

Hamilton-Wenham Library Summer Reading List 2025

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)
Ali the Great by Saadia Faruqi (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
Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan (series)
Bear and Bird by Jarvis (series)
Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend by Bob Shea
Big by Vashti Harrison
Bulldozer and Friends by Elise Broach (series)
Change Sings by Amanda Gorman
Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder (series)
Claude by Alex T. Smith (series)
Chick and Brain by Cece Bell (series)
Cornbread & Poppy by Matthew Cordell (series)
Doggo & Pupper by Katherine Applegate (series)
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)
Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (series)
Flubby Is Not a Good Pet by J.E. Morris (series)
Fox + Chick 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
Henry by Jenn Bailey (series)
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
In Every Life by Marla Frazee
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)

Grades K-2 continued

Just Help by Sonia Sotomayor (series)
Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley Newton
King & Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler (series)
The Last Firehawk by Katrina Charman (series)
Lone Wolf by Kian Thomas (series)
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 Kyle Lukoff (series)
Mindy Kim by Lyla Lee (series)
Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña
My Kite is Stuck and Other Stories by Salina Yoon (series)
My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero
The Night Gardener by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Outback by Dan Kainen (series)
Owl Diaries and *Unicorn Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott (series)
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 (series)
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
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
Ty's Travels by Kelly Starling Lyons (series)
Uni the Unicorn by Amy Krouse Rosenthal (series)
Unicorn and Yeti by Heather Ayriss Burnell (series)
Urgency Emergency! by Dosh Archer (series)
Vacation by Ame Dyckman & Mark Teague
Vamos! Let's Go Read! by Raúl the Third (series)
We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell (series)
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
Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer
Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi (series)
You Matter by Christian Robinson
Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin

Grades 2 & 3

All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series)
All-Star Smackdown (non-fiction series)
Animal Battles (non-fiction series)
Ballpark Mysteries & Most Valuable Players by David Kelly (both are series)
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (series)
A Boy Called Bat by Elana Arnold (series)
Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
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)
Fairy Door Diaries by Lenny Wen
The 500 Million Dollar Heist by Tom Sullivan (series of Unsolved Case Files)
Heidi Heckelbeck & Henry Heckelbeck by Wanda Coven (both are series)
Hokusai's daughter : a young artist in old Japan by Sunny Seki
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)
The Kids in Mrs. Z's Class by Kate Messner (series)
Lola Levine by Monica Brown (series)
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (series)
The Magnificent Makers by Theanne Griffith (series)
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald (series)
Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins (series)
The Oregon Trail by Jesse Wiley (series)
Orris and Timble by Kate DiCamillo (series)
Outside In by Deborah Underwood
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander
Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika A. Denise
The Questioners 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
Stella Diaz Dreams Big by Angela Dominguez (series)
Stella & Marigold by Annie Barrows
Stuntboy in the Meantime by Jason Reynolds (series)
Too Small Tola by Atinuke
The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski (series)

Grades 2 & 3 continued

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 & Away by Megan E. Freeman
Amina's Song by Helen Khan
Anybody here seen Frenchie? by Leslie Connor
Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternac (series)
Animal BFFs: Even Animals Have Best Friends! by Sophie Corrigan
Ban This Book by Alan Gratz
BenBee and the Teacher Griefer by K.A. Holt
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)
The Bletchley Riddle by Ruta Sepetys.
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery and City Spies by James Ponti (series)
Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan
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
Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson
The Fort and Linked and Restart by Gordon Korman
Front Desk by Kelly Yang (series)
The Girl Who Drank the Moon and The Ogress and the Orphans 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
Impossible creatures by Katherine Rundell
Is It Real? The Loch Ness Monster by Candace Fleming
Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero by Kelly Baptist
Island of whispers by Frances Hardinge
Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II by Lia Levy

