

Recommended Summer Reading ~ Grades Two and Three

Developed by Howard County Public School Library Media Specialists
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The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen especially for those students finishing second and third grade. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!



Picture Books

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| <u>Terrific</u> | Agee, Jon |
| <u>Fluffy, Scourge of the Sea</u> | Bateman, Teresa |
| <u>Honey...Honey...Lion!</u> | Brett, Jan |
| <u>The Quiltmaker's Journey</u> | Brumbeau, Jeff |
| <u>Superdog: The Heart of a Hero</u> | Buehner, Caralyn |
| <u>Diary of a Spider</u> | Cronin, Doreen |
| <u>Ruby Sings the Blues</u> | Daly, Niki |
| <u>Babar's World Tour</u> | de Brunhoff, Laurent |
| <u>Dinosnores</u> | DiPucchio, Kelly |
| <u>Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen</u> | Ernst, Lisa Campbell |
| <u>Halfway Hank</u> | Fallon, Joe |
| <u>Carolinda Clatter!</u> | Gerstein, Mordicai |
| <u>Traction Man is Here!</u> | Grey, Mini |
| <u>Saving Strawberry Farm</u> | Hopkinson, Deborah |
| <u>Prehistoric Actual Size</u> | Jenkins, Steve |
| <u>The Surprise Visitor</u> | Kangas, Juli |
| <u>Tumble Bunnies</u> | Lasky, Kathryn |
| <u>Katie's Sunday Afternoon</u> | Mayhew, James |
| <u>Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life</u> | Nolen, Jerdine |
| <u>Hurry and the Monarch</u> | O Flatharta, Antoine |
| <u>Ker-splash!</u> | O'Connor, George |
| <u>Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude</u> | O'Malley, Kevin |
| <u>Pig Tale</u> | Oxenbury, Helen |
| <u>Little Miss Liberty</u> | Robertson, Chris |
| <u>Nacho & Lolita</u> | Ryan, Pam Munoz |
| <u>Deputy Harvey and the Ant Cow Caper</u> | Sneed, Brad |
| <u>Chato Goes Cruisin'</u> | Soto, Gary |
| <u>The Great Fuzz Frenzy</u> | Stevens, Janet and Crummel, Susan Stevens |
| <u>Mudball</u> | Tavares, Matt |
| <u>Nancy the Little Gosling</u> | Tharlet, Eve |
| <u>Time to Say Please!</u> | Willems, Mo |
| <u>Squashed in the Middle</u> | Winthrop, Elizabeth |

Fiction Books

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| <u>The Legend of Spud Murphy</u> | Colfer, Eoin |
| <u>The Magician's Boy</u> | Cooper, Susan |
| <u>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</u> | DiCamillo, Kate |
| <u>Lucy Rose: Big on Plans</u> | Kelly, Katy |
| <u>Tooth Trouble</u> | Klein, Abby |
| <u>Ruby Lu, Brave and True</u> | Look, Lenore |
| <u>Gooney Bird and the Room Mother</u> | Lowry, Lois |
| <u>Judy Moody Declares Independence</u> | McDonald, Megan |
| <u>The Next-Door Dogs</u> | Rodowsky, Colby |



Folktales

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| <u>Paul Bunyan</u> | Blair, Eric |
| <u>The Donkey and the Rock</u> | Demi |
| <u>What's the Hurry, Fox?: And Other Animal Stories</u> | Hurston, Zora |
| <u>Armadilly Chili</u> | Kettelman, Helen |
| <u>Roy Makes a Car</u> | Lyons, Mary E. |
| <u>The Penguin and the Pea</u> | Perlman, Janet |
| <u>Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail</u> | Salley, Coleen |
| <u>Berry Magic</u> | Sloat, Teri |
| <u>Clever Beatrice and the Best Little Pony</u> | Willey, Margaret |

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Books in a Series

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| Cam Jansen series | Adler, David |
| Chadwick series | Cummings, Priscilla |
| Amber Brown series | Danziger, Paula |
| The Zack Files series | Greenburg, Dan |
| Gus and Gertie series | Nixon, Joan Lowery |
| Magic Tree House series | Osborne, Mary Pope |
| Nate the Great series | Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman |
| Magic School Bus Chapter Book series | Various |



Nonfiction

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| <u>Pterosaurs: Rulers of the Skies in the Dinosaur Age</u> | Arnold, Caroline |
| <u>Rocket Man: The Mercury Adventure of John Glenn</u> | Ashby, Ruth |
| <u>The Day of the Dinosaurs</u> | Bailey, Jacqui |
| <u>Forest Explorer: A Life-Sized Field Guide</u> | Bishop, Nic |
| <u>I Love Gymnastics</u> | Bray-Moffatt, Naia |
| <u>One Night in the Coral Sea</u> | Collard, Sneed B. |
| <u>A Platypus, Probably</u> | Collard, Sneed B. |
| <u>Everything Cat</u> | Crisp, Marty |
| <u>Hotel Deep: Light Verse from Dark Water</u> | Cyrus, Kurt |
| <u>The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon</u> | Davies, Jacqueline |



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| <u>Building Liberty: A Statue is Born</u> | Hochain, Serge |
| <u>Ciphers and Codes</u> | Hossell, Karen Price |
| <u>Please Bury Me in the Library</u> | Lewis, J. Patrick |
| <u>The Gila Monster</u> | Miller, Jake |
| <u>Nature in the Neighborhood</u> | Morrison, Gordon |
| <u>Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen</u> | Moss, Marissa |
| <u>Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme</u> | Prelutsky, Jack |
| <u>Snakes!: Strange and Wonderful</u> | Pringle, Laurence |
| <u>The Flower Hunter: William Bartram, America's First Naturalist</u> | Ray, Deborah Kogan |
| <u>The Best Book of Martial Arts</u> | Robertson, Lauren |
| <u>Song of the Water Boatman</u> | Sidman, Joyce |
| <u>The World That We Want</u> | Toft, Kim Michelle |
| <u>Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog</u> | Turner, Pamela |
| <u>Feathered Dinosaurs of China</u> | Wenzell, Gregory |
| <u>Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story</u> | Yoo, Paula |

