

Dear Parents,  
The Norwood Elementary School Librarians and the Children's Librarians from the Morrill Memorial Library have designed this reading list to keep your child reading throughout the summer. Parents understand how important it is that their children continue to read during the summer. This list provides a sample of popular authors and titles that will keep your child excited about reading; however, you can also read books that are not on a list. Your public librarian can help your child locate books that are at the right reading level and are of interest to your child. The public library is a member of the Minuteman Library Network. Titles can be requested from the other libraries. Downloadable materials are available through the Digital Media Catalog and Hoopla. The reading list is available online at the school library website as well as the public library website: [www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org)

The public library runs a summer reading program, "Build A Better World". The program is open to preschoolers through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The program starts June 26<sup>th</sup> and ends August 31<sup>st</sup>. At the library, learn how to measure your reading through our new "beading" system. Play Reading Bingo during July and August. Enter our weekly raffles when you visit. The public library will also offer our online Wandoo Reader if your child would like to keep a record of their reading. Come to the library and find out about our many activities! Please visit your public library for more information or visit [www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org)

Sincerely,

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## 2017 Norwood Elementary School Summer Reading Requirements and Book Lists



A collaborative effort of the Norwood Elementary School Librarians and the Children's Librarians of the Morrill Memorial Library

Summer Reading Requirement:

All students are expected to read **at least three (3) books** this summer that they will discuss with their class in September. Each student is **required to read:**

\*one fiction \*one nonfiction \* one free choice

Students, you are required to hand in your reading list to your teacher on the first day of school. You will be expected to share at least one project with your classmates the first week of school. To help you remember what you have read, plan to complete a project on at least one of your books. Some suggestions are below.

- Draw a picture of your favorite character or part in the story
- Describe your favorite part or character in the story
- Create a new ending for the book
- Write a letter to the main character or author of the book
- Design a new book cover or bookmark for one of the books you read
- Be creative - come up with your own project

It is important that you keep reading and learning throughout the summer. Pick something that you enjoy reading and challenge yourself to read as much as you can. Use this reading list to help you find books that are fun and interesting to read.

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Most of the books on this Summer Reading List are the newest and most highly rated titles published in 2017. If a title that you would like to read is not available, you can request it through the Minuteman Library Network. Ask a librarian for help or simply go to <http://norwoodlibrary.org> and use the Minuteman catalog to put a hold on the book. It will be delivered to the Norwood Public Library for you!

Folklore (author, call #, title)

Andersen, Hans j 398 Denmark Yoon	The Steadfast Tin Soldier
Bartles, Veronica Picture Book Bartles	The Princess and the Frogs
Bryan, Ed, Picture Book Bryan	Cinderella
Bryan, Ed, Picture Book Bryan	Three Little Pigs
Dutta, Sourav, Picture Book Dutta	Ganesha The Wonder Years
Leigh, CJ, Picture Book Leigh	The Ninjabread Man
Ritchie, Alison J 398 Germany Ritchie	The Twelve Dancing Princesses
Schwartz, Corey Rosen Picture Book Schwartz	Hansel and Gretel Ninja Chicks
Schwartz, Corey Rosen Picture Book Schwartz	Ninja Red Riding Hood
Shurtliff, Liesl, J Fic Shurtliff	Red: the True Story of Red Riding Hood
Smith, Alex, Picture Book Smith	Little Red & the Hungry Lion
Tonatiuh, Duncan, J 398 Tonatiuh	The Princess and the Warrior: a Tale of Two Volcanoes
Verma, Jatinder, j 294.5 Verma	Prince of Fire: the Story of Diwali
Young, Ed, Picture Book Young	The Cat From Hunger Mountain

**Poetry** (author, title) (j811 unless noted)

Brown, Skila	Slickety Quick: Poems ab. Sharks
Caswell, Deanna	Guess Who, Haiku
Cleary, Brian P.	Bow-Tie Pasta : Acrostic Poems
Cleary, Brian P.	I Saw an Invisible Lion Today
Davidson, Leslie A. (Pic. Bk.)	In the Red Canoe
Florian, Douglas (Pic. Bk.)	The Wonderful Habits of Rabbits
Fogliano, Julie	When Green Becomes Tomatoes
Franco, Betsy	Spectacular Selec.of Sea Critters
Graham, Joan Bransfield	The Poem that Will Not End
Harrison, David L.	Now You See Them, Now You Don't
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	Sharing the Seasons
MacLachlan, Patricia (Pic. Bk.)	The Moon's Almost Here
Nesbitt, Ken	One Minute Till Bedtime
Prelutsky, Jack	Swamps of Sleethe
Raczka, Bob	Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems
Singer, Marilyn	Mirror Mirror
Snively, Susan	Emily Dickinson: Poetry for Kids
Wheeler, Lisa (Pic. Bk.)	Dino-Racing

