

Suggested Summer Reading List

Author		Title	Genre
Barnhill	Kelly	The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Fantasy
Bell	Cece	El Deafo	Graphic Novel
Birdsall	Jeanne	The Penderwicks series	Realistic Fiction
Bosch	Pseudonymous	The Name of This Book is Secret series	Fiction
Brown	Peter	The Wild Robot	Fiction
Buyea	Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt	Fiction
Chokshi	Roshani	Aru Shah and the End of Time	Fantasy
Clements	Andrew	No Talking (and others)	Realistic Fiction
Colfer	Chris	The Land of Stories series	Fantasy
Connor	Leslie	The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle	Realistic Fiction
DasGupta	Sayantani	The Serpent's Secret	Fantasy
DiCamillo	Kate	The Tale of Despereaux	Fantasy
Gibbs	Stuart	Spy School (and others)	Fiction
Gidwitz	Adam	A Tale Dark and Grimm	Fantasy
Grabenstein	Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Fiction
Green	Tim	Football Genius (and others)	Sports Fiction
Greenwald	Tom	Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading	Fiction
Harris	Neil Patrick	The Magic Misfits	Fiction
Healy	Christopher	Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom	Fantasy/Humor
Hernandez	Carlos	Sal and Gabi Break the Universe	Science Fiction
Hunt	Lynda Mulally	Fish in a Tree	Realistic Fiction
Lin	Grace	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Fiction
Lloyd	Natalie	A Snicker of Magic	Fantasy
Lupica	Mike	Comeback Kids series	Sports Fiction
Marks	Janae	From the Desk of Zoe Washington	Realistic Fiction
Mass	Wendy	The Candymakers	Fiction
Reynolds	Jason	Look Both Ways	Realistic Fiction
Sutherland	Tui	Wings of Fire series	Fantasy
Tashjian	Janet	My Life as a Book (and others)	Fiction
Yang	Kelly	Front Desk	Realistic Fiction
Various Authors		Science Comics Series (Plagues, etc.)	Graphic Novel
West	Jacqueline	Books of Elsewhere series	Fantasy
Williams-Garcia	Rita	One Crazy Summer	Fiction
Wuffson	Don	The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle	Nonfiction
Yang	Gene Luen	Secret Coders series	Graphic Novel



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 5

June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Malden Public Schools' 2021 summer reading list is your ticket to adventurous travels through books. We hope you and your family will read about other countries, cultures, and people all over the world.

Students are required to read regularly throughout the summer, with a weekly goal of 2 hours. We strongly recommend reading at least 20-30 minutes every day. Books can be read by students on their own or with a partner during the summer. Partners for reading out loud can be parents, guardians, brothers, sisters or other interested caregivers.

Students must log their minutes read every night using the enclosed calendar and complete a Reading Response for any one book. They can read from the suggested list or books of their own choosing. Help your child complete the Reading Response by discussing books they have read or books that have been read to them.

We encourage you to visit the Malden Public Library regularly with your child. The library has copies of the summer reading books, offers fun children's activities for free, and runs a 6-week Summer Reading Club (registration required) that provides prizes and certificates to children who read two or more hours each week (visit www.maldenpubliclibrary.org for details).

Extra forms will be available at the Malden Public Library and on the Malden Public Schools' website: <http://maldenps.org/academics/summer-reading>. Students must return completed forms to their school in August.
Sincerely,

Janice Raymond
Director of Title I

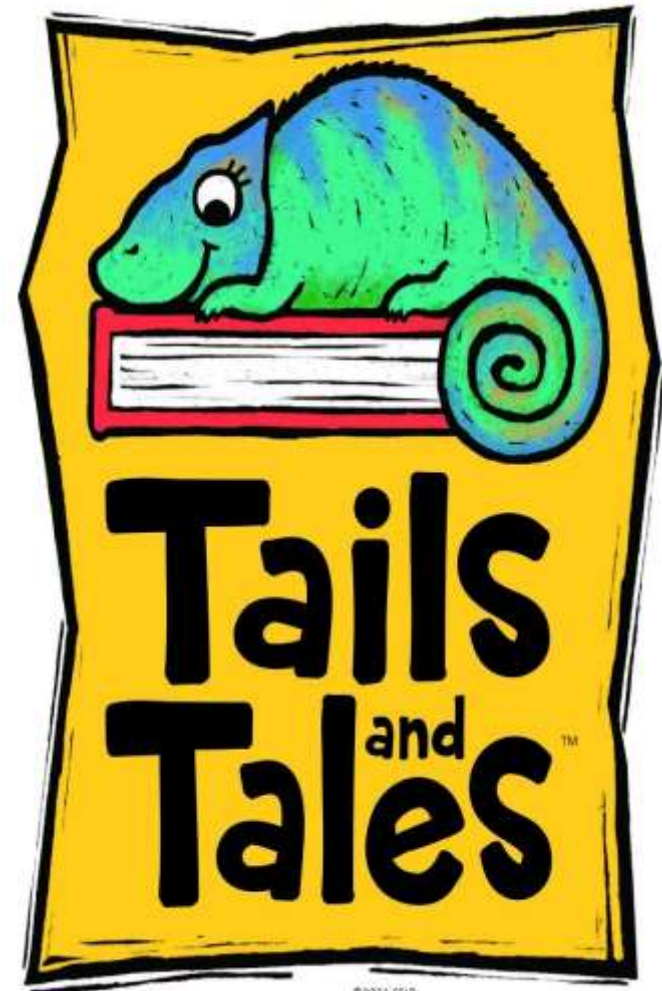
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Family Summer Reading Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Children can lose as much as a half a grade level in their reading level during the summer. Between kindergarten and grade 5, not reading over the summer can result in the loss of as much as 3 grade levels of reading growth. The only way to combat summer reading loss is by reading a lot over the summer. Make a plan to read to or with your child everyday for 20-30 minutes.
- Reading aloud to your child counts as reading. So, if your child isn't reading yet or is reluctant to read on their own, read to them.
- Talk about what you are reading. Give your opinion about the events in the book and ask what your child thinks.
- The best way to learn new words is by reading. Look for words your child may not know as you read. Talk about what they mean. Try to use some of the words later with your child.
- Take books with you wherever you go. Keep books in the car for day trips. Going on errands, take along a set of books to talk about and read as you go. Read at the beach or the park.



For Students Entering Grade 5



All students entering grades kindergarten through fifth grade must read at least 20-30 minutes every day. All students must turn in a reading calendar and one Reading Response when school begins in August.

**Need the forms? Visit the Malden Public Schools website,
<http://maldenps.org/academics/summer-reading>.**

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