

Summer Reading for 5th Grade



The following books are the summer reading books you can choose from. I have included a variety of different genres. So have fun reading this summer!
The public library has multiple copies of these books.

Read three books on this list.

Then you may choose your favorite book and complete a collage.

****A collage is a compilation of things that stood out to you during the book. You may use magazine clippings, drawings, captions, or materials around your house to put onto your collage. Please use a regular poster board to complete your collage. I am so excited to see what you all will create after reading these amazing books! Have fun with it and be as creative as you would like! I will be collecting them after the first week of school.****

Fiction

*The Maze of Bones (The 39 Clues, #1) by Rick Riordan **
The Fairy-Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo
Stormchaser by Paul Stewart
*Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor **
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Matilda by Roald Dahl
My Teacher is an Alien by Bruce Coville
Buttermilk Hill by Ruth White
*Into the Wild (Warriors Book #1) by Erin W. Hunter **
Bedknob and Broomstick by Mary Norton
*Seeker: Book One of the Noble Warriors by William Nicholson **
The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
Going Home by Nicholasa Mohr
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
Holes by Louis Sachar
Dogsong by Gary Paulsen
*Wonder by Raquel J. Palacio**
Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris
Dragonwings by Laurence Yep
Year of Impossible Goodbyes by Sook Nyul Choi
Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawles
Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie
Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
Out of the Dust by Karen Hess

The Call of the Wild by Jack London
One Fat Summer by Robery Lipsyte
Hoot by Carl Hiasen

NOTE: A star * means the book is part of a series or has sequels. You may also read any books within a series!

Nonfiction

Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature by Sarah Campbell
In nature, the number series called Fibonacci numbers (1,2,3,5,8,13...) often appears in the arrangement of petals or spiral patterns in plants and animals.

A beautiful photo-essay introducing Fibonacci numbers and the idea that plants carry genetic instructions for their development, often including a mathematical pattern.

Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz by Beverly Gherman
A colorful introduction to the world's most famous cartoonist, with lots of pictures of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and his other creations.

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul Janeczko
Ever wonder why invisible ink works? How a code breaker deciphers a message? Or whether dentistry could affect a secret agent's success? The answers to these questions and more can be found here. Delve into the lives of famous spies and enter a world of intrigue and danger.

Kubla Khan: The Emperor of Everything by Kathleen Krull
Complemented by intricately detailed art, this grand portrait of the Mongolian emperor introduces a mighty ruler who supported learning and the arts while founding a dynasty in China.



Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter

Two well-known authors offer beginning writers savvy advice and hard-earned wisdom—from getting started to getting past writer's block—in this warm and funny manual.

T-minus: The Race to the Moon by Jim Ottaviani
*What happens when you take two global superpowers, dozens of daring pilots, thousands of engineers and scientists, and then point them at the night sky and say "Go!"? **A SPACE RACE!** The whole world followed the countdown to sending the first men to the moon. This book tells the story.*