



2026 Lithgow Kids Summer Reading^{junior!} Book List

You are welcome to pick your own books to complete the Summer Reading bingo challenge. If you're looking for some ideas to get started, read on! We have book suggestions for each challenge on the board, including those that don't require reading – just in case you want to get inspired.

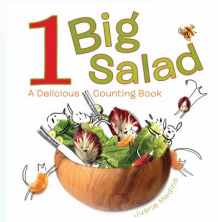
Creativity is encouraged! Families are welcome to interpret each challenge in the way that works best for them, and you can always ask library staff for more suggestions.

Read an alphabet book & sing your ABCs

- *A Gardener's Alphabet* by Mary Azarian
- *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z* by Lois Ehlert
- *An Edible Alphabet* by Carol Watterson

Make something good to eat

- *Dragon's First Taco* by Adam Rubin
- *What's in the Garden?* by Marianne Berkes
- *1 Big Salad* by Juana Medina

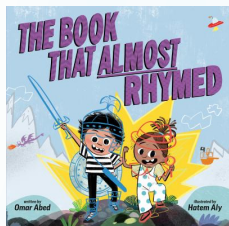


Make a picture of something in nature

- *If You Spot a Shell* by Aimée Sicuro
- *Nature Spy Guide* by Shelley Rotner
- *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* by Shawn Harris

Read a book that rhymes

- *I'm Growing Great* by Mechal Renee Roe
- *The Book That Almost Rhymed* by Omar Abed
- *The Detective Dog* by Julia Donaldson



Take a walk and find letters as you go

- *Next to Me* by Daniel Salmieri and Sophia Haas
- *Every Little Letter* by Deborah Underwood
- *LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker

Read a book set on a farm

- *The Old Truck* by Jarrett Pumphrey
- *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin
- *Zip Zap Wickety Wack* by Matthew Diffie

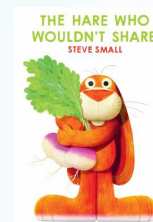


Plant a seed – or two!

- *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes
- *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
- *Plant a Kiss* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Act out a story using toys

- *Too Many Toys* by David Shannon
- *The Hare Who Wouldn't Share* by Steve Small
- *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems



Play a game or do a puzzle

- *Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"* by David LaRochelle
- *The Highlights Big Book of Activities for Little Kids*
- *The Book That Can Read Your Mind* by Marianna Coppo

Read a nonfiction book

- *Up In the Garden and Down In the Dirt* by Kate Messner
- *Rah, Rah, Radishes!: A Vegetable Chant* by April Pulley Sayre
- *Honeybee* by Candace Fleming



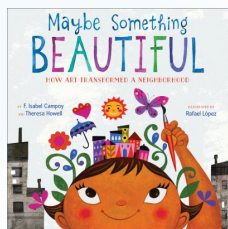
Ask library staff for more ideas!

Read a book outside

- *Hello, World!* by Amelia Hepworth
- *A Bed of Stars* by Jessica Love
- *Garden Walk* by Virginia Brimhall Snow

Make a picture based on a story you read

- *Drawn Together* by Minh Lê
- *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy
- *I Can Only Draw Worms* by Will Mabbitt



Participate in a program at the library

- *Leo Loves Baby Time* by Anna McQuinn
- *A Library Book for Bear* by Bonny Becker
- *Chicken Story Time* by Sandy Asher

Read two books by the same author

- *Saturday* and *Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora
- *The Rabbit Listened* and *Nellie's Big Splash* by Cori Doerrfeld
- *Little Pookie and Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!* by Sandra Boynton

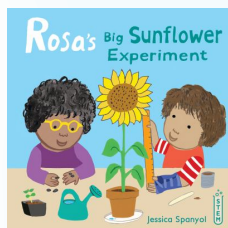


Sing a song

- *Inch by Inch: The Garden Song* by David Mallett
- *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* by Jane Cabrera
- *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* by Annie Kubler

Read a book about plants

- *All That Grows* by Jack Wong
- *Plant the Tiny Seed* by Christie Matheson
- *Rosa's Big Sunflower Experiment* by Jessica Spanyol

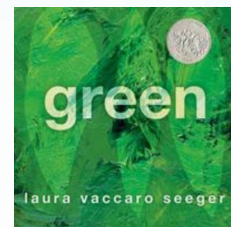


Read a new-to-you-book

- *Let's Be Bees* by Shawn Harris
- *A Quick! Trip to the Store* by Sam Wedelich
- *Everybelly* by Thao Lam

Read a book with a green cover

- *Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- *What's New, Daniel?* by Micha Archer
- *One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey



Read a book in your pajamas

- *Vegetables in Pajamas* by Jared Chapman
- *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime* by Bob Shea
- *Good Night Owl* by Greg Pizzoli

Write or trace the letters in your name

- *A is for Apple* by Georgie Birkett
- *Montessori Letter Work* by Bobby and June George
- *Your Name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

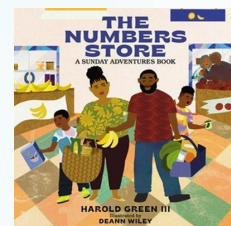


Read a wordless picture book

- *One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey* by Henry Cole
- *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
- *In My Garden* by Ermanno Cristini

Count as high as you can

- *The Numbers Store* by Harold Green III
- *I Want 100 Dogs* by Stacy McNulty
- *Trillions of Trees* by Kurt Cyrus

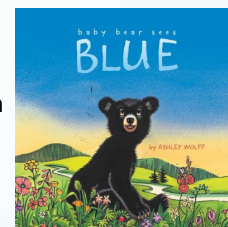


Read for three days in a row

- The Maisy books by Lucy Cousins
- The Bear books by Karma Wilson
- Cornbread & Poppy series by Matthew Cordell

Walk & talk about the colors you see

- *Baby Bear Sees Blue* by Ashley Wolff
- *The Rainbow Snail* by Karin Akesson
- *Black Bird, Yellow Sun* by Steve Light



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