

Summer Reading

Dear Plympton Families,

We hope all students in our community will spend time reading this summer. We encourage students to read on their own, listen to stories, and even create their own stories to keep their writing skill fresh! Please keep track of the books that you read and turn in your list when you come back to school. Below are a couple of fun reading challenges for Plympton kids to try this summer.

Challenge 1: 40 Book Challenge

We had such wonderful success with our school wide 40 Book Challenge this past March that we would like to extend the challenge over the summer. Let's see if you can reach 40 books this summer! Any book that you read will count, and books read aloud counts as well. Just fill out the log as you complete books and return it to Plympton School in the fall.

Challenge 2: Reading Without Walls Challenge

One of the National Ambassadors for Young People's Literature, Gene Luen Yang, encourages all of us to participate in the Reading Without Walls Challenge. This challenge calls for readers to diversify their book selections so as to broaden their view of the world. Find out something new by reading without walls! Here are the details:

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Read a book about a character who doesn't look like you or live like you

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Read a book about a topic you don't know much about

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Read a book in a format that you don't normally read for fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse or an audio book)

To learn more about the Reading Without Walls Challenge visit:

<https://read.macmillan.com/mcpg/reading-without-walls/>

Challenge 3: Theme Challenge

All grade levels across Waltham will be using the EL Literacy Curriculum starting in the fall of 2019. There is no better preparation for this curriculum than building background knowledge on

the topics that kids will be reading and writing about next year. We challenge you to read books connected to the topics/themes for your grade so that you come back to school ready to share what you know with your classmates. The topics/themes that will be covered for each grade level are listed below. See what books you can find about these things!

Grade	EL Literacy Curriculum Topic/Theme
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toys and Play ● Weather Wonders ● Trees are Alive ● Enjoying and Appreciating Trees
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tools and Work ● Sun, Moon and Stars ● Birds' Amazing Bodies ● Caring for Birds
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School and Communities ● Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes ● The Secret World of Pollinators ● Providing for Pollinators
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far ● Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs ● Exploring Literary Classics ● Water Conservation
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers ● Animal Defense Mechanisms ● The American Revolution ● Responding to Inequality; Ratifying the 19th Amendment
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stories of Human Rights ● Biodiversity in the Rainforest ● Athlete Leaders of Social Change ● The Impact of Natural Disasters

Finally, students going into grades 3 to 5 can begin reading for the **Waltham Children's Book Award**, which will enter year three of identifying the best books in our city. This year, we are just using ONE list and students can read any book they choose. To participate, students must read and respond to 5 books on the 2019-2020 list. More information can be found on the Plympton Library website.

Be sure to check out the included book lists for fantastic summer reading suggestions and don't forget about the Waltham Public Library's Summer Reading Program! We've also included a list of resources that may help encourage summer reading:

www.readingrockets.org

<https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home/>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading>

<https://www.getepic.com/summer-of-reading>

Happy Reading!

Plympton School Reading Team

SUMMER READING LIST

Astronaut Annie

by **Suzanne Slade**, Illustrated by **Nicole Tadgell**
Tilbury House Publishers, 2018, ISBN: 9780984448520

Annie uses inspiration from her relatives to present her career-day aspirations.

Auntie Lucy's Talking Parrot

by **Francie Latour**, Illustrated by **Ken Daley**
Groundwood Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781773060415

A young girl explores her identity and culture through her aunt's striking artwork.

A Big Mooncake for Little Star

by **Grace Lin**
Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN: 9780316404488

The big mooncake that Little Star baked with her mother is so delicious! She's not supposed to eat any until her mother says so, but how can she resist?

Antonio, Morcisy

by **Pat Mora**, Illustrated by **Raúl Colón**
Lee & Low, 2018, ISBN: 9781620142868

Mora's lyrical poetry and Colón's richly hued illustrations celebrate reading, writing, singing, and playing with words.

Celestina's Mission

by **Drew Brockington**
Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017, ISBN: 9780316307475

Major Meowser, Warflies, Blanket, and Pom Pom set up a solar power planet on the moon.

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13

by **Helaine Becker**, Illustrated by **Tremelore Dumitru**
Henry Holt, 2018, ISBN: 9781250137524

A nonfiction picture book about one of the African American and female mathematicians at NASA and her involvement with Apollo 13.

