

Pittsburgh Public Schools Summer Reading List



**Kindergarten – Grade 2
Summer 2010**



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Dr. Linda Lane, Deputy Superintendent

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Dear Pittsburgh Public School Students:

Summer is almost here and with it comes the end of the regular school year.

I hope that you are planning to take advantage of summer learning opportunities being offered through Pittsburgh Public Schools, such as Summer Learning Camp for students in K-4, and the new Summer Dreamers Academy for students who are finishing grades 5-7. The Secondary Summer School program also helps high school students stay on the *Pathways to the Promise*™ through credit recovery and other offerings.

You can also keep learning during the summer by reading. The enclosed Summer Reading List will help you find books that match your interests. If you want more suggestions, ask your teacher-librarian or the librarian at your nearest Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh for ideas. They will be happy to help.

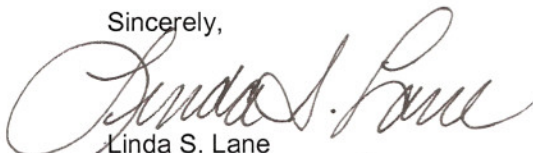
All local branches of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh have copies of the Summer Reading Lists for all grades, and they have – or can get – copies of the books you choose. Library cards are free, if you don't have one.

The Summer Reading List also includes a reading log. The log is easy to fill out, and it lets you track each book you read so that your summer reading can count towards next year's goal of reading 25 books. You can also use your log to talk about your favorite stories with your friends.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has planned an exciting event to launch the Pittsburgh Summer Reading Program. **On Sunday, June 6th, the 10th annual Summer Reading Extravaganza will be held from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Oakland.** They have programs for all ages, and I encourage you and your family to stop by.

Have a wonderful summer, and don't forget to put reading on your summer "To Do" list!

Sincerely,



Linda S. Lane

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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh operates 19 neighborhood locations including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Each neighborhood library is staffed with exceptional employees who are dedicated to assisting their customers. The Library also offers Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults.

Visit <http://www.carnegielibrary.org> or your local CLP location to learn about the Summer Reading Program or for information regarding library cards and other services.

Main Library

4400 Forbes Ave.
412.622.3114

Allegheny

1210 Federal St.
412.237.1890

Beechview

1910 Broadway Ave.
412.563.2900

Brookline

708 Brookline Blvd.
412.561.1003

Carrick

1811 Brownsville Rd.
412.882.3897

Downtown & Business

612 Smithfield St.
412.281.7141

East Liberty *(closed for renovations through the summer of 2010)*

130 S. Whitfield St.
412.363.8232

Hazelwood

4901 Second Ave.
412.421.2517

Hill District

2177 Centre Ave. at
Kirkpatrick St.
412.281.3753

Homewood

7101 Hamilton Ave.
412.731.3080

Knoxville

400 Brownsville Rd.
412.381.6543

Lawrenceville

279 Fisk St.
412.682.3668

Mt. Washington

315 Grandview Ave.
412.381.3380

Sheraden

720 Sherwood Ave.
412.331.1135

South Side

2205 East Carson St.
412.431.0505

Squirrel Hill

5801 Forbes Ave.
412.422.9650

West End

47 Wabash Ave.
412.921.1717

Woods Run

1201 Woods Run Ave.
412.761.3730

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Leonard C. Staisey Bldg.

