Hamilton-Wenham Library Summer Reading List 2024

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

The Adventures of Otto by David Milgrim (series)

After-School Superstars & Franklin School Friends by Claudia Mills (series)

Ali the Great and the Dinosaur Mistake by Saadia Faruqi

All Because You Matter by Tami Charles

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Matinex-Neal

Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick and David Serlin

Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan (series)

Big by Vashti Harrison

The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (series)

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 (series)

Chick and Brain by Cece Bell (series)

Cornbread & Poppy by Matthew Cordell (series)

Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Poems by Betsy Franco

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 (series)

Du Iz Tak by Carson Ellis

Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure by Torben Kuhlmann (series)

Every Day with April & Mae by Megan Dowd Lambert (series)

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 (series)

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

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

I Love You Baby Burrito by Angela Dominguez

Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sis

In Every Life by Marla Frazee

I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott

Grades K-2 continued

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 (series)

Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley Newton

The Last Firehawk by Katrina Charman

Maddie and Mabel by Kari Allen (series)

Maybe Something Beautiful by Isabel F. Campoy

Me & Mama by Cozbi A Cabrera

Mia Mayhem by Kara West (series)

A Map Into the World by Kao Kalia Yang

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo (series)

Mermaid Days by by Kyle Lukoff (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

The Night Gardener by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

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: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story by Tina Cho

Pedro by Fran Manushkin (series)

The People Remember by Ibi Zoboi

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

The Puppets of Spelhorst by Kate DiCamillo

The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller

There Was a Party for Langston by Jason Reynolds, Jerome Pumphrey

Raina Ramos by Emma Otheguy (series)

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)

Starla Jean by Elana Arnold (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

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie

Ty's Travels by Kelly Starling Lyons (series)

Uni the Unicorn by Amy Krouse Rosenthal (series)

Urgency Emergency! by Dosh Archer (series)

Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge by by Raúl the Third (series)

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell (series)

Grades K-2 continued

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom
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

Grades 2 & 3

All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series)

Ballpark Mysteries & Most Valuable Players by David Kelly (both are 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)

Cornbread & Poppy by Matthew Cordell (series)

Doggo & Pupper by Katherine Applegate (series)

Drag & Rex: Forever Friends by Susan Lubner

Dragon Masters by Tracey West (series)

A Dragon's Guide by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder (series)

The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers

The Fabled Stables by Jonathan Auxier (series)

The 500 Million Dollar Heist by Tom Sullivan (series of Unsolved Case Files)

King & Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler (series)

Heidi & Henry Heckelbeck by Wanda Coven (both are series)

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 by Dawn Quigley (series)

Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina (series)

Just Harriet by Elana Arnold (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 (non-fiction series)

The Magnificent Makers by Theanne Griffith (series)

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo

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 (series)

One of a Kind: The Life of Sydney Taylor by Richard Michelson

The Oregon Trail by Jesse Wiley (series)

Orris and Timble: the Beginning by Kate DiCamillo

Outside In by Deborah Underwood

Owl Diaries & Unicorn Diaries by Rebecca Elliott (both are series)

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika A. Denise

The Questioneers by Andrea Beaty (fiction & non-fiction 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

Grades 2 & 3 continued

Stella Diaz Dreams Big by Angela Dominguez (series)

Stuntboy in the Meantime by Jason Reynolds (series)

Too Small Tola by Atinuke

The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs by Chana Stiefel

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)

Grades 4 - 6

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

Across the Desert by Dusti Bowling

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (series)

Alone by Megan E. Freeman

Amina's Song by Helen Khan

Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternac (series)

Animal BFFs: Even Animals Have Best Friends! by Sophie Corrigan

Ban This Book by Alan Gratz

Big Tree by Brian Selznick

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 Riodan

Elf Dog and Owl Head by M.T. Anderson

The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens (series)

Explorer Academy by Trudi Trueit (series)

The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers

The (Fairly) True Tales by Liesl Shurtliff (series)

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull (series)

Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros

The 500 Million Dollar Heist by Tom Sullivan (series of Unsolved Case Files)

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ferris by Kate DiCamillo

Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery by James Ponti (series)

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

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

Grace of the Wild Things by Heather Fawcett

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

Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust by Elisa Boxer

Honeybee: the busy life of apis mellifera by Candace Fleming

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd

Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen

Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero by Kelly Baptist

Grades 4 - 6 continued

Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II by Lia Levy

Kid Legends by Robin Stevenson (series)

