

2025 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 1

This list was created by the youth librarians at Beebe Library to help you find a book you will enjoy. For information about your school's summer reading assignments, please contact your school.

Starting on **Monday, June 23**, you can stop by the Youth Desk at Beebe Library to **sign up for Summer at the Library 2025**. It's FREE to sign up and to participate in all of the summer programs and activities at the library. Learn more at wakefieldlibrary.org/summer

Want more recommendations? Please ask us! Happy reading!
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Mo Jackson series by David Adler

Mo Jackson is a little boy with a big passion for sports – and nothing will keep him off the field! Mo may not be the tallest player on his team, or the fastest, or the strongest, but that never stops him from trying his best, no matter what.
Children's First Reader Adler

The Book No One Wants to Read by Beth Bacon

A lonely book makes a deal with its reader: "You keep turning my pages, and I'll make it FUN!" If you think reading is boring, then you can pretend to read this book! All you have to do is sit here and turn the pages. Everyone will think you're reading. Are you ready? Let's get started...
Children's Picture Book Ba

I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

An ode to all the good that a kid can be, even when the world tells him otherwise.
Children's Picture Book Ba

Shark Girl by Kate Beaton

When Shark Girl is captured by an evil fishing captain's net, she makes a vow for revenge! With the sea witch's help, Shark Girl becomes a human sailor and launches a plan for mutiny. Shark Girl needs the help of her crew mates before she can win. Will Shark Girl sink... or swim?
Children's Picture Book Be

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty

Sofia Valdez is a real go-getter, so when her abuelo gets hurt on the neighborhood trash heap, Sofia leads the way to get it cleaned up, so the community can have a park.
Children's Picture Book Be

When Summer Comes by Aimée M. Bissonette

Summer is the perfect season for families to embrace the outdoors. *When Summer Comes* celebrates playing and exploring in the wilderness during the summer months.
Children's Picture Book Bi



***Library Fish Learns to Read* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli**

Library Fish is very happy in her bowl on Mr. Hughes the librarian's desk. She listens to story time and watches Mr. Hughes teach children the alphabet. Library Fish wants to read! Can Library Fish become a reader, too?

Children's Picture Book Ca

***The Quacken* by Justin Colón**

Lurking in the lake at Cucumonga Campground is a fearsome and frightening creature. Legend says that it swallows kids, canoes, and even whales *whole*. But all Hector sees are cute, cuddly, quacking ducks. Until he breaks the campground's most important rule—Don't Feed the Ducks—and releases...*the Quacken*.

Children's Picture Book Co

***Angélica and la Güira* by Angie Cruz**

Angélica has spent the summer in the Dominican Republic with her tías, primas, and grandparents, but soon she'll have to say goodbye. The end of summer means returning home to start school. Before she leaves, her grandfather gives her the perfect musical gift: a güira.

Children's Picture Book Cr

***Abner & Ian Get Right-side Up* by Dave Eggers**

Abner and Ian are stuck sideways on the pages of their picture book. They can't start the story like this! But don't worry, because Abner has a plan: Readers will shake and turn the book until they get right side up! Sounds easy, right? Think again, because the real solution may be the opposite of what you'd expect.

Children's Illustrated Fiction Eg

***No Cats in the Library* by Lauren Emmons**

Clarisse is a clever cat who loves books. There's just one problem: NO CATS are allowed in the library! That's not going to stop clever Clarisse, though.

Children's Picture Book Em

***Leo and the Pink Marker* by Mariyka Foster**

Leo enjoys doodling with his pink marker and when his moms are busy with work, he adds some vibrant pink touches to various items that lead to a colorful surprise.

Children's Picture Book Fo

***From Here to There: A First Book of Maps* by Vivian French**

One day, Anna's friend Zane sends her an invitation to come over to play, and inside the envelope is a map. But Anna is convinced the map can't be right—why has Zane put *his* house in the middle and *hers* on the edge? So, Anna decides to draw a map of her own, and dad joins in as well.

Children's Picture Book Fr

***Lucía the Luchadora* by Cynthia Leonor Garza**

Lucía loves playing superhero on the playground, but the boys think girls can't be heroes. Lucía's abuela knows the boys are wrong, because she was once a special superhero – a Mexican wrestler called a luchadora! Cloaked in a flashy new disguise, Lucía returns as a recess sensation! But when she's confronted with a case of injustice, Lucía must decide if she can stay true to the ways of the luchadora and fight for what is right, even if it means breaking the sacred rule of never revealing the identity behind her mask.

Children's Picture Book Ga



Thank a Farmer by Maria Gianferrari

Bread, milk, wool, fruits, and things that fill our day to day lives: where, and who, do they come from? Trace the food and clothing that a family uses back to the people who harvested and created them.