Dreamers

by **Yuyi Morales**
Neal Porter, 2018, ISBN: 9780802344059

Morales and her young son discover how they fit into their strange new country when they find the public library in this gorgeous, personal picture book.

Gifts

by **Aaron Reynolds**, Illustrated by **Dan Santat**
Roaring Brook Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781626726001

Speaking just one word, a beaver and a platypus share a hilarious adventure at the beach.

A First Book of the Sea

by **Nicola Davies**, Illustrated by **Emily Sutton**
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763698829

Fifty-three poems introduce children to the sea and to people and beings that live and work in and around it, from tide pools to harbors, deep-sea animals to explorers, lighthouses to litter.

Kick It, Mo!

by **David A. Adler**, Illustrated by **Sam Ricks**
Penguin Young Readers, 2018, ISBN: 9780625288815

Mo's family helps him practice his kicking. Will it be enough for Mo to make the winning goal in the big soccer game?

Mae among the Stars

by **Roda Ahmed**, Illustrated by **Stasia Burrington**
Harcourt Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780062651730

The story of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space.

Mae's Yasmin!

by **Saadia Faruqi**, Illustrated by **Hatem Ali**
Picture Window, 2018, ISBN: 9781684360222

Meet Yasmin, a bright, fun Pakistani American second-grader. With her over-size imagination and a little help from her family, there's no problem she can't solve.

My Summer's Summer

by **Paul Meisel**
Holiday House, 2017, ISBN: 9780823495712

Vibrant illustrations add whimsy to this five-month diary in the life of a praying mantis as it eats (its siblings), hides from predators, and learns to fly.

Our Celebración!

by **Susan Middleton Elya**, Illustrated by **Ana Aranda**
Lee & Low, 2018, ISBN: 9781620142714

Join a spirited bilingual summer fiesta complete with a parade, costumes, and fireworks.

Potato Pants!

by **Laure Keller**
Henry Holt, 2018, ISBN: 9781250107237

Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store is having a one-day-only sale of potato pants. Potato knows that he must hurry, because once they're gone, they're gone. Unfortunately, there's an intimidating eggplant in his way.

The Silmo Book: All You Need to Know to Make the Perfect Silmo

DK Children, 2017, ISBN: 9781465473738

For silmo enthusiasts, this collection of thirty easy-to-read-and-follow DIY silmo recipes will be hours of goney fun!

The Stuff of Stars

by **Marion Dane Bauer**, Illustrated by **Ekua Holmes**
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763678838

A visually stunning and poetic representation of the beginning of our universe and life.

The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal

by **Niek Seluk**
Orchard Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781338166972

Learn why the sun is a big deal in this funny book jam-packed with facts about the sun and our solar system.

Thank You, Ornu!

by **Oge Mora**
Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN: 9780316431248

Ornu is exceedingly kind to her neighbors, but when she has given her all, can she count on others to return her generosity?

Tiger vs. Nighttime

by **Emily Tebt**
First Second, 2018, ISBN: 9781628725555

Tiger and her monster gather their courage to fend off a fearsome nightmare in this lushly illustrated graphic novel.

We Are Grate! Grate!

by **Traci Sorell**, Illustrated by **Frane Lessac**
Charlesbridge, 2018, ISBN: 9781580897723

Following a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences, this book shares the contemporary life of the Cherokee people, highlighting their tradition of gratitude.

Whale in a Fishbowl

by **Troy Howell**, Illustrated by **Richard Jones**
Schwartz & Wade Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524715182

Wednesday the whale lives in a fishbowl in the city center, but she belongs in the sea. Can she jump high enough to reach her joy?

What Do They Do with All That Poop?

by **Jane Kurtz**, Illustrated by **Allison Black**
Beach Lane Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781481478868

Learn about the unique scat of zoo animals, as well as the fascinating things zoos do with the thousands of pounds of poo they collect each day.



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GRADES 3-5

Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle
by Hilda Eunice Burgos
Tu Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781620143629

Ana Maria tries to carve out space in her large (and growing!) family by focusing her ambitions on attending a private school.

Aquilon Cove
by Katie O'Neill
Oni Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781620105290

Lana discovers the Aquilons, magical sea-dwelling creatures who need her help to stop the overfishing that is destroying their home.

