tracker* by Mary Pope Osborne
  - *Weird But True* by National Geographic

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### Kids

- *Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park
- *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Who Would Win?* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey
- *HiLo* by Judd Winick

### Poetry Books:

- *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. Includes additional nonfiction information in the back matter.
- *Keep a Pocket in Your Poem: Classic Poems and Playful Parodies* by J. Patrick Lewis - J. Patrick Lewis honors thirteen classic poems by a variety of poets by writing a parody of his own.
- *Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up* by Sally Walker - A combination of haiku and art encourages readers to think about the processes of our planet.

### Magazines:

- Highlights for Children
- Kids Discover
- National Geographic for Kids
- Nickelodeon
- Ranger Rick
- Sports Illustrated for Kids
- Stone Soup: The Magazine by Young Writers and Artists
- Zoobooks

### Educational Apps:

- Adobe Spark - create graphics, web pages, and video stories
- Adventure Academy - learning games and books for reading, math, and science
- Chicktionary - create as many possible words from seven letters
- Curious World (iOS) - features games, books, and videos for reading, math, and science
- Epic – build an unlimited library of children's books
- Jumpline 2 – word games
- Kodable (iOS) - a fuzzy character follows sequenced directions that you write to complete mazes
- Little Bird Tales (iOS) - take photos and record audio and use them to create a story
- Mad Libs - like the paper-pencil version, create stories using various parts of speech
- My Story (iOS) - create a book with visuals and text
- Novel Effect - bring your stories to life with music, sound effects, and character voices
- Sushi Scramble - make words from the given letter tiles
- That's Baloney - quiz-like game for all content areas
- Word Wizard - phonics and word building
- ZooBurst (iOS) - create 3D pop-up books