Grades 4 - 6 continued

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 Brallier (series)
The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat
Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood
The Lost Library by Rececca Stead & Wendy Mass
Loyalty by Avi
Magnolia Wu unfolds it all by Chanel Miller.
Max in the house of spies by Adam Gidwitz
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 Library 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
Nothing else but miracles by Kate Albus.
Olivetti by Allie Millington.
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Pax by Sara Pennypacker (series)
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Rain Reign by Ann Martin
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise and Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart
A rover's story by Jasmine Warga
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
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
Spy School and Moon Base Alpha and FunJungle by Stuart Gibb (series)
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
Stowaway by John David Anderson
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger (series)
Starfish by Lisa Fipps
The tenth mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
Time Twisters by Steve Sheinkin (series)
To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer
Treasure Hunters by James Patterson (series)
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Grades 4 - 6 continued

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
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry (series)
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk
A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull
Yonder by Ali Standish

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)
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
Beware the Dragon and the Nozzlewock : a graphic novel poetry collection full of surprising characters! by Vikram Madan
A Binky Adventure by Ashley Spires (series)
Bobo and Pup-Pup by Vikram Madan (series)
Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale (series)
Cloud Puppy by Kelly Leigh Miller (series)
Comics as Easy as ABC! by Ivan Brunetti
Cool buds to the rescue! by Barbara Lehman
Cranky Chicken by Katherine Battersby (series)
Fashion Kitty by Charise Mericle Harper (series)
The Fix-Its by Sarah Lynne Reul (series)
P.U.R.S.T. Adventure series by Ashley Spires
Hello Hedgehog! by Norm Feuti (series)
Hilda by Luke Pearson (series)
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis (series)
I'm a dumbo octopus! : a graphic guide to cephalopods by Anne Lambelet
InvestiGators and Agents of S.U.I.T by John Patrick Green (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 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)
Pencil & Eraser: Lost and frown! by Jenny Alvarado
Peter & Ernesto by Graham Annable (series)
Pizza & Taco by Stephen Shaskan (series)
Pup Detectives by Felix Gumpaw (series)
The Real Poop on Pigeons by Kevin McCloskey
Shark & Bot by Brian Yanish (series)
Simon & Chester by by Cale Atkinson (series)
The Snips and ¡Vamos!: Let's Go Read by Raúl Gonzalez (series)
Thunder & Cluck by Jill Esbaum (series)

The TOON books (series)

Wombats Go Camping by Maddie Frost (series)

Who Was HQ Graphic Novels (non-fiction series)

Graphic Novels For Older Readers

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi (series)
Asgardians & Olympians by George O'Connor (series)
Athletes Who Made a Difference (biography series)
Boy vs. Shark by Paul Gilligan
Bunnicula: The Graphic Novel by James Howe
The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell
Cassi and the House of Memories by Dean Stuart
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 and *Fairy Tale Comics* by Chris Duffy
The First Cat in Space by Mac Barnett, Shawn Harris (series)
Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega
Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes
Hoops by Matt Tavares
Hilo by Judd Winick (series)
History Comics (non-fiction series)
I Survived by Llauren Tarshis (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
Mendel the mess-up by Terry LaBan
Mexikid : a graphic memoir by Pedro Martin.
Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke (series)
Mr. Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steine (series)
Nat Enough by Maria Scrivan (series)
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
Outsider Kids by Betty C. Tang.
PAWS by Nathan Fairbairn (series)
Phoebe and Her Unicorn by Dana Simpson (series)
Real Friends by Shannon Hale (series)
Red's Planet by Eddie Pittman (series)

Graphic Novels For Older Readers continued

Robot Dreams by Sara Varon
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
The Ribbon Skirt by Cameron Mukwa
Science Comics (non-fiction series)
Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang (series)
Shock City by Aaron Alexovich
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 Sunny Series by Jennifer L. Holm
Sweet Valley Twins by Francine Pascal (series)
Swim team by Johnnie Christmas
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
Turning twelve by Kathryn Ormsbee
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)