The Cardboard Kingdoms
by Chad Sell
Knopf Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524719371

A diverse group of kids create their own world of play and safe self-expression using a little cardboard and a lot of imagination.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground
by Rita Williams-Garcia,
illustrated by Frank Morrison
Amistad, 2017, ISBN: 9780062215918

When his beloved grandfather, the blues man Cool Papa Byrd, dies suddenly, Clayton's anger and misplaced alliances get him into trouble. This story of family, grief, reconciliation, and the power of music is set in New York City.

Drawn Together
by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat
Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781484767603

When lack of a shared verbal language threatens to ruin a visit between a boy and his grandfather, the power of art is just the thing to bridge their differences.

Flying Lessons & Other Stories
Edited by Ellen Oh
Crown Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781101894593

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates, and more in a highly readable, reliable short-story collection.

Front Desk
by Kelly Yang
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781338157796

A young girl and her family manage a motel and adjust to a new life in America after emigrating from China.

Meilo, Universe
by Erin Entrada Kelly,
illustrated by Isabel Roxas
Greenwillow Books, 2017, ISBN: 9780062414151

The lives of Virgil, Kaori, Gen, and Valencia are woven together in unexpected ways when a disaster brings them together to perform a friendship.

The House That Lou Built
by Mae Respicio
Wendy Lamb Books, 2018, ISBN: 9781524717940

Lou dreams of building a tiny house on the property her father willed to her. When taxes on the land become too high for her mother to pay, Lou needs all her ingenuity to find a way to save her dream.

Jullian is a Mermaid
by Jessica Love
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780763690458

Jullian LOVES mermaids! A summer afternoon of dress-up fantasy is only improved by a surprise from his abuela.

Knights vs. Dinosaurs
by Matt Phelan
Greenwillow Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780062686237

Action and comedy rule when boasting sends four of King Arthur's knights back in time to battle a legion of "terrible lizards."

Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble
by Anna Merlano,
illustrated by Mirelle Ortega
Walden Pond Press, 2018, ISBN: 9780062498465

Leo is delighted to discover she is part of a long line of buns running a magical bakery in Texas.

Makoons
by Louise Erdritch
HamberCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780060577933

Twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee travel across the plains in search of buffalo with their family in the 1860s.

Me and Marvin Gardens
by Mae Sarig King
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2017, ISBN: 9780545670740

While picking up trash from Devin Creek, Obe discovers a most extraordinary animal that may be the answer to the pollution.

Mighty Jack and the Goblin King
by Ben Hatke
First Second, 2017, ISBN: 9781626722675

In this sequel to *Mighty Jack*, Jack and Lilly travel through a portal to a bridge between worlds where they encounter grave dangers, fight monsters, and receive help from unexpected sources.

National Parks of the U.S.A.
by Kate Silber,
illustrated by Chris Turnham
Wide Eyed, 2018, ISBN: 9781047609766

Get an advance look at your vacation destination or take an armchair tour through twenty-one of America's spectacular natural treasures.

The Parker Inheritance
by Varian Johnson
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018, ISBN: 9780545946179

Candace would rather be home in Atlanta with her friends this summer, instead of where she is, in her grandmother's small town of Lambert, South Carolina. But the discovery of clues to an intricate puzzle entwined in the town's complicated history could lead to a hidden fortune.

Real Friends
by Shannon Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
First Second, 2017, ISBN: 9781626724167

Shannon is learning how to navigate the turbulent waters of childhood—handling bullies, dealing with cliques, and finding out who her true friends really are.

Rocket to the Moon! Big Ideas That Changed the World #1
by Don Brown
Abrams, 2018, ISBN: 9781419731402

Taking readers through the history of rocket building, this title explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible. Includes a time line of space travel.

Serinity & Tajiiah
by Molly Brooks
Disney-Hyperion, 2018, ISBN: 9781368300940

Two best friends decide to engineer a three-headed kitten named Princess Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds. If only her name didn't turn out to be a little too appropriate.

Sara and the Meaning of Happiness
by Monica Brown and Sara Gonzalez, illustrated by Christine Almada
Scholastic, 2018, ISBN: 9781339236692

For Sara, awesome means amazing, love, family, and fun—and it's going to take all that and more to help save the day.

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say
by Angela Dominguez
Roaring Brook Press, 2018, ISBN: 9781628728885

Stella builds her confidence through the support of her family, friends, and her beloved betta fish.

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster
by Jonathan Auxler
Abrams, 2018, ISBN: 9781419731402

Nan is an orphan, alone and working in a dangerous, cruel world. She discovers a friendly monster, and together, they try to start a new life.

