



**Today a reader,  
tomorrow a leader.**



## Summer Reading

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 formats.

Reading can be one of many fun activities children can choose to fill their summer time and to combat summer slide.

## SUFFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### SUMMER READING LIST GRADES 6-8



**All Summer Long  
by Hope Larson**

Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2018

ISBN: 9780374304850  
Bina's expectations for summer are upended, leading to new experiences and self-discovery.

**Allies  
by Alan Gratz**

Scholastic Press, 2019  
ISBN: 9781338245721

An epic tale of teamwork in the face of tyranny -- and how just one day can change the world.

**Beast Rider  
by Tony Johnston**

Amulet Books, 2019  
9781419733635

Twelve-year-old Manuel leaves his small town in Mexico to join his older brother in Los Angeles. To cross the US border, he must become a "beast rider"—someone who hops on a train.

**Becoming  
Muhammad Ali  
by James Patterson  
& Kwame Alexander**

Jimmy Patterson, 2020  
ISBN: 9780316498166  
Becoming Muhammad Ali captures the budding charisma and youthful personality of one of the greatest sports heroes of all time.

**Before the Ever  
After  
by Jacqueline  
Woodson**

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2020

ISBN: 9780399545436  
Jacqueline Woodson's stirring novel-in-verse explores how a family moves forward when their glory days have passed and the cost of professional sports on the human body.

**Charlie Thorne & the  
Last Equation  
by Stuart Gibbs**

Simon & Schuster, 2020  
ISBN: 9781534424777

In a breakneck adventure that spans the globe, Charlie must crack a complex code created by Einstein himself, struggle to survive in a world where no one can be trusted, and fight to keep the last equation safe once and for all.

**From the Desk of  
Zoe  
Washington  
by Janae Marks**

Katherine Tegen Books, 2021

ISBN: 9780062875860  
One courageous girl questions assumptions, searches for the truth, and does what she believes is right—even in the face of great opposition.

**Genesis Begins  
Again  
by Alicia D. Williams**

Atheneum/Caitlyn

Doughy Books, 2020  
ISBN: 9781481465816

Genesis is determined to fix her family, and she's willing to try anything to do so. But when Genesis starts to find a thing or two she actually likes about herself, she discovers that changing her own attitude is the first step in helping change others.

**Ghost  
by Jason Reynolds**

Atheneum/Caitlyn

Doughy Books, 2016

Ghost is trying to outrun his tumultuous past while winning races on his new track team; will he learn what it takes to succeed and overcome his troubles?

**Ghost Boys  
by Jewell Parker**

Rhodes

Little, Brown, 2018  
ISBN: 9780316262286  
Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing.

**Indian No More  
by Charlene Willing  
McManis**

Tu Books, 2019

ISBN: 9781620148396

In this novel drawing upon the author's own tribal history, Regina must find out: Who is Regina Petit? Is she Indian? Is she American? And will she and her family ever be okay?

**Jada Sly, Artist & Spy  
by Sherri Winston**

Little, Brown, 2020

ISBN: 9780316505338

Jada Sly, a hilarious and spunky artist and spy, explores New York City on a mission to find her mom in this "fast paced, fun" illustrated novel from an acclaimed author.

**Marcus Vega Doesn't  
Speak Spanish  
by Pablo Cartaya**

Viking, 2018

ISBN: 9781101997260

Marcus just wants to help his single mom get by and protect his brother from bullies, but he creates more problems than he solves.

His mother decides a trip to visit family in Puerto Rico is just the thing they need.

**Snow & Rose  
by Emily Winfield  
Martin**

Yearling, 2019

ISBN: 9780553538212

A retelling of the traditional but little-known fairy tale "Snow White and Rose Red." The beautiful full-color illustrations throughout and unusual yet relatable characters will bring readers back to this book again and again.

**The Crossover  
by Kwame Alexander**

HMH Books for Young Readers, 2019

ISBN: 9780544935204

Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander.

**The Night Diary  
by Veera  
Hiranandani**

Kokila, 2018

ISBN: 9780735228511

A gripping story of one family's flight from Pakistan during the partition of India in 1947, as told by twelve-year-old Nisha to her diary.

**The Stars Beneath  
Our Feet  
by David Barclay**

Moore

Knopf Books, 2017

ISBN: 9781524701246

A boy tries to find himself and a community in his Harlem neighborhood in the wake of his brother's death.

**To Catch a Cheat: A  
Jackson Greene  
Novel**

by Varian Johnson

Arthur A. Levine Books, 2017

ISBN: 9780545722407

When a video frames Jackson Greene and his friends for a crime they didn't commit, Gang Greene battles the blackmailers in this sequel to the acclaimed The Great Greene Heist.

**Wink  
by Rob Harrell**

Puffin Books, 2021

ISBN: 9781984815163

Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.