**Picture Books** (author, title)

Alexie, Sherman	Thunder Boy Jr.
Bernstrom, Daniel	One Day in the Eucalyptus Tree
Birdsall, Jeanne	My Favorite Pets
Brosgol, Vera	Leave Me Alone!
Brown, Lisa	The Airport Book
Ellis, Carson	Du Iz Tak?
Falatko, Julie	Snappy the Alligator
Goldsaito, Katrina	The Sound of Silence
Hatke, Ben	Nobody Likes a Goblin
Hemingway, Edward	Field Guide to Grumpasaurus
Hoffman, Eric	A Dark, Dark Cave
Isadora, Rachel	I Hear a Pickle
Jackson, Richard	In Plain Sight
Karulis, Julie	An Armadillo in New York
Kerascoet	Paul & Antoinette
Litchfield, David	The Bear and the Piano
Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	Don't Call Me Grandma
Portis, Antoinette	Best Prints in the Whole Universe
Sidman, Joyce	Before Morning

## Easy Readers

(author, title)

Adler, David A.	Get the Hit Mo!
Arnold, Ted	Prince Fly Guy
Bell, Cece	Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit
Dean, James	Pete the Cat: Scuba-Cat
DePaola, Tomie	Andy & Sandy's Anything Adventure
Fenske, Jonathan	A Pig, a Fox and a Box
Gutman, Dan	My Weird School Goes to the Museum
Hale, Bruce	Lost and Found
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny and Penny in How to Say Goodbye
Keller, Laurie	We are Growing!
LaReau, Kara	The Infamous Ratsos (e-book)
Milgrim, David	Go, Otto, Go!
O'Connor, Jane	It's Backward Day!
Pizzoli, Greg	Good Night Owl
Rylant, Cynthia	Mr. Putter and Tabby Hit the Slope
Santat, Dan	The Cookie Fiasco
Shea, Bob	Dance! Dance! Underpants!
Willems, Mo	The Thank You Book
Virjan, Emma J	What This Story Needs is a Hush and a Shush

## Biography

(author, subject) (jB unless indicated)

Asim, Jabari	Preaching To The Chickens : The Story Of Young John Lewis
Barton, Chris	Whoosh! : Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream Of Inventions
Bryant, Jennifer	Six Dots : A Story of Young Louis Braille
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	Just A Lucky So And So : The Story of Louis Armstrong
Gandhi, Arun	Be The Change : A Grandfather Gandhi Story
Jenson-Elliott, Cynthia	Antsy Ansel : Ansel Adams, A Life In Nature
Levy, Debbie	I Dissent : Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark
Philip, Aaron	This Kid Can Fly : It's About Ability (Not Disability)
Rockliff, Mara	Anything But Ordinary Addie : The True Story Of Adelaide Herrman, Queen of Magic
Slade, Suzanne	The Music In George's Head : George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody In Blue
Stanley, Diane	Ada Lovelace, Poet Of Science : The First Computer Programmer
Steptoe, Javaka	Radiant Child : The Story Of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
Sweet, Melissa	Some Writer! : The Story Of E.B. White
Thermes, Jennifer	Charles Darwin's Around-The-World Adventure
Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth	How Kate Warne Saved President Lincoln : A Story About The Nation's First Woman Detective
Weatherford, Carole B	The Legendary Miss Lena Horne

<b>Fiction</b>	(author, title)
Banks, Angelica	Finding Serendipity
Bell, Jennifer	The Crooked Sixpence
Bouwman, H.M.	A Crack in the Sea
Butler, Dave	The Kidnap Plot
Cohen, Marina	The Inn Between
Dairman, Tara	The Stars of Summer
Frederick, Heather Vogel	Yours Truly (j mystery)
Galante, Cecilia	The World From Up Here
Gidwitz, Adam	The Inquisitor's Tale
Graff, Keir	The Matchstick Castle
King, A. S.	Me and Marvin Gardens
Lewis, Gill	Gorilla Dawn
Murray, Martine	Molly & Pim and the Millions of Stars
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Going Where It's Dark
Oh, Ellen	Flying Lessons & Other Stories
Scott, Victoria	Hear the Wolves
Spinelli, Jerry	The Warden's Daughter
Winston, Sherri	The Sweetest Sound
Wolk, Lauren	Wolf Hollow

<b>Bridge Books</b>	(author, title)
Birney, Betty G.	Spring According to Humphrey
Blabey, Aaron	The Bad Guys
Brown, Peter	The Wild Robot
Bruel, Nick	Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet
Coven, Wanda	Heidi Heckelbeck Tries Out for the Team (series)
Dowding, Philippa	Carter and the Curious Maze
Faris, Stephanie	Piper Morgan Joins the Circus
Freeman, Martha	Strudel's Forever Home
Gutman, Dan	Mr. Nick is a Lunatic!
Hay, Sam	Gasp of the Ghoulish Guinea Pig (series)
Haynes, Richard	Slingshot and Burp
Krosoczka, Jarrett	A New Class (series)
Pennypacker, Sara	Completely Clementine (series)
Priebe, Gigi	The Adventures of Henry Whiskers
Sage, Angie	Skeleton Island
Thorpe, Kiki	Into the Waves
Webb, Holly	The Secret Puppy (series)
Willems, Mo & DiTerlizzi, Tony	The Story of Diva and Flea

## How to Find a “Just Right Book”

Need some help finding a book that is just right for you to read? Follow these four easy steps:

(This method is based on a hundred-word selection)

### 5 Fingers to Picking a Just Right Book

1. Open to a page of the book.
2. Begin reading.
3. Each time you come to a word you don't know, hold up 1 finger.
4. After you finish reading the page, check to see how many fingers you are holding up.

