

Just Read, Florida! 2013 Summer Recommended Reading List

Grades K-3

A Day in the Life of Murphy, Provensen, Alice
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder, Wick, Walter
Actual Size, Jenkins, Steve
Ants by Melissa Stewart
Ape Escapes!: And More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly by Aline Alexander Newman
Aunt Flossie's Hats, Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! Hayes, Geoffrey
Big Wolf and Little Wolf, Brun-Cosme, Nadine
Buffy the Burrowing Owl, Gilbert, Betty
Buster, Fleming, Denise
Camille Saint-Saens's The Carnival of the Animals, Prelutsky, Jack and GrandPre, Mary
Charlotte's Web, White, E.B.
Christian, the Hugging Lion, Richardson, Justine and Parnell, Peter
Count Down to Fall, Hawk, Fran
Daddy & I, Greenfield, Elosie
Deep in the Swamp, Bateman, Donna
Diary of a Worm, Cronin, Doreen
Dino-Dinners, Manning, Mick and Granstrom, Brita
Discovery in the Cave by Mark Dubowski
Fly Danny, Fly, Gilbertson, Chip, Restivo, Gina, and Kendrick, Michelle
Frog and Toad Together, Lobel, Arnold
Gracias *Thanks. Mora, Pat
Henry the Impatient Heron, Love, Donna
Hi! Fly Guy, Arnold, Tedd
Hot City, Joosse, Barbara
How People Learned to Fly, Hodgkins, Fran and Kelley, True
I Always, Always Get My Way, Krasnesky, Thad
Jitterbug Jam, Hicks, Barbara Jean
Leaf Jumpers, Gerber, Carole
Little Skink's Tail, Halfmann, Janet
Miss Nelson Is Missing!, Allard, Harry
Moose and Magpie, Restrepo, Bettina
My Name is Yoon, Recorvits, Helen
No, David!, Shannon, David
Ocean Hide and Seek, Kramer, Jennifer Evans
Pancakes for Breakfast, DePaola, Tommie
Polar Slumber, Rockhill, Dennis
Poppleton in Winter, Rylant, Cynthia
River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River, Talbott, Hudson
She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader, Annino, J.G.
The Napping House, Wood, Audrey and Dan
The Secret Olivia Told Me, Joy, N.
The Storm Book, Zolotow, Charlotte
The Story of Ruby Bridges, Coles, Robert
Twas the Day Before Zoo Day, Ipcizade, Catherine
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?, Jenkins, Steve and Page, Robin
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale, Aardema, Verna
Wonder Horse, McCully, Emily Arnold

Grades 4-5

A Faraway Island, Thor, Annika

A History of US, Hakim, Joy

A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home, Cole, Henry

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Carroll, Lewis

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Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal, Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux

Bud, Not Buddy, Curtis, Christopher Paul

Casey at the Bat, Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Criss Cross, Perkins, Lynne Rae

Crossing Jordan, Fogelin, Adrian

Dare to Dream! Sommer, Carl

Discovering Mars, Berger, Melvin

Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets, Farndon, John

Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society, Byars, Betsy, Duffey, Betsy, and Myers, Laurie

Eidi, Bredsdorff, Bodil

Elijah of Buxton, Curtis, Christopher Paul

Extreme Pets! Harrington, Jane

Heroes for My Son, Meltzer, Brad

Horses, Simon, Seymour

Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms, Lauber, Patricia

Inside Out & Back Again, Lai, Thanhha

Jason and Elihu, Mickle, Shelley Frazer

Just Being Audrey, Cardillo, Margaret

Life Under Ice, Cerullo, Mary M.

Princess Academy, Hale, Shannon

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, Montgomery, Sy

Riddle-iculous Math, Holub, Joan

Sarah, Plain and Tall, MacLachlan, Patricia

See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You! Heiman, Diane and Suneby, Liz

The Birchbark House, Erdrich, Louise

The Black Stallion, Farley, Walter

The Last Egret: The Adventures of Charlie Pierce, Oyer III, Harvey E.

