



Summer

Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
PreK-3	English, Karen. <i>Hot Day on Abbott Avenue</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2004. After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad. It's the hottest, stickiest day of the summer. A fat sun in the sky day. An eating ice pops on the porch day. And for Kishi and Renee, it's a best friends' breakup day.	E EN36H
PreK-3	Funk, Josh, Sara Palacios, and Reshma Saujani. <i>How to Code a Sandcastle</i> . New York, New York: Viking, 2018. Pearl and her trusty rust-proof robot, Pascal, need to build a sandcastle before summer vacation is over, and they're going to do it using code	E F9637H
PreK-3	Gershator, Phillis. <i>Summer is Summer</i> . New York: Henry Holt, 2006. Presents a celebration of summer from a child's perspective.	E G3236S

PreK-3	Grubb, Lisa. <i>Happy Dog Sizzles!</i> New York: Philomel, 2004.	E G92H
	When the weather is too hot for Happy Dog and his friends, they enter a contest to build the best walla-pa-doo--a creation made out of junk--and wind up discovering a way to cool off in the process.	
PreK-3	Hillert, Margaret. <i>It's Summer, Dear Dragon.</i> Chicago: Norwood House Press, 2010.	E H5573- ITSU
	A boy and his pet dragon enjoy a summer day by swimming, having a picnic, playing tee ball, and seeing a fireworks show.	
PreK-3	Jocelyn, Marthe. <i>Ready for Summer.</i> Toronto: Tundra Books, 2008.	E J583RSU
	Labeled illustrations suggest various garments suitable for wearing in the summertime.	
PreK-3	McClatchy, Lisa. <i>Eloise's Summer Vacation.</i> New York: Aladdin, 2007.	E M1322ESV
	Eloise, Weenie, and Nanny are going on a road trip across the country for vacation!	
PreK-3	Payne, Nina. <i>Summertime Waltz.</i> New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.	E P2937S
	Illustrations and rhythmic text describe the delights of a summer evening.	
PreK-3	Perry, Elizabeth. <i>Think Cool Thoughts.</i> New York: Clarion, 2005.	E P4294T
	On the hottest night of the hottest part of a very hot summer, Angel, her aunt, and mother drag their mattress to the rooftop to sleep and hope for cooler weather.	
PreK-3	Poydar, Nancy. <i>Last Day, Hooray!</i> New York: Holiday, 2004.	E P876L
	On the last day of school, Ivy, her classmates, and teachers dream of summer as they clean and prepare for the last party of the school year.	
PreK-3	Tan, Shaun. <i>Rules of Summer.</i> New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2014.	E T1535R
	Two boys explain the occasionally mysterious "rules" they learned over the summer, like never eat the last olive at a party,	

never ruin a perfect plan, and never give your keys to a stranger.

FICTION

- 7-12 Aristophane, and Matt Madden. *The Zabime Sisters*. New York: First Second, 2010. F
AR46Z
- On the first day of summer vacation, teenaged sisters M'Rose, Elle, and Céline step out into the tropical heat of their island home of Guadaloupe and encounter boys, schoolyard fights, petty thievery, and even illicit alcohol.
- 4-7 Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *The Summer Before Boys*. New York, N. Y.: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2011. F
B2929S
- Twelve-year-old best friends and relatives, Julia and Eliza are happy to spend the summer together while Julia's mother is serving in the National Guard in Iraq but when they meet a neighborhood boy, their close relationship begins to change.
- 4-7 Cervantes, Jennifer. *Tortilla Sun*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2010. F
C33743T
- While spending a magical summer in New Mexico with her grandmother, twelve-year-old Izzy makes new friends, learns to cook, and for the first time hears stories about her father, who died before she was born.
- 9-12 de la Peña, Matt. *I Will Save You*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2010. F
D3706I
- Seventeen-year-old Kidd Ellison runs away to work for the summer at a beach campsite in California where his hard work and good looks lead to friendship and love but painful past memories surface in menacing ways.
- 5-7 Gennari, Jennifer. *My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2012. F
G287M
- Twelve-year-old June Farrell spends the summer at her Vermont home getting used to the woman her mother is planning to marry and practicing her pie-baking skills, as she hopes to win the blue ribbon at the fair.
- 3-7 Giles, Lamar, and Dapo Adeola. *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019. F
G3925L
- Otto and Sheed Alston are local sleuths in their zany Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief using their unmatched

powers of deduction. As summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little more time for fun, eve as they bicker over what kind of fun they want to have. That is, until a mysterious man named Mr. Flux appears with a camera that literally freezes time. Now, with the help of some very strange people and even stranger creature Otto and Sheed will have to put aside their differences to save their town--and each other. The Legendary Alston Boys have always lived in the moment, but if they don't do something fast, they may be living this moment forever.

- 4-7 Halpern, Sue. *Summer Hours At the Robbers Library: A Novel*. First edition. New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2018. F H1637SU

People are drawn to libraries for all kinds of reasons. Most come for the books themselves, of course; some come to borrow companionship. For head librarian Kit, the public library in Riverton, New Hampshire, offers what she craves most: peace. Here, no one expects Kit to talk about the calamitous events that catapulted her out of what she thought was a settled, suburban life. She can simply submerge herself in her beloved books and try to forget her problems. But that changes when fifteen-year-old, home-schooled Sunny gets arrested for shoplifting a dictionary. The judge throws the book at Sunny--literally--assigning her to do community service at the library for the summer. Bright, curious, and eager to connect with someone other than her off-the-grid hippie parents, Sunny coaxes Kit out of her self-imposed isolation. They're joined by Rusty, a Wall Street high-flyer suddenly crashed to earth. In this little library that has become the heart of this small town, Kit, Sunny, and Rusty are drawn to each other, and to a cast of other offbeat regulars. As they come to terms with how their lives have unraveled, they also discover how they might knit them together again and finally reclaim their stories.

NONFICTION

- 1-3 Anderson, Sheila. *Are You Ready for Summer?* Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 2010. 508.2 AN244ASU

The days are hot and sunny. Flowers are in bloom. Ducks swim with their babies behind them. People play baseball and go swimming. Do you know what season is here? It's summer! What else happens in summer?

- K-2 Appleby, Alex. *What Happens in Summer?* New York: Gareth Stevens Publications, 2014. 508.2 AP524WSU

Learn the answers to many questions about the characteristics of the summer season.

K-3 Herriges, Ann. *Summer*. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2007. 508.2 H435SU

Simple text and supportive images introduce beginning readers to the characteristics of the season of summer.

1-3 Meister, Cari. *Summer Is Super*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011. 508.2 M4793S

In graphic novel format, describes reasons why summer is super.

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