



Summer Reading Suggestions

List Compiled by the Northeast Seattle Public School Librarians, 2025

Going into 1st Grade

*Archie & Reddie** by Candy James
*BoBo and Pup-Pup** by Vikram Madan
City of Leafcutter Ants: A Sustainable Society of Millions
by Amy Hevron
The Dinosaur Book by Lonely Planet Kids
*Disgusting Critters** by Elise Gravel
Don't Think About Tigers by Alex Latimer
Don't Trust Fish by Neil Sharpson
Fox Has a Problem by Corey R. Tabor
Gifts from a Garbage Truck: A True Story About the Things
We (Don't) Throw Away by Andrew Larson
*Halmoni & Family** by Julie Kim
How Dinosaurs Went Extinct by Ame Dyckman
I Worked Hard on That by Robyn Wall
*The King of the World** by Ben Clanton
*Shark Princess** by Nidhi Chanani
Something About the Sky by Rachel Carson

Going into 2nd Grade

Almost Underwear: How a Piece of Cloth Traveled From
Kitty Hawk to the Moon and Mars by Jonathon Roth
*Astrid & Apollo** by VT Bidania
*Batcat** by Meggie Ramm
*Cornbread & Poppy** by Matthew Cordell
*Fenway and the Great Escape** by Victoria J. Coe
*Good Dog** Cam Higgins
Legendary Creatures: Mythical Beasts and Spirits from
Around the World by Adam Auerbach
*Maybe, Maybe Marisol Rainey** by Erin Entrada Kelly
*Mermicorns** by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen
No More Señora Mimi by Meg Medina
*Rabbit and Bear** by Julian Gough and Jim Field
Two Together by Brendan Wenzel
*Weird But True** by Various Authors

***Denotes a series**

Going into 3rd Grade

*Adventures in Fosterland** by Hannah Shaw
Big Book of Mysteries: Uncover the Truth About Over
100 Real-life Mysteries by Tom Adams
*Cat on the Run** by Aaron Blabey
*Choose Your Own Adventure** by Various Authors
*Dragon Games** by Maddy Mara
Mabuhay! by Zachary Sterling
*Mihi Ever After** by Tae Keller
Mishka by Edward van de Vendel
*Monkey King and the World of Myths** by Maple Lam
*Ordinary People Change the World** by Brad Meltzer
The Pigpen Problem. How to Calculate Area and
Perimeter by Bill Wise
*Secret Explorers** by SJ King
Set Your Alarm, Sloth by Jess Keating
Thomas Jefferson's Battle for Science by Beth Anderson

Going into 4th Grade

The Bletchley Riddle by Ruth Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin
The Dark! Wild Life in the Mysterious World of Caves by
Lindsey Leigh
*Decide and Survive** by Ryan G. Van Cleave
Daughters of the Lamp by Nedda Lewers
Elf Dog and Owl Head by M.T. Anderson
*Emmie and Friends** by Terri Libenson
Felice and the Wailing Woman by Diana López
Finally Seen and Finally Heard by Kelly Yang
Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell
*Middle School Bites** by Steven Banks
Middle School and Other Disasters: Worst Broommate
*Ever!** by Wanda Coven
The Observologist: a Handbook for Mounting Very
Small Scientific Expeditions by Giselle Clarkson
Safe Harbor by Padma Venkrataman
*Show Me History** by Various Authors
The Underdogs of Upson Downs by Craig Silvey

Going into 5th Grade

Almost Sunset by Wahab Algarmi
Alone by Megan Freeman
Erno Rubrik and his Magic Cube by Kerry Aradhya
FACTopia! Follow the Trail of 400 Hidden Facts by Kate Hall
The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly
*Greenwild: The World Behind the Door** by Pari Thomson
The Liar's Society by Alyson Gerber
Mummies Unwrapped: Discover the World of Ancient Egyptian Mummies by Victoria England
Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All by Chanel Miller
Not Quite a Ghost by Anne Ursu
Personality Quizzes by Tracey West
The Right Call by Tommy Greenwald
Scattergood by H.M. Bouwman
The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga
Slug Fest by Gordon Korman
Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin
Whales in the City by Nancy Castaldo
The Wildcat Behind Glass by Alkē Zee

2026 OTTER Award Nominees

Bibsy Cross and the Bad Apple by Liz Garton Scanlon Bailey
*First Day, Worst Day** by Andry Nonamus
Orris and Timble: The Beginning by Kate DiCamillo
Shermy & Shake, the Not-So-Nice Neighbor by Kirby Larson
*Welcome to Scare School** by Jarrett Lerner
*Wildfire Rescue: A Branches Book (Disaster Squad #1)** by Rekha S. Rajan



2026 Young Reader's Choice Award Nominees

Four Eyes by Rex Ogle
The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels by Beth Lincoln
A Horse Named Sky by Rosanne Parry
The Grace of Wild Things by Heather Fawcett
The Moth-Keeper by Kay O'Neill
The Chalice of the Gods by Rick Riordan
The Otherwoods by Justine Pucella Winans
The Firefly Summer by Morgan Matson



2026 Towner Nonfiction Nominees

Jose Feeds the World by David Unger
Leafy Landmarks: Travels with Trees by Michelle Schaub
My Antarctica by G. Neri
Rats to the Rescue by Scott Riley & Sambat Meas
School of Magic by Altea Villa
Snake Milker and Other Animal Jobs by Stepanka Sekaninova
Volcanoes by Nell Cross Beckerman
Who Knew? The Wonders of Biomimicry by Kathleen Madden
World Kitchen by Abigail Wheatley
Young Zoologist: Capybara by Julia Mata



2026 Sasquatch Award Nominees

Duel by Jessixa Bagley
The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto by Adrianna Cuevas
Good Different by Meg Eden Kuyatt
Grounded: A Novel by Aisha Saeed, S.K. Ali, Jamilah Thomkins-Bigelow, Huda Al-Marashi
Legends of Lotus Island: Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat
Just a Pinch of Magic by Alechia Dow
The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass
The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh
Operation Final Notice by Matthew Landis
Rewind by Lisa Graff
Roll of Initiative by Jamie Formato
Two Tribes by Emily Bowen Cohen

