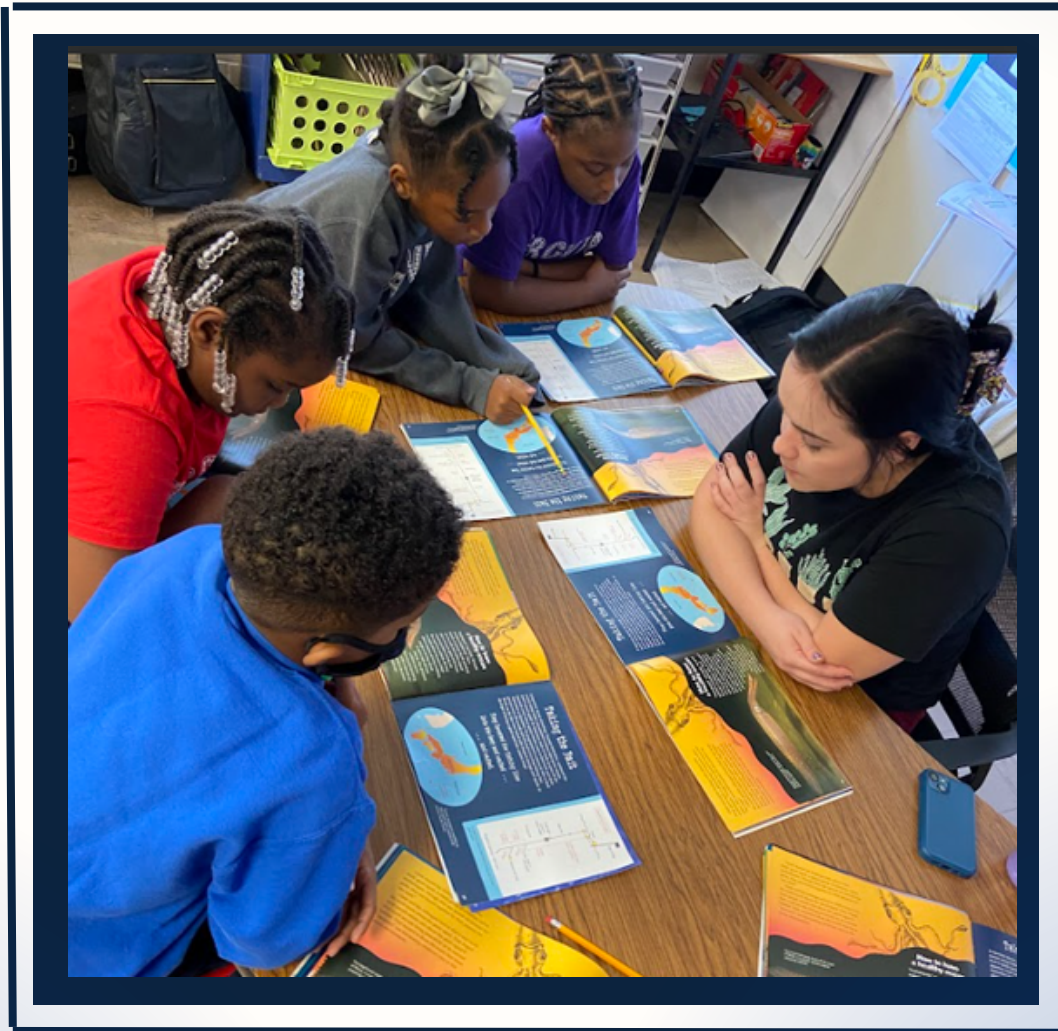


# 2023 SUMMER READING LIST



East Baton Rouge Parish  
School System

Division of Academics

# SUMMER READING 2023

Summer reading is critical, not only for helping students maintain learning while school is out, but also for fostering social-emotional development, discovering the joy of stories, and elevating the importance of lifelong learning.

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## Kindergarten

- *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneburg
- *Peekaboo Morning* by Rachel Isadora
- *A is for America* by Devin Scillian
- *Mama Panya's Pancakes* by Mary and Rich Chamberlin
- *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi

## 1st Grade

- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *I Am Jackie Robinson* by Brad Meltzer
- *Spiders* by Gail Gibbons
- *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers
- *Book Fiesta!* by Raphael Lopez
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman

## 2nd Grade

- *Izzy Gizmo* by Pip Jones
- *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *The Best Place* by Susan Meddaugh
- *Red Zone* by Tiki and Ronde Barber
- *Whoosh!* by Chris Barton
- *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers* by Karren Winnick



# 3rd Grade

- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Pirates* by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne
- *Unstoppable Octobia May* by Sharon G. Flake
- *Museum Mysteries: The Case of the Haunted History Museum* by Steve Brezenoff
- *The Mona Lisa Caper* by Rick Jacobson
- *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine

# 4th Grade

- *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleishman
- *A Medieval Feast* by Alike
- *Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Knights and Castles* by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne
- *The Usborne Internet-Linked Medieval World* by Jane Bingham
- *Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth
- *Ranger In time: Danger in Ancient Rome* by Kate Messner

# 5th Grade

- *Princess Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Girls Who Code: Lights, Music, Code!* by Jo Whitemore
- *LeBron James* by Marie Morreale
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry



# 6th Grade

- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jaqueline Woodson
- *Kevin Durant* by Shaina Indovino
- *The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers
- *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Rhodes
- *Vanished* by James Ponti
- *Bird in a Box* by Andrea Pinkney
- *Drummer Boy: Marching to the Civil War* by Ann Turner

# 7th Grade

- *Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer
- *Fair Weather* by Richard Peck
- *The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds
- *Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher
- *Boy 21* by Matthew Quick
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *Letters From Rifka* by Karen Hesse
- *No Promises in the Wind* by Irene Hunt
- *The Clay Marble* by Minfong Ho
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr



# 8th Grade

- *Blended* by Sharon Draper
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque
- *Like Vanessa* by Tami Charles
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Does My Head Look Big in This?* by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- *A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramee
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *Hurricane Child* by Kheryn Callendar
- *Queen's Own Fool* by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris

# 9th Grade

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *So Done* by Paula Chase
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained* by John Milton
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Go Tell It On The Mountain* by James Baldwin
- *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson



# 10th Grade

- *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson
- *The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells
- *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs
- *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

# 11th Grade

- *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- *The Federalist Papers* by Alexander Hamilton
- *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Other Stories* by Washington Irving
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
- *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
- *Black Boy* by Richard Wright
- *Dubliners* by James Joyce



# 12th Grade

- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes
- *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth* by Sojourner Truth
- *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain
- *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany Jackson
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

## Additional Reading Resources

- **State Library of Louisiana**, Louisiana Readers' Choice (LYRC/LTRC) Awards Program 2023-2024 Nominated Titles
- **EBR MackinVIA** - Visit this resource through our EBR Clever app to access eBooks, read-alongs, audiobooks, and more!
- **East Baton Rouge Parish Public Library** - Digital library is open 24/7 freely available with card numbers provided by the district (Visit: <https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html> to get started).
- **Smarty Ants/ Achieve3000** - This resource supports accelerating student literacy growth by leading students through lessons and activities while providing encouragement along the way. Access provided through Clever app.

