



# 2020 SUMMER READING

This summer will surely be different than other summers, but that doesn't mean it can't be fun! As you go through a summer without the same amount of travel, freedom, and opportunities you usually count on, here are some ideas to help make it be, at least, interesting.

## TIPS FROM MISS STAFFORD

### Choose your own Character Themes for this summer, such as:

- Creativity
- Independence
- Resourcefulness

### Create-a-Camp

If you can't attend camp this summer, create your own! Grab a few books (or read them online), do some research, find some games.

[Space Camp](#)

[Art Camp](#)

[Other Stay-at-Home Camps for Kids](#)

### Use the Public Library

The [Rowley Library](#) has lots of resources and ideas to make it a fun summer. [Mrs. Bennet](#) is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet, too!

You can create your own Summer Reading List by using the Rowley Library's [catalog](#). Just type in whatever interests you (horses, dinosaurs, sharks) and change "Keyword" to "Subject."

Look on the left (you might need to scroll down) and click on Audience: Juvenile. This will give you so many books that fit your needs!

### Have a Throwback Summer

I'm sure your parents remember the days when we drank from the garden hose, stayed outside all day, and whined that we were boooooored until we came up with something to do on our own. Talk to your family about having a 1970s or 1980s summer!

### Read and Solve Mysteries

I'm sure there are plenty of situations to be solved around the house. Where are Mom's car keys? Where's the remote control? What is that weird sound coming from the backyard?

Read up on your Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, or Bobbsey Twins, grab a flashlight (and a magnifying glass if you have one), interview some witnesses, have a stakeout, and solve those mysteries!

## HERE ARE SOME BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU:



What do two children, who want to be friends, do when grownups won't let them cross the fence that separates them? Readers will love their clever solution! Read *The Other Side*, by Jacqueline Woodson, speaking to issues and themes we are sadly still facing today.

*The Name Jar*, by Yangsook Choi is about a new girl in school who is convinced that her classmates won't be able to pronounce her Korean name. She asks them to suggest names for her, writing them on paper, and placing them in a jar. Which name will she pick at the end?



### Younger Readers

*Summer Song*, by Kevin Henkes  
*The Camping Trip*, by Jennifer K. Mann  
*Good Night, Veggies*, by Diana Murray  
*Hike*, by Pete Oswald  
*Jules vs. the Ocean*, by Jessie Sima  
*The Old Truck*, by Jerome and Jarrett Pumphrey  
*Charlie & Mouse Outdoors*, by Laurel Snyder



### Middle Readers

*Pie in the Sky*, by Remi Lai  
*The Dragon Thief*, by Zetta Elliott  
*Stargazing*, by Jen Wang  
*Clean Getaway*, by Nic Stone  
*Lalani of the Distant Sea*, by Erin Entrada Kelly  
*The Elephant's Girl*, by Celesta Rimington  
*Stepping Stones*, by Lucy Kinsley



### Older Readers

*Pet*, by Akwaeke Emezi  
*Prairie Lotus*, by Linda Sue Park  
*Maximillian and the Curse of the Fallen Angel*, by Xavier Garza  
*Wink*, by Rob Harrell  
*Doodleville*, by Chad Sell