4724 Baum Blvd.

412.687.2440

800.242.0586

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- Adler, David** **Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery**
When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to the music store at the mall for the latest CD by the Triceratops Pops band, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime. (Ask your librarian to help you find more books by David Adder.)
- Allard, Harry** **Miss Nelson is Missing!** (and other Miss Nelson titles)
The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. (Ask your librarian for other books by Harry Allard.)
- Arnold, Tedd** * **Fly High, Fly Guy!** (Series)
When Buzz, his parents, and his pet fly go on a road trip and get lost, Fly Guy comes to the rescue to help them find their way home.
- Auch, Mary Jane & Herm** **The Princess and the Pizza**
An out-of-work princess applies to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but first she must pass several tests, including a cooking contest.
- Aylesworth, Jim** **Tale of Tricky Fox**
Tricky Fox uses his sack to trick everyone he meets into giving him ever more valuable items.
- Bauer, Marion Dane** **If You Were Born a Kitten**
Simply describes how various baby animals come into the world and what happens when a human baby is born.
- Bertram, Debbie** **Best Place to Read**
A young child with a new book hunts inside and outside the house before finding the right chair for reading.
- Blume, Judy** **Freckle Juice**
Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Judy Blume.)
- Brett, Jan** * **Gingerbread Friends**
Lonely Gingerbread Baby, having set out to find a friend, enters a bakery where he tries to talk to different cookies and other figures, but winds up leading a crowd back to his house on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale.
- Brett, Jan** **The Mitten**
Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. Based upon a folk tale. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Jan Brett.)
- Broach, Elise** * **When Dinosaurs Came with Everything**
Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.
- Brown, Jeff** **Flat Stanley**
Relates the humorous adventures of Stanley, a little boy who wakes up flat (four feet tall, about a foot wide, and half an inch thick) after a bulletin board falls on him during the night.
- Brown, Marc** **Arthur's New Puppy** (series)
Arthur's new puppy causes problems when it tears the living room apart, wets on everything, and refuses to wear a leash. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Marc Brown.)
- Brown, Marcia** **Stone Soup**
When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and the entire town enjoys a feast.
- Browne, Anthony** **My Dad**
A child describes the many wonderful things about "my dad," who can jump over the moon, swim like a fish, and be as warm as toast.
- Bruel, Nick** **Bad Kitty**
When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad. (You may also enjoy the sequel to this book: "Poor Puppy.")

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- Cannon, Janell** **Stellaluna**
After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.
- Carle, Eric** * **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days. (Ask your librarian for other wonderful titles by Eric Carle.)
- Cohen, Miriam** **When Will I Read?**
Impatient to begin reading, a first-grader doesn't realize that there is more to reading than books.
- Creech, Sharon** * **A Fine, Fine School**
A humorous story about a student, Tillie, who needs to show her well-intentioned principal that although his fine, fine school is a wonderful place, it's not fine to be there ALL the time, including the weekends, holidays, summer, and maybe even nights!
- Crisp, Marty** * **Titanicat**
The fateful story of the cabin boy who went searching for a lost cat off of the ship, The Titanic, only to save his life from the dreadful accident that occurred.
- Cronin, Doreen** **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type**
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Doreen Cronin.)
- Crummel, Susan** **The Great Fuzz Frenzy**
When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.
- Dahl, Roald** * **Fantastic Mr. Fox**
Mr. Fox's ingenuity saves all the digging animals from starvation when they are trapped underground by three mean farmers. Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family. (After reading this, ask your librarian for help in finding more books by Roald Dahl.)
- DiCamillo, Kate** **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Kate DiCamillo.)
- Demi** * **The Empty Pot**
When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty.
- Dillon, Leo & Diane** * **Rap a Tap Tap : Here's Bojangles, Think of That!**
Rhyming text and illustrations describe the dancing of Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, one of the most famous tap dancers of all time.
- Donaldson, Julia** **The Gruffalo**
A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake-- only to have to outwit that creature as well.
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan** **Dinorella: A Prehistoric Fairy Tale**
In this story, loosely based on that of Cinderella but featuring dinosaurs, the Duke falls in love with Dinorella when she rescues him from the dreaded deinonychus at the Dinosaur Dance.
- Ehrlich, Amy** **Random House Book of Fairy Tales**
Nineteen of the best-known fairy tales, including "Rapunzel," "Beauty and the Beast," "Thumbelina," and "Hansel and Gretel." Any stories in this genre should be enjoyable. Ask your librarian for more suggestions.

