



KINDERGARTEN SUMMER READING

Make the summer fun with books! This list is recommended for students entering Kindergarten. Let these books serve as inspiration for you and your child. Spend some time together at your local library or bookstore 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 TEXT

Big Mean Mike By Michelle Knudsen

Mike is proud to be the biggest, toughest dog in the neighborhood, so when tiny, fuzzy bunnies start showing up in his big, mean car he sees them only as a threat to his reputation, no matter how adorable they are.

INDIVIDUALITY & COMMUNITY

The Thing Lou Couldn't Do By Ashley Spires

One day Lou and her friends are looking for a ship to play pirates in when someone makes a suggestion to play up in the tree. Lou has never climbed a tree and isn't sure that she wants to. What will she do?

Jabari Jumps By Gaia Cornwall

Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is *almost* absolutely ready to make a giant splash.

One Family By George Shannon

A family can be many things in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten.

The Paper Bag Princess By Robert N. Munsch

After her castle and clothes are destroyed by the dragon, Princess Elizabeth, dressed only in a paper bag, sets out to rescue Prince Ronald, who was taken captive.

Emma and Julia Love Ballet By Barbara McClintock

A story that follows the everyday life of two girls, one a professional ballerina, the other a student, both of whom love ballet.

PICTURE BOOKS

Grumpy Pants By Claire Messer

Penguin is having a grumpy day. Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over.

That Neighbor Kid By Daniel Miyares

In this nearly wordless picture book, a young girl spies on her new neighbor, a young boy who is building something from planks of the fence between their backyards.

Chicken Story Time By Sandy Asher

Storytime in the library becomes increasingly chaotic as first one chicken then a whole flock joins in and the librarian must come up with a creative solution so that everyone can enjoy the story.

Beautiful By Stacy McAnulty

Two friends discover beauty all around them, as well as inside of themselves. Much more than how one looks on the outside, true beauty is found in conquering challenges, showing kindness, and spreading contagious laughter.

Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! By Mike Twohy

When a bouncing ball wakes a sleeping mouse, it's just the beginning of an alphabet adventure.

What To Do With a Box By Jane Yolen

A simple box can be a child's most imaginative plaything in this whimsically illustrated book about its myriad and magical uses.

NON-FICTION

What Will Grow? by Jennifer Ward

Seeds have one thing in common--inside each is a new plant life waiting to emerge. What kind of plant will bloom? Wait and see what will grow!

Best in Snow by April Pulley Sayre

A photographic non-fiction picture book about the wonder of snowfall and the winter water cycle

The Way to School By Rosemary A. McCarney

Minimal text and stunning photographs from around the world describe the remarkable, often dangerous journeys children make every day on their way to and from school.