

# Hamilton-Wenham Library Summer Reading List 2026

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  
*Animal babies* by Anastasia Suen  
*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  
*Big Dog and Little Dog* by Dav Pilkey (series)  
*Black hands: builders of our nation* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Bulldozer and Friends* by Elise Broach (series)  
*Cat Nap* by Brian Lies  
*Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman  
*Charlie & Mouse* by Laurel Snyder (series)  
*Cornbread & Poppy* by Matthew Cordell (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  
*Earhart: the incredible flight of a field mouse around the world* by Torben Kuhlmann (series)  
*Earl & Worm* by Greg Pizzoli (series)  
*Every Day with April & Mae* by Megan Dowd Lambert (series)  
*Fairies Welcome* by Bea Jackson (series)  
*Fireworks* by Matthew Burgess  
*Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold (series)  
*Flubby Is Not a Good Pet* by J.E. Morris (series)  
*The Humble Pie* by Jory John (series)  
*Fox + Chick* by Sergio Ruzzier (series)  
*Fox the Tiger* by Corey R. Tabor (series)  
*Get a Hit, Mo!* by David A. Adler (series)  
*Henry* by Jenn Bailey (series)  
*Home is in Between* by Mitali Perkins  
*Ho'onani : Hula Warrior* by Heather Gale  
*Houdini's Library: how books created the world's greatest magician* by Barb Rosenstock  
*I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes  
*I Talk Like a River* by Jordan Scott  
*Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sis  
*If We Were Dogs* by Sophie Blackall  
*In Every Life* by Marla Frazee  
*It's Not Jack and the Beanstalk* by Josh Funk (series)

## Grades K-2 continued

*Jasmine Toguchi* by Debbi Michiko Florence (series)  
*Just Help* by Sonia Sotomayor (series)  
*Kat & Mouse: Let's have a sleepover!* by Salina Yoon  
*King & Kayla* by Dori Hillestad Butler (series)  
*Lone Wolf* by Kian Thomas (series)  
*Loops* by Jashar Awan  
*Maddie and Mabel* by Kari Allen (series)  
*The Marvelous Now* by Angela DiTerlizzi (series)  
*Maybe Something Beautiful* by Isabel F. Campoy  
*A Map Into the World* by Kao Kalia Yang  
*Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Faruqi (series)  
*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 Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero  
*102* by Matthew Cordell  
*Orris & Timble: the Beginning* by Kate DiCamillo (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)  
*Poems For Every Season: A Year of Haiku, Sonnets, and More* by Bette Westera  
*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad  
*The Quickest Kid in Clarksville* by Pat Zietlow Miller  
*There Was a Party for Langston* by Jason Reynolds, Jerome Pumphrey  
*See the Cat: three stories about a dog* by David LaRochelle (series)  
*Speak Up* by Miranda Paul  
*Stalactite and Stalagmite : a big tale from a little cave* by Drew Beckmeyer  
*Starla Jean* by Elana Arnold (series)  
*Stop That Mop!* by Jonathan Fenske  
*Sundust* by Zeke Peña  
*Surf's Up* by Kwame Alexander  
*Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora  
*They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel  
*The tunneler tunnels in the tunnel* by Michael Rex  
*Ty's Travels* by Kelly Starling Lyons (series)  
*Uni the Unicorn* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal (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  
*Who Would Win* by Jerry Palotta (series)  
*Whose Bones? An Animal Guessing Game* by Gabrielle Balkan  
*Wonder Walkers* by Micha Archer  
*Dad* by Christian Robinson  
*Your Place in the Universe* by Jason Chin