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- Falconer, Ian** **Olivia** (series)
A spunky little heroine with inexhaustible energy. Thankfully for Olivia, her mother has inexhaustible patience. (Ask your librarian for other titles about Olivia.)
- Feiffer, Jules** **Bark, George**
George the puppy's mother is in for a big surprise when she takes him to the veterinarian to find out why he does not bark.
- Fleming, Candace** * **Muncha, Muncha, Muncha**
After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.
- Fowler, Allan** **Spiders are Not Insects** (non-fiction)
An introduction to the spider, an eight-legged creature, not to be confused with the six-legged insect.
- Galdone, Paul** **Gingerbread Boy**
Classic tale of an elderly couple, who has no children, and bakes a gingerbread boy. He escapes and leads them, and many others, on a chase. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Paul Galdone.)
- Henkes, Kevin** **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**
Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later. (Ask your librarian to help you to find Henkes' other "mouse" books.)
- Hoberman, Mary Ann** **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Scary Tales To Read Together**
Using rhyme, rhythm and repetition, the scary text invites young children to read along with an adult. Together the adult's text and the child's responsive text create stories with a scary theme.
- Jenkins, Steve** **Prehistoric Actual Size**
Provides facts, especially about the sizes of various dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals.
- Joose, Barbara** **Hot City**
Mimi and her little brother Joe escape from home and the city's summer heat to read and dream about princesses and dinosaurs in the cool, quiet library.
- Keats, Ezra Jack** **Whistle For Willie**
A boy tries to learn to whistle, so that he can call his dog like the bigger boys do. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Jack Ezra Keats.)
- Kimmel, Eric** **Anansi and the moss-covered rock**
Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Eric Kimmel as well as for other Anansi stories.)
- Kline, Suzy** **Horrible Harry in Room 2B** (series)
Harry likes to do horrible things. Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, it is often a lot of fun. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Suzy Kline.)
- Krensky, Stephen** **Arthur and the Double Dare** (series)
Unhappy about how much homework they have to do, Arthur and his friends dare each other to skip school, but their plans go wrong, leaving Francine to suffer the consequences. (Ask your librarian for other titles by Stephen Krensky.)
- Leoni, Leo** * **Fish is Fish**
When his friend, the tadpole, becomes a frog and leaves the pond to explore the world, the little fish decides that maybe he doesn't have to remain in the pond either.
- Lies, Brian** * **Bats at the Library**
Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.

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- Lester, Julius** **Sam and the Tigers**
Tells what happens when a little boy named Sam matches wits with several tigers that want to eat him (a retelling of Little Black Sambo).
- Marshall, James** **Little Red Riding Hood**
One of many retellings of this folktale. Ask the librarian for suggestions of other folktales, by Marshall or any other author.
- Martin, Bill, Jr.** **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. (Ask your librarian to help you find more books by Bill Martin, Jr.)
- McKee, David** **Elmer**
All the elephants of the jungle were gray except Elmer, who was a patchwork of brilliant colors until the day he got tired of being different and making the other elephants laugh.
- Mosel, Arlene** **Tikki Tikki Tembo**
The Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names after someone fell into the well – and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the person in trouble.
- Moss, Lloyd** **Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin**
Ten instruments take their parts one by one in a musical performance.
- Munsch, Robert** **Stephanie’s Ponytail**
When all the kids in Stephanie’s class keep copying her hairstyles by making ponytails of their own, she threatens to shave her hair off. (Ask your librarian for help in finding other titles by Robert Munsch.)
- Myers, Christopher** * **Wings**
Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is an outcast because he has wings, but his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him, in a story about celebrating individuality.
- O’Connor, Jane** * **Fancy Nancy** (series)
A young girl, who loves fancy things, helps her family to be fancy for one special night.
- Osborne, Mary Pope** **Dinosaurs Before Dark** (Magic Tree House series)
Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs. (Ask your librarian for help finding other books in this series.)
- Palatini, Margie** **Piggie Pie**
Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald’s farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can’t find a single porker.
- Parish, Peggy** **Amelia Bedelia**
A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions. (You will enjoy any of the Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy and Herman Parish.)
- Park, Barbara** **Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus** (series)
In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home. (Ask your librarian for other titles in the Junie B. Jones series.)
- Parr, Todd** **Reading Makes You Feel Good**
Describes the characteristics and various advantages of reading. (Ask your librarian for suggestions about other titles by Todd Parr.)
- Penn, Audry** **The Kissing Hand**
Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, but his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

