

Hamilton-Wenham Elementary Schools Summer Reading List 2022

Please note that the following books are only suggestions. If a book is not available please ask your children's librarian for a recommendation.

Grades K-2

A Boy Named Isamu: the Story of Isamu Noguchi by James Yang
The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez
The Adventures of Otto by David Milgrim (series)
Across the Bay by Carlos Aponte
After-School Superstars & Franklin School Friends by Claudia Mills (series)
All Because You Matter by Tami Charles
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinex-Neal
Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick and David Serlin
Baloney & Friends by Greg Pizzoli (series)
Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan (series)
Beak & Ally by Norm Feuti
Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy
The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (series)
The Camping Trip by Jennifer K. Mann
Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Pena
The Cat Man of Aleppo by Karim Shamsi
Change Sings by Amanda Gorman
Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder (series)
Chez Bob by Bob Shea
Claude at the Beach by Alex T. Smith
Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot! by Cece Bell (series)
Cornbread & Poppy by Matthew Cordell
Drawn Together by Minh Le
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales
Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle
Duck, Duck, Dinosaur by Kallie George
Du Iz Tak by Carson Ellis
Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure by Torben Kuhlmann
Eyes that Speak to the Stars by Joanna Ho
Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (series)
Flubby Is Not a Good Pet by J.E. Morris (series)
Fox + Chick: The Party and Other Stories by Sergio Ruzzier
Fox Tails by Tina Kügler (series)
Fox the Tiger by Corey R. Tabor (series)
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel (series)
Get a Hit, Mo! by David A. Adler (series)
A Hatful of Dragons: And More Than 13.8 Billion Other Poems by Vikram Madam
Harry vs the First 100 Days of School by Emily Jenkins

Have You Seen a Flower by Shawn Harris
Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall
Home is in Between by Mitali Perkins
Ho'onani : Hula Warrior by Heather Gale
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes
Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sis
I Love You Baby Burrito by Angela Dominguez
I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott
It's Not Jack and the Beanstalk by Josh Funk (series)
Itzak: A Boy Who Loved Violin by Tracy Newman
Jack at Bat by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli (series)
Jasmine Toguchi by Debbi Michiko Florence (series)
Julian Is a Mermaid by Jessica Love (series)
Just Help by Sonia Sotomayor
Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley Newton
Lift by Minh Lê
Maybe Something Beautiful by Isabel F. Campoy
Me & Mama by Cozbi A Cabrera
Mell Fell by Corey R. Tabor
Mia Mayhem by Kara West (series)
A Map Into the World by Kao Kalia Yang
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo (series)
Mindy Kim by Lyla Lee (series)
Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña
My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero
A New Day by Brad Meltzer
A New Green Day by Antoinette Portis
The Night Gardener by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
The Octopus Escapes by Maile Meloy
The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
Outback by Dan Kainen (series)
Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott
The Ocean Calls by Tina Cho
The Paper Boat by Thao Lam
The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee
Pedro by Fran Manushkin (series)
The People Remember by Ibi Zoboi
The People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art by Cynthia Levinson
A Place Inside of Me : a Poem to Heal the Heart by Zetta Elliott
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad
The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller
The Rough Patch by Brian Lies
See the Cat : three stories about a dog by David LaRochelle (series)
Speak Up by Miranda Paul

Squirrels Unlimited by Mo Willems (series)
Stop! Bot! by James Yang
Surf's Up by Kwame Alexander
Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora
They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
Two Many Birds by Cindy Derby
The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie
Ty's Travels by Kelly Starling Lyons (series)
Urgency Emergency! by Dosh Archer (series)
Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge by Raúl the Third (series)
Watercress by Andrea Wang
We Are Grateful : Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell (series)
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom
What about Worms!? by Mo Willems & Ryan T. Higgins
What Do You Do with a Problem? by Kobi Yamada
Whose Bones? An Animal Guessing Game by Gabrielle Balkan
Whose Footprint is That? by Darrin Lunde (series)
Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer
Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi (series)
You Matter by Christian Robinson
Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin
Zonia's Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal
The 1619 Project: Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson

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Grades 2 & 3

All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series)
Ballpark Mysteries & Most Valuable Players by David Kelly (series)
A Boy Called Bat by Elana Arnold (series)
Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
The Carver Chronicles by Karen English (series)
Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder (series)
Doggo & Pupper Save the World by Katherine Applegate
A Dragon's Guide by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder (series)
The Fabled Stables by Jonathan Auxier (series)
King & Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler (series)
Heidi & Henry Heckelbeck by Wanda Coven
HQ: Who Was, What Was, Where Is by various authors (non-fiction series)
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis (series)
Inspector Flytrap by Tom Angelberger (series)
Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend by Dawn Quigley
Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina (series)
Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder (series)
Lola Levine by Monica Brown (series)
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (series)
The Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole (series)
The Magnificent Makers by Theanne Griffith (series)
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald (series)
My Kite is Stuck and Other Stories by Salina Yoon (series)
Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins
The Oregon Trail by Jesse Wiley (series)
Owl Diaries & Unicorn Diaries by Rebecca Elliott (series)
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander
Paper Son: the inspiring story of Tyrus Wong, immigrant and artist by Julie Leung
Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika A. Denise
The Questioners by Andrea Beaty (series)
Ramona by Beverly Cleary (series)
Rabbit & Bear by Julian Gough & Jim Field (series)
Sadiq by Siman Nuurali (series)
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket (series)
Snail & Worm by Tina Kugler (series)
Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake
Stella Diaz Dreams Big by Angela Dominguez (series)

Stuntboy in the Meantime by Jason Reynolds

Too Small Tola by Atinuke

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski (series)

