

**New Mexico Public Education Department  
2013 Summer Recommended Reading List**

Summer is an important time for students to continue learning. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer parents can help children sustain and support reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary, and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment. Students may enjoy these recommended reading selections for summer reading.

**Grades K-3**

- *Ocean Hide and Seek*, Jennifer Evans Kramer
- *Sort it Out!*, Barbara Mariconda
- *Henry the Impatient Heron*, Donna Love
- *Where Should Turtle Be?*, Susan Ring
- *The Earth and I*, Frank Asch
- *One Giant Leap*, Burleigh, Robert.
- *'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day*, Catherine Ipcizade
- *Dino-Dinners*, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- *Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer*, Jill Davis
- *The Perfect Nest*, Catherine Friend
- *A Place for Bats*, Melissa Stewart
- *The Good Luck Cat*, Joy Harjo
- *Noah Webster & His Words*, Jeri Chase Ferris
- *Polar Slumber*, Dennis Rockhill
- *26 Fairmount Avenue*, Tomie dePaola
- *Ladybugs*, Gail Gibbons
- *Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved*, Lenny Hort
- *All the Water in the World*, George Ella Lyon
- *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, Gail Langer Karwoski
- *Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space*, Amy E. Sklansky
- *SkySisters*, Jan Bourdeau Waboose
- *The Adventures of Max and Pinky*, Best Buds, Maxwell Eaton
- *Leaf Jumpers*, Carole Gerber
- *Buster*, Denise Fleming
- *Actual Size*, Steve Jenkins
- *Daddy & I*, Elosie Greenfield
- *No, David!*, David Shannon
- *A Day in the Life of Murphy*, Alice Provensen
- *My Name is Yoon*, Helen Recorvits
- *Diary of a Worm*, Doreen Cronin
- *The Everything Book*, Denise Fleming
- *Wemberly Worried*, Kevin Henkes
- *Aunt Flossie's Hats*, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, Harry Allard
- *Recycle! : A Handbook for Kids*, Gail Gibbons
- *Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue*, Juliana Hatkoff, et al.

## Grades 4-5

- *Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World*, Chin-Lee, Cynthia
- *The Keeping Quilt*, Patricia Polacco
- *A Wizard From the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison*, Don Brown,
- *Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People*, Sheila Keenan
- *The Book Club Kit*, Patti Kelley Criswell
- *Crazy Cars*, Matt Doeden
- *Dare to Dream!*, Carl Sommer
- *High Elk's Treasure*, Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve
- *Riddle-iculous Math*, Joan Holub
- *Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets*, John Farndon
- *Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter*, Mary Alice Monroe
- *Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts That Happen Every 60 Seconds*, Steve Murrie and Matthew Murrie
- *Extreme Pets!*, Jane Harrington
- *See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!*, Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby
- *Because of Winn Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo
- *The Courage of Sarah Noble*, Alice Dalgliesh
- *Crossing Jordan*, Adrian Fogelin
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, Judy Blume
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, Patricia MacLachlan
- *Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society*, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers
- *Space Race*, Sylvia Waugh
- *Life Under Ice*, Mary M. Cerullo
- *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Scott O'Dell
- *Shiloh*, Phyllis Naylor
- *Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems*, Joyce Kilmer and Beckie Prange
- *The Bald Eagle- Endangered No More*, Mac Priebe

## Grades 6-8

- *50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Recycle*, Earthworks Group
- *John James Audubon: The Making of an American*, Richard Rhodes
- *The Life Cycle of Everyday Stuff*, Mike Reeske and Shirley Watt Ireton
- *Planet Earth*, Kathleen Reilly
- *Earth-Friendly Crafts for Kids: 50 Awesome Things to Make with Recycled Stuff*, Heather Smith
- *Sees Behind Trees*, Michael Dorris
- *Blue Horses Rush In: Poems and Stories*, Luci Tapahonso
- *Forever Forest*, Kristin Joy-Pratt Serafini
- *Wangari's Tree of Peace*, Jeanette Winter
- *A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beasts*, Pamela S. Turner
- *When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone*, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- *The Trumpet of the Swan*, E.B. White
- *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson
- *Hoot*, Carl Hiaasen
- *Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson
- *Esperanza Rising*, Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Peter and the Starcatchers*, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
- *Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident*, Eoin Colfer
- *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Avi
- *The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers*, Richard Maurer
- *Carver, a Life in Poems*, Marilyn Nelson
- *John James Audubon: The Making of an American*, Richard Rhodes
- *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever, Epidemic of 1793*, Jim Murphy
- *Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition*, Laurie Lawlor
- *The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins*, Bea Uusma Schyffert
- *Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali*, Charles R. Smith
- *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*, Laura Amy Schlitz
- *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation*, Tammy Horn
- *Seed Folks*, Paul Fleischman

## Grades 9-12

- *The Real Question*, Adrian Fogelin
- *Solomon*, Marilyn B. Shaw
- *Losing It All to Sprawl*, Bill Belleville
- *The Yearling*, Marjorie K. Rawlings
- *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success*, Sampson Davis, et.al.
- *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros
- *Money Hungry*, Sharon Flake
- *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak
- *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway
- *Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft*, Thor Heyerdahl
- *Looking for the New Deal*, Elna C. Green
- *Flush*, Carl Hiaasen
- *Night*, Elie Wiesel
- *The Best Short Stories of O. Henry*, O. Henry
- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
- *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
- *Separate Fountains*, Patti Wilson Byars
- *Whispers from the Bay*, John Tkac
- *Imaginary Enemy*, Julie Gonzalez
- *Animals on the Edge: Science Races to Save Species Threatened with Extinction*, Sandra Pobst
- *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*, Jonathan Safran Foer
- *The Best of Ogden Nash*, Ogden Nash