Waste of Space
by Stuart Gibbs
Simon & Schuster, 2018, ISBN: 9781481477796

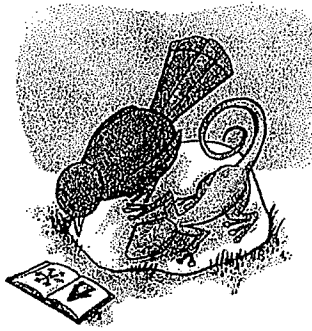
In this exciting conclusion to the Moon Base Alpha trilogy, everyone is a suspect after billionaire Lars Sjoberg is poisoned, and it's up to thirteen-year-old Dash to figure out who did it.

Who's Not from Here
by Geoff Rodkey
Crown Books, 2019, ISBN: 9781524779045

Follow the story of a family from Earth who moves to a new planet in this sci-fi adventure that explores concepts such as immigration, culture shock, and a galaxy of differences.



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Books for kids 6-9 years old

*The Astronaut Who Painted the Moon:
The True Story of Alan Bean*
by Dean Robbins

Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars
by Douglas Florian

*Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animal Poems for
Two or More Voices*
by Georgia Heard

Crab Cake
by Andrea Tsurumi

*The Crayon Man: The True Story of the
Invention of Crayola Crayons*
by Natashcha Biebow

*Daring Dozen: The Twelve Who Walked
on the Moon*
by Suzanne Slade

The Fisherman and the Whale
by Jessica Lanan

The Frog Book
by Steven Jenkins and Robin Page

*Go for the Moon: A Rocket, a Boy, and
the First Moon Landing*
by Chris Gall

If You Had Your Birthday Party on the Moon
by Joyce Lapin

In Focus: Forests
by Libby Walden

Juana and Lucas: Big Problemas
by Juana Medina

Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet
by Curtis Manley

The Magic of Letters
by Tony Johnston and Wendell Minor

Moonshot
by Brian Floca

Music for Mr. Moon
by Philip Stead

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure: Book 1
by Alex T. Smith

My Happy Year by E. Bluebird
by Paul Meisel

Ocean Emporium: A Compendium of Creatures
by Susie Brooks and Dawn Cooper

*Polly Diamond and the Super Stunning
Spectacular School Fair*
by Alice Kuipers

Power Up
by Seth Fishman

The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories
by Sergio Ruzzier

*Secret Engineer: How Emily Roebling Build
the Brooklyn Bridge*
by Rachel Dougherty

Stubby: A True Story of Friendship
by Michael Foreman

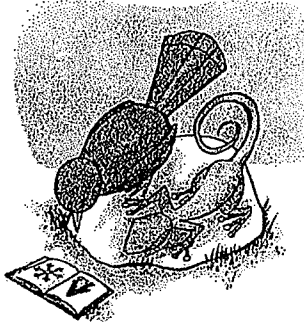
¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market
by Raul the Third

Wild Horse Annie: Friend of the Mustangs
by Tracey Ferne

*Yogi: The Life, Loves, and Language of Baseball
Legend Yogi Berra*
by Barb Rosenstock



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Books for kids 9-12 years old

Bat and the End of Everything
by Elana Arnold

Explorer: Plants!
by Nick Forshaw and William Exley

The Hyena Scientist
by Sy Montgomery

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer
by Lamar Giles

Monsters: A Magic Lens Hunt for Creatures of Myth, Legend, Fairy Tale, and Fiction
by Celine Potard and Sophie Ledesma

The Moon
by Hannah Pang

One-Third Nerd
by Gennifer Choldenko

Pay Attention, Carter Jones
by Gary D. Schmidt

Polar Bears Survival on the Ice (Science Comics)
by Jason Viola

Pony Camp Diaries: Chloe and Cookie
by Kelly McKain

Rotten! Vultures, Beetles, Slime and Nature's Other Decomposers
by Anica Sanchez

Song for a Whale
by Lynne Kelly

Stand on the Sky
by Erin Bow

Sweeping Up the Heart
by Kevin Henkes

The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms
by Mary Kay Carson

Two Men and a Car: Franklin Roosevelt, Al Capone, and a Cadillac V-8
by Michael Garland

Where Dani Goes, Happy Follows
by Rose Lagercrantz



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