Unicorn Academy by Julie Sykes (series)

Unicorn Rescue Society by Adam Gidwitz and David Bowles (series)

Who Would Win by Jerry Palotta (series)

The Yeti Files by Kevin Sherry (series)

Zach & Zoe Mysteries by Mike Lupica (series)

Zoey & Sassafras by Asia Citro (series)

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Grades 4 - 6

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (series)
Amina's Song by Helen Khan
Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternac (series)
Ban This Book by Alan Gratz
The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson
Black Boy Joy edited by Kwame Mbalia
The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands (series)
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
City Spies by James Ponti (series)
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan
Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens (series)
Explorer Academy by Trudi Trueit (series)
Exquisite : the poetry and life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade
The (Fairly) True Tales by Liesl Shurtliff (series)
Fablehaven by Brandon Mull (series)
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery by James Ponti (series)
To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer
Front Desk by Kelly Yang (series)
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
Greenglass House by Kate Milford (series)
Ghost by Jason Reynolds (Track series)
A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by Christopher Healy
Honeybee : the busy life of apis mellifera by Candace Fleming
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero by Kelly Baptist
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier (series)
Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood
Loyalty by Avi

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina (series)
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy (series)
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty
Mr. Lemoncello's All Star Breakout Game by Chris Grabenstein (series)
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series)
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Rain Reign by Ann Martin
Restart by Gordon Korman
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez (series)
Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech
Scary Stories for Young Foxes by Christian McKay Heidicker (series)
Scouts by Shannon Greenland
Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare Lezotte (series)
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
The Sky at Our Feet by Nadia Hashimi
Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War by Duncan Tonatiuh
Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel by Stuart Gibb (series)
A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Gutmann Created the Paralympic Games by Lori Alexander
Spy School: The British Invasion by Stuart Gibbs (series)
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger (series)
Starfish by Lisa Fipps
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
Time Twisters by Steve Sheinkin (series)
Treasure Hunters by James Patterson (series)
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
Two Truths and a Lie by Ammi-Joan Paquette (series)
Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein
Unbound by Ann E. Burg
The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA by Brenda Woods
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann (series)
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser (series)
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (series)
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (series)
Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff
We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey

What Elephants Know by Eric Dinerstein
When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin
When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk
A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull
Power Forward; On Point; Bounce Back by Hena Khan

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Graphic Novels For Younger Readers

Adventures in Cartooning by James Sturm (series)
The Adventures of Polo by Régis Faller (series)
Ants Don't Wear Pants by Kevin McCloskey
Babymouse by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm (series)
Bad Guys by Alan Blabey (series)
Betty's Burgled Bakery by Travis Nichols
A Binky Adventure by Ashley Spires (series)
Bobo and Pup-Pup Let's Make Cake! by Vikram Madan
Bolivar by Sean Rubin
Clark the Shark by Bruce hale (series)
Comics as Easy as ABC! by Ivan Brunetti
Fashion Kitty by Charise Mericle Harper (series)
Good Rosie by Kate DiCamillo
Gordon: Bark to the Future (A P.U.R.S.T. Adventure series) by Ashley Spires
Hello Hedgehog! by Norm Feuti (series)
Hilda and the Troll by Luke Pearson
I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967: A Graphic Novel by Georgia Ball
Johnny Boo by James Kochalka (series)
Korgi by Christian Slade (series)
Little Robot by Ben Hatke
Lunch Lady by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (series)
Monsters Beware by Jorge Aguirre
Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox by Brigitte Luciani (series)
My Community by Lori Mortensen (series)
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton
Noodleheads by Tedd Arnold (series)
Owly by Andy Runton (series)
Peter & Ernesto by Graham Annable (series)
The Real Poop on Pigeons by Kevin McCloskey
Thunder & Cluck by Jill Esbaum (series)
The TOON books (series)
¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market & ¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat! by Raúl Gonzalez
Who Was the First Man on the Moon?: Neil Armstrong: A Who HQ Graphic Novel by Nathan Page

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Please note that the following books are only suggestions. If a book is not available please ask your children's librarian for a recommendation.

Graphic Novels For Older Readers

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi (series)
The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell
CatStronauts by Drew Brockington (series)
Cleopatra in Space by Mike Maichack (series)
Click by Kayla Miller (series)
Dam Keeper by Robert Kondo
The Dragon Slayer : folktales from Latin America by Jaime Hernandez
Dream Jumper by Greg Grunberg (series)
Earth Before Us by Abby Howard (series)
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Fable Comics & Fairy Tale Comics by Chris Duffy
Hilo by Judd Winick (series)
InvestiGators by John Patrick Green (series)
Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles by Frank Cammuso (series)
Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper (series)
Magic Pickle by Scott Morse (series)
Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder by Nie Jun
Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke (series)
Mr. Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steine (series)
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales by Nathan Hale (series)
New Kid by Jerry Craft (series)
New Shoes by Sara Varon
Nightlights by Lorena Alvarez
The Olympians by George O'Connor (series)
Phoebe and Her Unicorn by Dana Simpson (series)
Real Friends by Shannon Hale (series)
Red's Planet by Eddie Pittman (series)
Robot Dreams by Sara Varon
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
Salt Water Taffy by Matthew Loux
Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks
Sardine by Emmanuel Guibert (series)
Science Comics (series)
Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang (series)
Sidekicks by Dan Santat
Star Scouts by Mike Lawrence (series)
Stargazing by Jen Wang

Sticky Burr by John Lechner (series)
Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi (series)
The Tea Dragon society by katie O'Neill
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jameson
Where's Halmoni by Julie Kim
The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag (series)
Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke (series)
5 Worlds by Mark Siegel (series)