## Grades 2 & 3

*All-Star Smackdown* (non-fiction series)  
*Animal Battles* (non-fiction series)  
*Ballpark Mysteries & Most Valuable Players* by David Kelly (both are series)  
*Bad badger: a love story* by Maryrose Wood  
*Bat and the Business of Ferrets* by Elana Arnold (series)  
*Bibsy Cross and the bad apple* by Liz Garton Scanlon  
*The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner (series)  
*Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead  
*Diary of a Pug: Pug Goes to Hollywood* by Kyla May (series)  
*Dragon Girls: Zora the Snow Dragon* by Maddy Mara  
*Dragon Masters* by Tracey West (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)  
*Good Dog: How to Spy a Spy* by Cam Higgins  
*Heidi Heckelbeck & 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)  
*Jo Jo Makoons* by Dawn Quigley (series)  
*Juana and Lucas* by Juana Medina (series)  
*Just Harriet* by Elana Arnold (series)  
*The keeper of stories* by Caroline Kusin Pritchard  
*The Kids in Mrs. Z's Class* by Kate Messner (series)  
*Lola Levine* by Monica Brown (series)  
*The Magnificent Makers* by Theanne Griffith (series)  
*The Oregon Trail* by Jesse Wiley (series)  
*Orris and Timble* by Kate DiCamillo (series)  
*Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets* by Kwame Alexander  
*The pecan sheller* by Lupe Ruiz-Flores  
*Pets Rule: Beware of the dino-snake* by Susan Tan (series)  
*Press Start: Super Rabbit Racers* by Thomas Flintham  
*The Questioners* by Andrea Beaty (fiction & non-fiction series)  
*Ramona* by Beverly Cleary (series)  
*Sadiq* by Siman Nurali (series)  
*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)  
*Wildlife Rescue: How to save an owl* by Kate Messner  
*Witchy cakes: Sweet Magic* by Kara LaReau  
*Unicorn Academy* by Julie Sykes (series)  
*Unicorn Rescue Society* by Adam Gidwitz and David Bowles (series)  
*The Yeti Files* by Kevin Sherry (series)  
*Zach & Zoe Mysteries* by Mike Lupica (series)  
*Zoey & Sassafras* by Asia Citro (series)

## Grades 4 – 6

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko (series)  
*Alone* by Megan E. Freeman  
*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  
*Bigfoot* by Dinah Williams  
*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  
*Busted* by Dan Gemeinhart  
*Chasing Eruptions: how volcanologists Maurice and Katia Krafft helped save 60,000 lives - but lost their own* by Curtis Manley  
*City Spies* by James Ponti (series)  
*Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan  
*Duel* by Jessixa Bagley  
*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  
*Fablehaven* by Brandon Mull (series)  
*The 500 Million Dollar Heist* by Tom Sullivan (series of Unsolved Case Files)  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Four Eyes* by Rex Ogle  
*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  
*A hero's guide to summer vacation* by Pablo Cartaya  
*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 (series)  
*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

*Just in case : saving seeds in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault* by Megan Clendenan  
*Kid Legends* by Robin Stevenson (series)  
*The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt  
*The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera  
*The Aerimander Chronicles: The Last Ember* by Lily Berlin Dodd  
*The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier (series)  
*The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat  
*Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood  
*The Lost Library* by Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass  
*Loyalty* by Avi  
*Magnolia Wu unfolds it all* by Chanel Miller.  
*Max in the house of spies* by Adam Gidwitz (series)  
*The myth of monsters: Medusa* by Katherine Marsh  
*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)  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart (series)  
*The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani  
*The nine moons of Han Yu and Luli* by Karina Yan Glaser  
*Olivetti* by Allie Millington.  
*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker (series)  
*Phoenix* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park  
*Rain Reign* by Ann Martin  
*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  
*A sea of lemon trees : The Corrido of Roberto Alvarez* by Maria Dolores Aguila  
*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 Gibbs (series)  
*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Stowaway* by John David Anderson (series)  
*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger (series)  
*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps  
*The teacher of nomad land: a World War II story* by Daniel Nayeri  
*The tenth mistake of Hank Hooperman* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*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 undead fox of Deadwood Forest* by Aubrey Hartman  
*The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander  
*The Unlikely Tale of Chase & Finnigan* by Jasmine Warga  
*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  
*Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate  
*A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry (series)  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk  
*A World Without Heroes* by Brandon Mull  
*A World Without Summer* by Nicolas Day

