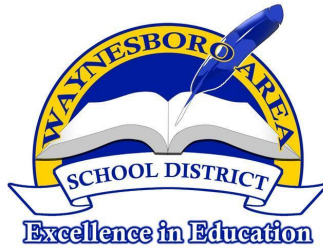


WASD Summer Reading



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 4-5 **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) - 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) and Amazon (www.amazon.com) for more book options.



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Classic Books:

- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Newer Informational Books:

- *The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander - This poetic book highlights contributions made by some of the world's greatest Black American heroes throughout history to more recent events.
- *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams* by Lesa Cline-Ransome - Venus and Serena Williams beat the odds to play in a white-dominated sport, but they did not let challenges stop them.
- *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.
- *Baking Class: 50 Fun Recipes Kids Will Love to Bake* by Deanna Cook - Enjoy 50 easy-to-follow recipes with photos every step of the way.
- *The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng* by Sophia M. Gholz - Jadav was distressed by the destruction that deforestation was causing on his island home, so he began planting trees. It began as a small thicket of bamboo, but it turned into much more.
- *Overview, Young Explorer's Edition: A New Way of Seeing Earth* by Benjamin Grant and Sandra Markle - Discover Earth as you've never seen it before, in this stunning and unique collection of satellite images that offer an unexpected look at our planet.
- *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.

- *Torpedoed: The True Story of World War II Sinking of the "Children's Ship"* by Deborah Heiligman - Amid the constant rain of German bombs and the escalating violence of World War II, British parents by the thousands chose to send their children out of the country through a government relocation program.
- *Leading the Way: Women in Power* by Janet and Theresa Howell - This collection of biographies highlights the actions, struggles, and accomplishments of more than fifty of the most influential leaders in American political history.
- *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.
- *Hidden Wonders: A Guide to the Planet's Wildest, Weirdest Places* by Lonely Planet Kids - Take a journey into the unknown and discover the planet's wildest and most wonderful sights that you never knew existed.
- *Lost in Outer Space: The Incredible Journey of Apollo 13* by Tod Olson - From "Houston, we've had a problem" to the final tense moments at Mission Control, go on the unbelievable journey of Apollo 13 and inside the minds of its famous and heroic astronauts.
- *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.
- *Americans* by Douglas Wood - Americans are different from one another in many ways. Despite these differences, Americans share certain ways of doing and being that hold us all together.

Newer Fiction Books:

- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate - We first met Bob the dog in *The One and Only Ivan*. This is Bob's story. Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in

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- search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby.
- *Goodbye, Mr. Spalding* by Jennifer Robin Barr - Set in Philadelphia during the Great Depression, a twelve-year-old boy and his best friend attempt to stop a wall from being built at Shibe Park that would block the view of the baseball field from their rooftops.
 - *New Kid* by Jerry Craft - Jordan loves drawing cartoons. Instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enrolled him in a private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color.
 - *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.
 - *Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo - When Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many crazy ideas.
 - *Zap!* by Martha Freeman - Luis and Maura try to discover why their city has no power. They discover that there's more to the story and there's someone out there who wants to keep their city in the dark.
 - *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart - For five years, Coyote and her dad have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation. It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash.
 - *Lion Down* by Stuart Gibbs - For once, operations at the enormous zoo/theme park appear to be running smoothly, but then a local lion is accused of killing a famous dog. Teddy finds his detective skills wrapped up in the middle of his most bizarre, hilarious, and dangerous case yet.
 - *Best Friends* by Shannon Hale - Sixth grade is supposed to be perfect. Shannon's got a sure spot in the in-crowd, and her best friend is their leader and the most popular girl in school. The rules to be cool are always changing though.
 - *Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship* by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes - Rescue gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog than a Seeing Eye dog. Then, he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently than the way she'd imagined it, too.
 - *Puma Dreams* by Tony Johnston - A girl visiting her grandmother longs for a glimpse of the rarely seen puma. Finally, she sees the beautiful animal and knows it's everyone's responsibility to protect these animals.
 - *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller - Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.
 - *Restart* by Gordon Korman - Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again.
 - *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.
 - *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord - When Lily's blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar and runs away, it's Salma who manages to catch him. Together the girls tackle the themes of prejudice and friendship, loss and love.
 - *Batting Order* by Mike Lupica - Matt and Ben couldn't be more different on and off the ballfield, but now they need to work together to help their team.
 - *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwama Mbalia - Trisitan is visited by a strange creature. An adventure ensues but it turns into a battle. Can Tristan save himself and the world with the help of some famous folk heroes and gods?
 - *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty - Lucy's life was changed forever when she was struck by lightning. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass one more test - middle school!