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- Polacco, Patricia** **Emma Kate**
Emma Kate and her best friend share many activities, such as homework and soccer practice, and even have their tonsils out at the same time, all the things best friends do. But there is more to this best friend than meets the eye. (Ask your librarian for other great titles by Patricia Polacco.)
- Polacco, Patricia** **Mrs. Katz and Tush**
A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely, Jewish widow, when Larnel presents Mrs. Katz with a scrawny kitten without a tail. (Ask your librarian for other wonderful titles by Patricia Polacco.)
- Rathmann, Peggy** **Officer Buckle and Gloria**
The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches. (Ask your librarian for help finding other titles by Peggy Rathmann.)
- Rey, H. A.** * **Curious George** (series)
One little monkey comes to America from the jungle and his curiosity keeps getting him into trouble.
- Root, Phyllis** **Aunt Nancy and Old Man Trouble**
When Old Man Trouble calls on Aunt Nancy, he tries really hard to turn things upside down for her; however, she knows just how to handle him.
- Rylant, Cynthia** **Mr. Putter and Tabby** (series)
Tales of Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby. (Ask your librarian for help finding other titles by Cynthia Rylant, including the Henry and Mudge series.)
- San Souci, Robert** **Talking Eggs**
A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.
- Scieszka, Jon** **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs**
The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.
- Sendak, Maurice** **Where the Wild Things Are**
After Max is sent to bed for misbehaving, he escapes by imagining that he sails away to a wild land full of monsters. (Ask your librarian to suggest more books by Maurice Sendak.)
- Shannon, David** * **A Bad Case of Stripes**
In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.
- Sierra, Judy** **Wild about books**
A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.
- Slate, Joseph** **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten**
Introduction to the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten.
- Slobodkina, Esphyr** **Caps for Sale**
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
- Steig, Jeanne** **A Handful of Beans: Six Fairy Tales**
Rumpelstiltskin -- Beauty and the beast -- Hansel and Gretel -- Little Red Riding Hood -- The frog prince -- Jack and the beanstalk.
- Steig, William** **Pete's A Pizza**
When Pete feels miserable because rain makes it impossible to play ball outdoors, his father finds a fun indoor game to play with his son.
- Steven, Janet** **Tops and Bottoms**
Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

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Taback, Simms	<u>There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</u> Presents the traditional song with illustrations on die-cut pages that reveal all that the old lady swallows.
Teague, Mark	<u>Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School</u> Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, begging her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.
Ward, Lynd	<u>The Biggest Bear</u> Johnny goes hunting for a bearskin to hang on his family's barn and returns with a small bundle of trouble
Wells, Rosemary	<u>Yoko's World of Kindness</u> Six stories for young children beginning school which teach lessons about making friends, the consequences of teasing, why people's unique qualities make them special, and how learning new skills can build one's confidence. (Ask your librarian for suggestions by other titles by Rosemary Wells.)
White, EB	<u>Charlotte's Web</u> Wilbur the pig is upset when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, helps him. (Ask your librarian to suggest other titles by E.B. White.)
Willems, Mo	<u>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</u> A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. (Ask your librarian for help finding the other titles by Mo Willems.)
Williams, Karen Lynn; Mohammed, Khadra; Stock, Catherine	* <u>My name is Sangoel</u> As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.
Wilson, Karma	<u>Bear Snores On</u> On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.
Yolen, Jane	* <u>Here's a Little Poem</u> A superb collection of more than sixty poems by a wide range of talented writers--including Langston Hughes, Gertrude Stein, Margaret Wise Brown, and A.A. Milne--highlights the moments of a toddler's world from dawn to dusk.
Yolen, Jane	<u>How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?</u> Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur can say goodnight, from slamming his tail and pouting to giving a big hug and kiss.
Zelinsky, Paul O.	<u>Rumpelstiltskin</u> A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.
Fairy Tales (genre)	Any stories in this genre should be enjoyable. Ask your librarian for suggestions.
Folk tales (genre)	Stories in this genre are always fun to read. Ask your librarian for suggestions.
True Books	Non-fiction for young readers. Ask your librarian for suggestions.
We Both Read (non-fiction series)	Learn interesting facts on two different reading levels. Ask your librarian for suggestions.

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(Student Log, Grades K-5)

Photocopy this sheet or go to <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/portal>
to download additional copies of the student log.

Student's name _____

Book # _____ Date read: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____ Illustrator: _____

On the lines below write a short summary of the book. If you like, include why you would recommend the book to others _____

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Title of Book: _____

Author: _____ Illustrator: _____

On the lines below write a short summary of the story. If you like, include why you would recommend the book to others. _____