## Graphic Novels for Younger Readers

*Adventures in Cartooning* by James Sturm (series)  
*The Adventures of Polo* by Régis Faller (series)  
*Babymouse* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm (series)  
*Bad Guys* by Alan Blabey (series)  
*Badge Quest: A cheesy brie-ginning / Guy Kopsombut.*  
*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  
*Bobo and Pup-Pup* by Vikram Madan (series)  
*Cat & Cat Adventures* by Susie Yi (series)  
*Chip plays grown-up* by Maddie Frost  
*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 (series)  
*Cranky Chicken* by Katherine Battersby (series)  
*The Faraway Forest: Wally's route* by Debbie Fong  
*Hello Hedgehog!* by Norm Feuti (series)  
*Hide & seek with Clyde & Monique: Clyde in plain sight* by Graham Annable  
*I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis (series)  
*I'm a dumbo octopus!: a graphic guide to cephalopods* by Anne Lambelet (series)  
*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)  
*Max, a little axolotl : an original graphic novel* by Joey Spiotto (series)  
*Mermaid Days* by Kyle Lukoff  
*Monti and Leo: a newcomer in Pocketville* by Sylvie Kantorovitz.(series)  
*My Little Pony* by Megan Brown (series)  
*Narwhal & Jelly* by Ben Clanton (series)  
*Night light* by Michael Emberley  
*Noodleheads* by Tedd Arnold (series)  
*Owl & Penguin* by Vikram Madan  
*Owly* by Andy Runton (series)  
*Pizza & Taco* by Stephen Shaskan (series)  
*Pup Detectives* by Felix Gumpaw (series)  
*Shark & Bot* by Brian Yanish (series)  
*Simon & Chester* by Cale Atkinson (series)  
*The Snips and ¡Vamos!: Let's Go Read* by Raúl Gonzalez (series)  
*Squirrel Lock Holmes: The pet rock mystery* by Ashley Belote  
*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)  
*Wild about Capybaras! a Toon book* by Kevin McCloskey

## Graphic Novels for Older Readers

*All's Faire* in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson  
*Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi (series)  
*Artificial intelligence: a graphic history* by Emma Carlson Berne (non-fiction 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  
*The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier & Scott McCloud  
*Cassi and the House of Memories* by Dean Stuart  
*CatStronauts* by Drew Brockington (series)  
*Catwad: it's me* by Jim Benton (series)  
*Cleopatra in Space* by Mike Maichack (series)  
*Click* by Kayla Miller (series)  
*Dam Keeper* by Robert Kondo  
*DnDoggos: Get the party started* by Scout Underhill (series)  
*Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly* by Jordan Quinn (series)  
*The Dragon Slayer: folktales from Latin America* by Jaime Hernandez  
*Dream Jumper* by Greg Grunberg (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)  
*A fishboy named... Sashimi* by Dan Santat  
*Fresh start* by Gale Galligan  
*Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega  
*Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes  
*Hikaru in the light!* by Mai Matsuda (series)  
*Hilo* by Judd Winick (series)  
*History Comics* (non-fiction series)  
*Hoops* by Matt Tavares  
*How to say goodbye in Cuban* by Daniel Miyares  
*I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis (series)  
*Katie the Catsitter* by Stephanie Yue (series)  
*Lu and Ren's guide to geozoology* by Angela Hsieh  
*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 (series)  
*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)  
*The new girl* by Cassandra Calin (series)  
*Nightlights* by Lorena Alvarez  
*Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness* by Donn Fendler

## Graphic Novels for Older Readers continued

*Oasis* by Guojing

*One crazy summer: the graphic novel* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*The other side of tomorrow* by Tina Cho

*Outsider Kids* by Betty C. Tang

*PAWS* by Nathan Fairbairn (series)

*Phoebe and Her Unicorn* by Dana Simpson (series)

*Princess Academy: the graphic novel* by Shannon Hale

*Real Friends* by Shannon Hale (series)

*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 (series)

*Sidekicks* by Dan Santat (series)

*Spy camp : the graphic novel* by Stuart Gibbs

*Snowlands: A blood moon* by Morr Meroz

*Star Scouts* by Mike Lawrence (series)

*Stargazing* by Jen Wang

*Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi (series)

*The Sunny Series* by Jennifer L. Holm

*Sweet Valley Twins* by Francine Pascal (series)

*Swim team* by Johnnie Christmas

*Tuck everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt; adapted and illustrated by K. Woodman-Maynard

*Turning twelve* by Kathryn Ormsbee

*What ended the golden age of airships?: the Hindenburg disaster* by Chris Kindred

*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)