



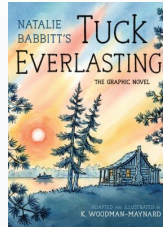
2026 Lithgow Kids Summer Reading Book List

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 a book set in the summer

- *Fireworks* by Matthew Burgess
- *Liz and the Sand Castle Contest* by Callie Barkley
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt



Make something good to eat

- *Cookie Time* by Jessie Sima
- *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin & June Jo Lee
- *Delish: The How-To Cookbook for Young Foodies* by Joanna Saltz

Listen to a book read out loud

- *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin (Read-Aloud book)
- *The Girl and the Ghost* by Hanna Alkaf (book on CD)
- *The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science* by Kate McKinnon (on CloudLibrary)



Read a book set in another country

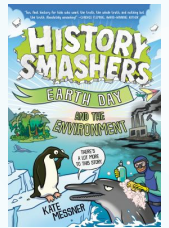
- *Noodles on a Bicycle* by Kyo Maclear
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba
- *Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir* by Pedro Martín

Tell someone about a book that you love

- *Because Barbara* by Sarah Mackenzie
- *Broken* by X Fang
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Woods & Words* by Sara Ackerman

Read a book to learn something new

- *How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps* by Nicola Winstanley
- *The Way Things Work Now* by David Macaulay
- *History Smashers: Earth Day and the Environment* by Kate Messner

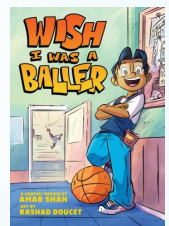


Plant a seed – or two!

- *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney
- *The Secret Garden on 8th Street* by Ivy Noelle Weir

Read a book that tells the story of a person's life

- *Saving the Countryside: The Story of Beatrix Potter and Peter Rabbit* by Linda Elovitz Marshall
- *A Line Can Go Anywhere: The Brilliant, Resilient Life of Artist Ruth Asawa* by Caroline McAlister
- *Wish I Was a Baller* by Amar Shah

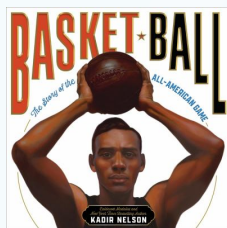


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Play a game or do a puzzle

- *Basket Ball: The Story of the All-American Game* by Kadir Nelson
- *Sleuth & Solve: 10+ Mind-Twisting Mysteries* by Víctor Escandell
- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein



Read a book about music

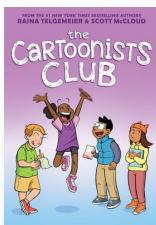
- *Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma* by Joanna Ho
- *How Sweet the Sound* by Kwame Alexander
- *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Pérez

Read a book outside

- *Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement* by Stephanie Roth Sisson
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
- *Wildful* by Kengo Kurimoto

Make art based on a book

- *Cat Nap* by Brian Lies
- *This Book Will Make You an Artist* by Ruth Millington
- *The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier & Scott McCloud

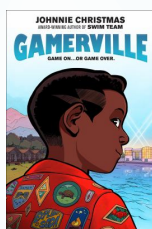


Participate in a program at the library

- *Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- *LEGO City Awesome Tales!* by Steve Foxe
- *The Legend of the Last Library* by Frank L. Cole

Read two books by the same author

- *Orris and Timble and Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo
- *I'm Sorry You Got Mad and A World Worth Saving* by Kyle Lukoff
- *How to Read a Book and The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander



Have a screen-free day

- *Unplugged* by Steve Antony
- *Alone* by Megan Freeman
- *Gamerville* by Johnnie Christmas

Read a book about plants

- *Mamá's Magnificent Dancing Plantitas* by Jesús Trejo
- *The Forest Revealed: An Illustrated Year* by Jada Fitch
- *Inspector Flytrap* by Tom Angleberger

Read a poem, short story, or play

- *When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons* by Julie Fogliano
- *The Extraordinary Orbit of Alex Ramirez* by Jasminne Paulino
- *Once They See You: 13 Stories to Shiver and Shock* by Josh Allen

Read a book with a green cover

- *This Year, a Witch* by Zoey Abbott
- *Eliza and the Flower Fairies* by Megan McDonald
- *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford

Read a book in your pajamas

- *Time for Bed, Old House* by Janet Costa Bates
- *The Super-Scary Sleepover* by Dawn Quigley
- *Bedtime Math* by Laura Overdeck



Read a science fiction book

- *We Are Definitely Human* by X. Fang
- *Animorphs: The Invasion* adapted by Chris Grine
- *Boy 2.0* by Tracey Baptiste

Write a letter to an author or illustrator

- *The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart
- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott
- *Lasagna Means I Love You* by Kate O'Shaughnessy

Read a book set in Maine

- *Kittybunkport* by Scott Rothman
- *Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White* by Melissa Sweet
- *Continental Drifter* by Kathy MacLeod



Read for three days in a row

- *Clementine* series by Sara Pennypacker
- *Baby-Sitter's Club* series by Ann M. Martin
- *Supernatural Investigations* series (*Amari and the Night Brothers*) by B. B. Alston

Read a book told mostly through pictures

- *Hot Dog* by Doug Salati
- *Viewfinder* by Christine Chung
- *Hoops* by Matt Tavares

Ask library staff for more ideas!