The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary D. Schmidt

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brailler (series)

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat

Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

Linked by Gordon Korman

The Lost Library by Rececca Stead & Wendy Mass

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

The Mona Lisa Vanishes: a Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global

Celebrity by Nicholas Day

Mr. Lemoncello's All Star Breakout Game by Chris Grabenstein (series)

My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zoboi

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series)

The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

The Ogress and the Orphans by Kelly Barnhill

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

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart (series)

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

Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs

Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration by Elizabeth Partridge

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

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 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)

Grades 4 - 6 continued

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

Two Degrees by Alan Gratz

Two Truths and a Lie by Ammi-Joan Paquette (non-fiction series)

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)

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

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (series)

Wildoak by C.C. Harrington

The Windeby Puzzle by Lois Lowry

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull

Graphic Novels For Younger Readers

Adventures in Cartooning by James Sturm (series)

The Adventures of Polo by Régis Faller (series)

Paula Danziger's Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by Victoria Ying

Ants Don't Wear Pants by Kevin McCloskey

Babymouse by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm (series)

Bad Guys by Alan Blabey (series)

Baloney & Friends by Greg Pizzoli (series)

Beak & Ally by Norm Feuti (series)

Beaky Barnes and the Devious Duck by David Ezra Stein (series)

Betty's Burgled Bakery by Travis Nichols

A Binky Adventure by Ashley Spires (series)

Bobo and Pup-Pup by Vikram Madan (series)

Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale (series)

Comics as Easy as ABC! by Ivan Brunetti

Cranky Chicken by Katherine Battersby (series)

Fashion Kitty by Charise Mericle Harper (series)

The Fix-Its: Nail Needs Help by Sarah Lynne Reul (series)

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 (series)

I Survived by Lauren Tarshis (series)

Johnny Boo by James Kochalka (series)

Korgi by Christian Slade (series)

Little Robot by Ben Hatke

Lunch Lady by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (series)

Mermaid Days by by Kyle Lukoff

Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox by Brigitte Luciani (series)

My Community by Lori Mortensen (series)

My Little Pony: Classics Reimagined by Megan Brown (series)

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton (series)

Noodleheads by Tedd Arnold (series)

Owl & Penguin by Vikram Madan

Owly by Andy Runton (series)

Peter & Ernesto by Graham Annable (series)

Pup Detectives by Felix Gumpaw (series)

The Real Poop on Pigeons by Kevin McCloskey

Shark & Bot by Brian Yanish (series)

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

Wombats Go Camping by Maddie Frost (series)

Who Was the First Man on the Moon?: Neil Armstrong: A Who HQ Graphic Novel by Nathan

Page (non-fiction series)

Graphic Novels For Older Readers

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi (series)

Bunnicula: The Graphic Novel by James Howe

The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

Cat & Cat Adventures by Susie Yi (series)

CatStronauts by Drew Brockington (series)

Cleopatra in Space by Mike Maichack (series)

Click by Kayla Miller (series)

Dam Keeper by Robert Kondo

Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly by Jordan Quinn (series)

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

Emmie & Friends by Terri Libenson

Fable Comics & Fairy Tale Comics by Chris Duffy

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega

Garvey's Choice: the graphic novel by Nikki Grimes

Hoops by Matt Tavares

Hilo by Judd Winick (series)

I Survived by Llauren Tarshis (series)

InvestiGators by John Patrick Green (series)

Katie the Catsitter by Stephanie Yue (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)

Max Axiom: Living Among Robots by Ailynn Collins (series)

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke (series)

Mr. Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steine (series)

Nat Enough Series by Maria Scrivan

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales by Nathan Hale (series)

New Kid by Jerry Craft (series)

Nightlights by Lorena Alvarez

Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness by Donn Fendler

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

Science Comics (non-fiction series)

Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang (series)

Sidekicks by Dan Santat

Spy series by Stuart Gibbs

Star Scouts by Mike Lawrence (series)

Graphic Novels For Older Readers continued

Stargazing by Jen Wang
Sticky Burr by John Lechner (series)
Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi (series)
The Sunny Series by Jennifer L. Holm
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jameson
The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag (series)
Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke (series)
5 Worlds by Mark Siegel (series)