



GRADE 4 SUMMER READING

Make the summer fun with books! This list is recommended for students entering Grade 4. Let these books serve as inspiration for you and your child. Spend some time together at your local bookstore and library and see what strikes your fancy. Encourage your child to choose his or her own books and watch how quickly they become engaged!

GET YOUR BOOKS

The library is the place to be this summer! Brooklyn Public Library locations can be found at www.bklynlibrary.org. If you choose to purchase books, Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene or Prospect Lefferts Gardens is a good local and independent source. Visit www.greenlightbookstore.com/northside to see all summer reading titles -- you can shop online and then pick up your purchase at the bookstore, or have it shipped to you. As our bookstore partner, Greenlight donates a percentage of all online sales of summer reading titles back to the school to help fill our library shelves! Make sure to mention "Northside" in the order comments when checking out online. You can visit the Fort Greene location at 686 Fulton Street or online at greenlightbookstore.com.



REQUIRED TEXTS

Brave Girl: Clara & the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909 by Michelle Markel

An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's pivotal role in the influential 1909 women laborer's strike describes how she worked grueling hours to acquire an education and support her family before organizing a massive walkout to protest the unfair working conditions in New York's garment district.

What's the Big Deal About First Ladies by Ruby Shamir

Discusses the lives and accomplishments of a number of first ladies. Includes bibliographical references.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Sherlock Holmes and A Scandal in Bohemia by Murray Shaw

A photograph endangers the upcoming marriage of a king. Can the beautiful and clever woman who hides the photo fool Sherlock Holmes? Based on the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

The Lunch Witch by Deb Lucke

The witch Grunhilda takes a job in an elementary school lunchroom.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

NON-FICTION

King George: What Was His Problem? by Steve Sheinkin

The story of the birth of our nation, complete with soldiers, spies, salmon sandwiches, and real facts, is presented in a narrative tale filled with little-known details and anecdotes.

Martina & Chrissie: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports by Phil Bildner

A fascinating dual biography of tennis greats Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert celebrates the power of equality, respect, and sportsmanship.

Animals by the Numbers by Steve Jenkins

Do all the insects in the world weigh more than all the humans? Which animal can survive both boiling water and the vacuum of space? Which animal sleeps more, a python or a bat? Which animal is more dangerous: a shark or a hippopotamus? Steve Jenkins answers these questions and many more.

CHAPTER BOOKS

Furthermore by Tahereh Mafi

Twelve-year-old Alice Queensmeadow, with the help of her friend Oliver, travels through the dangerous, magical land of Furthermore in order to rescue her missing father and prove her own magical abilities.

Giant Trouble by Ursula Vernon

When Princess Harriet climbs an enormous beanstalk, she finds an even bigger surprise--a giant rabbit is keeping a goose and a girl who is half-harp-half-hamster are prisoner, and it's up to Harriet to save the day.

Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle & Emily Jenkins

Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax find their lives forever changed when they attend the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class.

Makoons by Louise Erdich

Living with their Ojibwe family on the Great Plains of Dakota Territory in 1866, twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee must learn to become buffalo hunters, but Makoons has a vision that foretells great challenges that his family may not be able to overcome.

Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung

Chloe Cho is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to get in touch with many of the aspects of her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it--then when a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them directly, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may just be too much for one girl to handle.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Merlina y el Dragón by Olga Brennen

El Vuelo del Quetzál by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy