

**R**eading can be one of the many fun activities children choose to fill their summer time.

Research has shown it is also much more! Children who participate in public library summer reading programs make achievement leaps during the summer and score higher on fall reading achievement tests.

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats. This summer, take your child to participate in the summer programs happening at your library.



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## **All Kinds of People**

by **Shelley Rotner, photographs by Sheila M. Kelly**

Holiday House, 2018, ISBN: 9780823439720

Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in lots of shades in this introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.

## **Beach Baby**

by **Laurie Elmquist, illustrated by Elly MacKay**  
Orca Book Publishers, 2016, ISBN: 9781459809543

From sand dollars to sandpipers, a baby's blissful day at the beach is recalled in lyrical verse and simple pastel-hued illustrations.

## **Before & After**

by **Jean Jullien**  
Phaidon Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780714874081

A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

## **Black Bird Yellow Sun**

by **Steve Light**  
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763690670

Explore bright colors and textures with one black bird flying through the day.

## **A Busy Creature's Day Eating!**

by **Mo Willems**  
Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781368013529

Willems' trademark zaniness—"Q is for queasy"—

reinvents the alphabet book as a purple creature gobbles his way from A to Z.

## **Flora and the Chicks: A Counting Book**

by **Molly Idle**  
Chronicle Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781452146577

Flora tries to keep up with an increasing number of hatching chicks.

## **Good Day, Good Night**

by **Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Loren Long**  
HarperCollins, 2017, ISBN: 9780062383105

Reminiscent of the author's beloved Goodnight Moon, this shares a day—and night—in the life of a busy little bunny.

## **Hello Humpback!**

by **Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers**  
Harbour Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 9781550177992

First Nations artist Vickers takes toddlers to the wild and magical West Coast.

## **Hello, World! Moon Landing**

by **Jill McDonald**  
Doubleday, 2019, ISBN: 9780525648543  
Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the moon landing with baby- and toddler-friendly details about the Apollo 11 astronauts, the NASA team, space suits, and rocket modules.

## **Interstellar Cinderella**

by **Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Meg Hunt**  
Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781452125329

This Cinderella story is told with a STEM slant and an updated twist on the familiar ending.

## **Littles: And How They Grow**

by **Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by AG Ford**  
Doubleday, 2017, ISBN: 9780399555268

From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in the lives of growing children.

## **Little Sunny Sunshine / Sol Solecito**

by **Susie Jaramillo**  
Encantos, 2018, ISBN: 9781945635113

A little piggy celebrates the radiance of the sun and the wistfulness of the moon, in English and Spanish.

## **Lucía the Luchadora**

by **Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez**  
POW!, 2017, ISBN: 9781576878279

"With that mask, you can become anything you dream of being." Lucia's abuela helps her find the courage to stand up to bullies, by sharing that Lucia comes from a long line of strong women luchadoras.

## **Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions**

Abrams/Applesseed, 2017, ISBN: 9781419723834

Babies can discover what it means to look happy, angry, surprised, silly, and sleepy.

## **Nerdy Babies: Space**

by **Emmy Kastner**  
Roaring Brook Press, 2019, ISBN: 9781250312051

Check out the moon, the sun, planets, gravity, and orbits in a simple question-and-answer format.

## **Now**

by **Antoinette Portis**  
Roaring Brook Press/Neal Porter, 2017, ISBN: 9781626721371

Following a girl's joys and experiences shows an appreciation of life's simple moments.

## **One Lonely Fish: A Counting Book with Bite!**

by **Andy Mansfield, illustrated by Thomas Flintham**  
Bloomsbury, 2017, ISBN: 9781681192017

Bold colors, die-cut pages, and a twist ending ensure repeated readings of this cleverly designed concept book.

## **A Parade of Elephants**

by **Kevin Henkes**  
Greenwillow Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780062668271  
Five elephants are on a mission, marching from

dawn to dusk, up and down, through and around, in this colorful concept book.

## **Saturday Is Swimming Day**

by **Hyewon Yum**  
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763691172

A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

## **Summer Supper**

by **Rubin Pfeffer, illustrated by Mike Austin**  
Random House, 2018, ISBN: 9781524714642

Shovel, sow, seed, snack: learn how food goes from farm to table in this alliterative, vibrantly colored tale.

## **Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet / Diez dedos de los pies, dos piecitos**

by **Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Jane Massey**  
little bee books, 2018, ISBN: 9781499807073

A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

## **Touch the Brightest Star**

by **Christie Matheson**  
Greenwillow Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780062274472

This interactive bedtime story explores the magic of the nighttime sky.

## **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

by **David Ellwand**  
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781536202205

In a fantastical take on a favorite rhyme, little teddy bears find themselves flying in rockets above the earth and bouncing on the moon.

## **Windows**

by **Julia Denos, illustrated by E. B. Goodale**  
Candlewick Press, 2017, ISBN: 9780763690359

In a lively neighborhood, just before dark, a boy walking his dog enjoys the views through the neighbors' windows.

## **You and Me**

by **Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Susan Reagan**  
Creative Editions, 2018, ISBN: 9781568463216

This poetically and sensitively explores the importance of balancing attention given to an older and younger sibling.



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