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 booooored 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