



Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Summer is a great time to get lost in a book. Incoming fifth graders are encouraged to read as much as possible over the summer. You are required to read at least one fiction and one nonfiction book.

You will be working on activities based on your reading in September. Many of these titles are available on SORA. Be sure to go to the Pelham Public Library's homepage for summer reading information Happy Reading!

Pelham Public Library's Summer Reading Program:

<https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/children/childrens-summer-reading-program/>

Here are some suggestions:

Fiction:

****Flora & Ulysses*** by Kate DiCamillo

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog.

Lost and Found by Andrew Clements

Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

Land of Stories [series] by Chris Colfer

Land of stories: Wishing Spell. Book 1

Through the mysterious powers of a book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic, where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

Spy School [series] by Stuart Gibbs

Spy School. Book 1

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie and the giant concoct a plan to save the world from nine man-gobbling giants.

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman

Four fifth-grade students – a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker – as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid/Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventures

(series) by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffly must survive middle school while dealing with his two annoying brothers Manny and Rodrick. At least he has his best friend, Rowley Jefferson by his side.

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox, Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Big Nate [series] by Lincoln Pierce

Big Nate in a Class by Himself. Book 1

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Heroes of Olympus [series] by Rick Riordan

The Lost Hero. Book 1

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for “bad kids,” find themselves at Camp Halfblood, where they learn they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

Kane Chronicles [series] by Rick Riordan

Red Pyramid. Book 1

Siblings Carter and Sadie Kane, descendants of Egyptian magicians, must defeat the evil god Set after the gods are accidentally released in the present.

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard [series] by Rick Riordan

Sword of Summer. Book 1

Magnus Chase, a homeless boy living in Boston, finds out he is the son of a Norse god and his birthright is a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians [series] by Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief. Book 1

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods, where he and his new friends set out on an adventure.

I Survived [series] by Lauren Tarshis There is no series order

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic

Ten-year-old George Calder’s life changes forever as he, his little sister Phoebe, and Aunt Daisy set out across the ocean on the Titanic in 1912.

Other authors to look for:

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Kate DiCamillo

Jerry Spinelli

Matt Christopher

Jacqueline Davies

Chris Grabenstein

Madeleine L’Engle

Gary Paulsen

Gordon Korman

Graphic Novel authors: Kazu Kibuishi, Raina Telgemeier, Dav Pilkey, Sammy Griffin, Shannon and Dean Hale (many more on SORA)

Non Fiction:

Coral Reefs: Cities Of The Ocean (Science Comics) by Maris Wicks

This absorbing look at ocean science covers the biology of coral reefs as well as their ecological importance.

Rocks And Minerals : Geology From Caverns To The Cosmos (Science Comics) by Andy Hirsch

In this volume, join a crystal-crazy fanboy and a famous rock hunter on a geological journey that will take them to the summit of a volcano, deep within the earth, and even into outer space! They'll learn about the unstoppable forces that shape our planet and they might even pick up a gemstone or meteorite along the way.

Whoosh! : Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream Of Inventions by Chris Barton
Chronicles the life and achievements of the NASA engineer and inventor, from his childhood to his accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.

Dear Mr. Dickens by Nancy Churnin

In Eliza Davis's day, Charles Dickens was the most celebrated living writer in England. But some of his books reflected a prejudice that was all too common at the time: prejudice against Jewish people. Eliza was Jewish, and her heart hurt to see a Jewish character in *Oliver Twist* portrayed as ugly and selfish. She wanted to speak out about how unfair that was, even if it meant speaking out against the great man himself. So she wrote a letter to Charles Dickens. What happened next is history.

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

This is the story of an important event in history as Ruby Bridges saw it unfold around her. Ruby's poignant words, quotations from writers and from other adults who observed her, and dramatic photographs recreate an amazing story of innocence, courage, and forgiveness. Ruby Bridges' story is an inspiration to us all.

Rosa's Bus by Jo S. Kittinger

The story of the bus--and the passengers who changed history. Like all buses in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1950s, bus #2857 was segregated: white passengers sat in the front and black passengers sat in the back. Bus #2857 was an ordinary public bus until a woman named Rosa Parks, who had just put in a long day as a seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white passenger. Her

arrest sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a major event in the Civil Rights moment, led by a young minister named Dr. Martin Luther King.

Child of the Flower-Song People by Gloria Amescua

The biography of an indigenous Nahua woman from Mexico who taught and preserved her people's culture through modeling for famous artists

***GET A JUMPSTART ON THIS FALL'S PELHAM READS *FLORA AND ULYSSES*, BY KATE DICAMILLO**