**Too Easy: 0 - 1 fingers**

**Just Right: 2 - 3 fingers**

**Too Hard: 4 - 5 fingers**

[http://tiscobb.typepad.com/anita\\_foster/links\\_of\\_interest/](http://tiscobb.typepad.com/anita_foster/links_of_interest/)

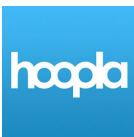
## Graphic Novels (title, call #)

Amulet (Series)	jFICTION Kibuishi GC
Babymouse (Series)	jFICTION Holm GC
Benny and Penny (Series)	EASY READER Hayes
Binky Adventures (Series)	jFICTION Spires GC
Bone (Series)	jFICTION Smith GC
Dogs of War	jFICTION Keenan GC
El Deafo	jFICTION Bell GC
Great Pet Escape	jFICTION Jamieson GC
Flop to the Top	jFICTION Davis GC
Little Dee and the Penguin	jFICTION Bladwin GC
Hilo (Series)	jFICTION Winick GC
Lunch Lady (Series)	jFICTION Krosoczka GC
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea	jFiction Clanton
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales	E-book
Nnewts (Series)	jFICTION TenNapel GC
Olympians (Series)	jFICTION O'Connor GC
Roller Girl	jFICTION Jamieson GC
Ghosts	jFICTION Telgemeier GC
Sunny Side Up	jFICTION Holm GC



Don't forget - sign up for the Norwood Summer Reading program and log each book you read, along with your review (if you choose to write one), to your Summer Reading website.

Looking for a book in a format other than print? There are many options; audiobooks, ebooks, and even movies - all you need is a Norwood library card!



**Hoopla:** <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

- Audiobooks, eBooks, movies and TV shows



**Overdrive:** <https://minuteman.overdrive.com/>

- Access to ebooks, audiobooks and videos from the public library.



**Tumblebooks:** <https://goo.gl/4IahZH>

- Animated ebooks for children

## Goals of Summer Reading:

It is well documented that students who do not read over the summer tend to lose academic gains made during the school year.

Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: **"A conservative estimate of lost instructional time [due to not reading over the summer] is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year....** It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-slide.htm>)

By requiring all students to read this summer, we hope to

- prevent the "summer slide" & loss of academic readiness for school
- advance literary and academic performance
- encourage family reading experiences
- increase vocabulary, fluency & comprehension
- encourage students and parents to discuss what they read and their favorite authors or characters
- foster a love of reading



**Informational** (author, call #, title)

Becker, Helaine	j636.088 Becker	Worms For Breakfast : How To Feed A Zoo
Burleigh, Robert	jB Tharp, M.	Solving The Puzzle Under The Sea : Marie Tharp Maps .... Floor
Challoner, Jack	j507.8 Challoner	Maker Lab : 28 Super Cool Projects : Build, Invent, Create, Discover
Connolly, Sean	j507.8 Connolly	Book Of Wildly Spectacular Sports Science
Corey, Shana	j625.4 Corey	The Secret Subway
Cousteau, Philippe	j597.92 Cousteau	Follow The Moon Home : A Tale Of ..... And A Hundred Sea Turtles
Drummond, Allan	j363.7 Drummond	Green City : How One Community Survived A Tornado .....
Fleming, Candace	j594.58 Fleming	Giant Squid
Gianferrari, Maria	j599.77 Gianferrari	Coyote Moon
Hirsch, Rebecca E.	j580 Hirsch	Plants Can't Sit Still
Hopkinson, Deborah	j940.5426 Hopkinson	Dive! : World War II Stories Of Sailors & Submarines In The Pacific
Jenkins, Steve	j590.7 Jenkins	Animals By The Numbers: A Book Of Infographics
Jenkins, Steve	j591.57 Jenkins	Flying Frogs And Walking Fish : Leaping Lemurs, Tumbling Toads, ...
Levine, Sara	j599.9 Levine	Tooth by Tooth : Comparing Fangs, Tusks, And Chompers
London, Jonathan	j599.769 London	Otters Love To Play
Rappaport, Doreen	J323.3 Rappaport	Elizabeth Started All The Trouble
Rotner, Shelley	j573.88 Rotner	Whose Eye Am I?
Weatherford, Carole Boston	j976.3 Weatherford	Freedom In Congo Square