Children's Nonfiction 630 Gianferrari

The Good Egg by Jory John

He's a good egg. A verrrrrry good egg. Practically perfect. When the egg starts to crack under the pressure of being so perfect, he decides it's time for a big change.

Children's Picture Book Jo

Summer is for Cousins by Rajani LaRocca

Ravi can't wait to spend summer vacation at the lake house with his family - especially his cousins! Summer vacation is for days at the beach, long hikes, and - of course - ice cream. Ravi and his oldest cousin, Dhruv, had the same favorite flavor last year, but everything feels different now. Ravi's worried that Dhruv won't be interested in spending time with him, the little cousin. The ice cream shop doesn't even have their favorite flavor this year. On the last night of vacation, the cousins make dinner, and Ravi's in charge of dessert. He only has one special thing in mind!

Children's Picture Book La

Time to Make Art by Jeff Mack

Does art have to be perfect? Where do you begin? When a little girl asks meaningful questions about creating art, her questions are answered by a diverse group of artists throughout time and history.

Children's Picture Book Ma

The Dinosaur Expert by Margaret McNamara

Future scientist Kimmy eagerly shares information about dinosaurs during a school field trip until classmate Jake tells her "girls aren't scientists," but Mr. Tiffin sets her straight.

Children's Illustrated Fiction McN

A New Day by Brad Meltzer

Sunday quit, just like that. And so, the other days of the week had no choice but to advertise: "WANTED: A NEW DAY. Must be relaxing, tranquil, and replenishing. Serious inquires only." Soon lots of hopefuls arrived with their suggestions, such as Funday, Bunday, Pieday, and SuperheroDay! But is there anyone who can take the place of Sunday?

Children's Picture Book Me

Meena's Saturday by Kusum Mepani

Saturday mornings start early for Meena. She and her sisters watch the sun rise while drinking chai before they clean the house and then head to the grocery store... while their brother gets to stay in bed. As the guests arrive, including Meena's favorite cousins, the women crowd into the kitchen to cook. The doorbell rings nonstop as family, neighbors, and friends fill the bustling house. Once fresh chapatis are made, dinner begins - for the men. But Meena spots an empty seat at the table and decides today is the day she makes an important change.

Children's Picture Book Me

Rescuing Mrs. Birdley by Aaron Reynolds

A teacher's natural habitat is the classroom. Animal expert Miranda has to employ all the tricks she knows to return Mrs. Birdley to her natural habitat after she escaped to the grocery store.

Children's Picture Book Re



***The Paper Kingdom* by Helena Ku Rhee**

Accompanying his parents to their night-shift jobs as office cleaners, young Daniel reluctantly joins in as they use their imaginations to transform the deserted building into a magnificent paper kingdom, where he might one day rule.

Children's Illustrated Fiction Rh

***Puppy Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant**

Mudge is Henry's puppy, and he's full of mischief and energy. He's also full of love!

Children's First Reader Rylant

***Splat the Cat* series by Rob Scotton**

Just like anyone, this fuzzy kitty can have an occasional case of the jitters. Whether he's starting school, rehearsing for a play, or trick-or-treating, Splat's nerves sometimes get the better of him. So, what does he do? He relies on the support of his trusty companion, Seymour, a mouse. Together this adorable duo reminds readers – and each other – that kindness, encouragement, and laughter go a long way.

Children's First Reader Scotton

***Love, Z* by Jessie Sima**

When a small robot named Z discovers a message in a bottle signed “*Love, Beatrice*,” they decide to find out what “love” means. Unable to get an answer from the other robots, they leave to embark on an adventure that will lead them to Beatrice – and back home again, where love was hiding all along.

Children's Picture Book Si

***My Brain is Magic* by Prasha Sooful**

Is your brain magic? Whether your brain buzzes around the room like a bee or tells you to be loud and roar like a lion, celebrate the many things that it can be! This sensory-seeking celebration shines a light on neurodiversity and sensory processing in a fun and action-packed way for all children to enjoy.

Children's Picture Book So

***The Blue Pickup* by Natasha Tripplett**

Ju-Girl's favorite days are the ones spent with Granddad in his garage, fixing cars and hearing stories about his old blue pickup. The pair soon finds out just what it takes to restore the memory of the blue pickup and to create new stories along the way.

Children's Picture Book Tr

***My First Space Atlas* by Jane Wilsher**

Bright, bold and scientifically accurate illustrations, fascinating facts, and an interactive “Spot It” game combine to present an out-of-this-world introduction to the Solar System and beyond that will thrill aspiring astronauts and space explorers.

Children's Nonfiction 523.1 Wilsher

***Wildfire!* by Ashley Wolff**

How do wildfires start? How are they stopped? And what happens to the forest animals during and after such a catastrophic event? Jump into the heart of a forest fire and see how animals survive, how heroic first responders curb the flames, and how life gradually returns to the forest. This timely picture book is perfect for children concerned about changes to our natural lands and curious about how wildfires are fought.

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