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- *Straw into Gold: Fairytales Re-spun* by Hilary McKay - Revisit a collection of fairy tales respun with modern twists.
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina - Sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between.
- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor - Charlie has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. After many heart aches, Charlie is discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.
- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds - Told in a short story format, readers learn what happens after the dismissal bell rings. Then the stories are woven together into one funny look at the detours we face on the walk home and in life.
- *The Oddmire, Book 1: Changeling* by William Ritter - To renew the fading magic, goblins must perform a rare, ancient ritual involving one of their young, but something goes wrong. Now their young goblin looks like a human and is being raised by them.
- *Birdie* by Eileen Spinelli - Twelve-year-old Birdie is still grieving for her father, a firefighter killed in the line of duty, as she struggles to adjust to many changes in her life.
- *Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner - Ellie isn't just the new kid at school. She's the new kid in the wheelchair who lives in the trailer park on the wrong side of town. As an aspiring baker, Ellie cooks up a plan to make her life better.
- *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.
- *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier - Raina wakes up one morning with a stomach ache. She thinks it's just a bug, but maybe it has to do with what she is worrying about at school.
- *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?

- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson - ZJ understands that his dad's head injuries, sustained during his football career, have caused ZJ's dad to become forgetful, but forgetting his own son's name really hurts.

Series Books:

- *According to Humphrey* by Betty Birney
- *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier
- *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer
- *Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
- *The Treehouse Books* by Andy Griffiths
- *Horse Diaries* by Catherine Hapka and Ruth Sanderson
- *Goddess Girls* by Joan Hulab and Suzanne Williams
- *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- *Swindle* by Gordon Korman
- *The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels* by Ann Martin
- *Lunar Chronicle* by Marissa Meyer
- *Next Time You See...* nonfiction series by Emily Morgan
- *39 Clues* by Rick Riordan
- *The (Fairly) True Tales* by Liesl Shurtliff
- *Bone Collection* by Jeff Smith
- *The Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland
- *I Survived...* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Predator Vs. Prey* by various authors
- *Who Was...?* by various authors
- *HiLo* by Judd Winick
- *Ten True Tales* by Allan Zullo

Poetry:

- *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.
- *Keep a Pocket in Your Poem: Classic Poems and Playful Parodies* by J. Patrick Lewis - 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 M. Walker - A combination of haiku and art encourages readers to think about the processes of our planet.

Magazines:

- Highlights for Children
- Kids, Codes, and Computer Science
- Kids Discover
- National Geographic Kids
- Owl Kids
- Ranger Rick
- Sports Illustrated for Kids
- Zoobooks

Educational Apps:

- Adobe Spark - create graphics, web pages, and video stories
- Adventure Academy - learning games and books for reading, math, and science
- Bloxels - build, play, and share your own video games
- Chicktionary - create as many possible words from seven letters
- Duolingo (iOS) - learn another language
- Epic - build an unlimited library of children's books
- Four Letters - given four letters, build the word
- GoodReader (iOS) - can open content from many sources and allows students to annotate the text
- Google Arts and Culture: People, places, and events that shaped our world (also a website)
- Jumpline 2 - word games
- 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
- News-O-Matic - interactive, subscription based newspaper app
- Novel Effect - bring your stories to life with music, sound effects, and character voices
- OverDrive or Libby by OverDrive - borrow eBooks from your local library
- Sushi Scramble - make words from the given letter tiles
- That's Baloney - quiz-like game for all content areas