The Underneath, Appelt, Kathi

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, Lin, Grace

Whittington, Armstrong, Alan

Who Has Seen the Wend? Christina G. Rossetti

Zlateh the Goat, Isaac Bashevis Singer

Grades 6-8

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story, Park, Linda Sue
A Long Way from Chicago, Peck, Richard
A Single Shard, Park, Linda Sue
Any Which Wall, Snyder, Laurel
Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident, Colfer, Eoin
Breaking Stalin's Nose, Yelchin, Eugene
Bridge to Terabithia, Paterson, Katherine
Carver, a Life in Poems, Nelson, Marilyn
Dead End in Norvelt, Gantos, Jack
Dragonwings, Laurence Yep
Esperanza Rising, Ryan, Pam Munoz
Fire From the Rock, Sharon, Draper
Flush, Hiaasen, Carl
Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Freedman, Russell
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village, Schlitz, Laura Amy
Heart of a Samurai, Preus, Margi
Hugo Cabret, Schnick, Brian
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
Lockdown, Myers, Walter Dean
Lost in the River of Grass, Rorby, Ginny
Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition, Lawlor, Laurie
Moon over Manifest, Vanderpool, Clare
Newt's World: Beginnings, Womble, Susan
Old Yeller, Gipson, Fred
One Crazy Summer, Williams-Garcia, Rita
Peter and the Starcatchers, Barry, Dave & Pearson, Ridley
Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia, Montgomery, Sy and Bishop, Nic
Scat, Hiaasen, Carl
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood Barakat, Ibtisam
The Anybodies, Bode, N.E.
The Arrival, Tan, Shawn
The Lightning Thief, Riordan, Rick
The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins, Schyffert, Bea Uusma
The Road Not Taken, Robert Frost
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi
The Trumpet of the Swan, White, E.B.
The View from Saturday, Konigsburg, E.L.
The Wednesday Wars, Schmidt, Gary D.
The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers, Maurer, Richard
The Young Man and the Sea, Philbrick, Rodman
Treasure Island, Stevenson, Robert Louis
Trouble, Schmidt, Gary
Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali, Smith, Charles R.
Wangari's Tree of Peace, Winter, Jeanette
When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone, Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw
Where the Red Fern Grows, Rawls, Wilson
Wild Things, Carmichael, Clay

Grades 9-12

A Land Remembered, Smith, Patrick D.
A Separate Peace, Knowles, John
All Quiet on the Western Front, Remarque, Erich Maria
Alligator Bayou, Napoli, Donna Jo
Breaking Point, Flinn, Alex
Cloaked, Flinn, Alex
Cookie & Me, Ryals, Mary Jane
Florida Cowboys, Ward Jr., Carlton
Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story, Carson, Ben
Imaginary Enemy, Gonzalez, Julie
Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft, Heyerdahl, Thor
Looking for the New Deal, Green, Elna C.
Marcelo in the Real World, Stork, Francisco
Money Hungry, Flake, Sharon
Monster, Myers, Walter Dean
Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein, Rubin, Susan Goldman
Night, Wiesel, Elie
November Blues, Draper, Sharon
Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida, Klinkenberg, Jeff
Replacing Dad, Mickle, Shelley Frazer
Reubin O'D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics, Dyckman, Martin A.
Silent Spring, Carson, Rachel
Solomon, Shaw, Marilyn B.
Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place, Cauthen, Sudye
Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science, Aronson, Marc and Budhos, Marina
Taken, Bloor, Edward
The Book Thief, Zusak, Markus
The Everglades, River of Grass, Douglas, Marjorie Stoneman
The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking, Bean, Shawn
The Great Wide Sea, Herlong, M. H.
The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story, Preston, Richard
The House on Mango Street, Cisneros, Sandra
The New Deal in South Florida, Stuart John & Stack, Eds., John
The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery, Sheinkin, Steve
The Old Man and the Sea, Hemingway, Ernest
The Real Question, Fogelin, Adrian
The Shakespeare Stealer, Blackwood, Gary
The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, Gladwell, Malcolm
The Trouble With Panthers, Hall, William Culyer
The Yearling, Rawlings, Marjorie K.
Things Fall Apart, Achebe, Chinua
We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success, Davis, Sampson, Jenkins, George, Hunt, Rameck, and Draper, Sharon
Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way), Macy, Sue
When You Reach Me, Stead, Rebecca
Whispers from the Bay, Tkac, John
Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland, Walker, Sally M.

You may also find more selections for Middle and High School readers at www.justreadflorida.com under the Student Section – For Teens, by Teens recommended reading.

The Department's Just Read, Florida! Office offers a variety of tips to consider when helping readers choose books:

Below are a few websites that will provide reading levels for many of the books listed above. Please feel free to use one of these to find a reading level or use any similar tool that may be available to you. Librarians and teachers are also experts in helping pair students with appropriate books.

- AR BookFinder: <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>
- Lexile Find a Book: <http://www.lexile.com/search/filters/results/>
- Scholastic Book Wizard: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>
- If a reader tackles a book above his or her reading level, consider what additional instruction or lower-level reading resources might help.
- Ask the reader to keep track of unknown words within the book, and look them up together.
- Take turns reading aloud to each other to help process the information into smaller portions.