Important Dates and Numbers
• Any children’s books checked out on or after May 17 are due September 15.
• If you would like to keep any children’s books that were checked out before May 17 for the summer, please renew them. Otherwise, please return them by their due dates.
• Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer. Grown-ups may have up to 25.

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:
• Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
• Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!
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7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

1. Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading**—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

   Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.** Remember that “reading” is not just novels; picture books, non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.

2. Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, **have a friend recommend books**. Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grown-up.

   **Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-9:45; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5 (August Mon-Fri 9-5). Check out your local public library, too.

3. **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours**, and invite friends too! Check bankstreetbooks.com for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

   Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and just let it go when they choose *The Day My Butt Went Psycho*.

4. To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore**, read *Summer Reading Is Killing Me* (Jon Scieszka) or *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little* (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).

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**Ibid.*
Mesmerized by Mara Rockliff
Discover how, in Paris in the 1770s, Benjamin Franklin's scientific method challenged a certain Dr. Mesmer's mysterious power.

Surfer of the Century by Ellie Crowe
Tells the story of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, a five-time Olympic swimming champion from the early 1900s who is considered the father of modern surfing.

Brooklyn Bridge by Lynn Curlee
Tells the story of the planning, construction, and history of one of the greatest landmarks and grandest sights of New York City.

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgil
A collection of poems set in 1958 Harlem brings to life the musicians' style, mischief, and the vivacious atmosphere of a hot summer's day.

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II; his abilities help him succeed after the war is over.

Ada’s Violin / El violín de Ada by Susan Hood
In a town built on a landfill in Paraguay, a man with vision and an ingenious idea organizes an orchestra made from recycled materials.

Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh
How did calaveras—skeletons performing various everyday or festive activities—come to be? This is the story of José Guadalupe Posada, his career, and his artwork.

A Children’s Guide to Arctic Birds by Mia Pelletier
A simple format introduces a dozen birds that call the Arctic home, as well as fun facts about them. Also provides Inuktitut names for various birds and migratory patterns told from an Arctic perspective.

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The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch by Chris Barton
An in-depth look at the Reconstruction period through the life of one of the first African-American congressmen.
A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson by Michelle Y. Green
Mamie doesn’t give up on her dream of being a professional baseball player, and ultimately becomes one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues.

Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion by Loree Griffin Burns
An adventurous scientist tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.

Cecil’s Pride: The True Story of a Lion King by Craig, Juliana and Isabella Hatkoff
The story of Cecil the Lion’s rise to power at the Hwange National Park, from his struggles as a cub and alliance with rival Jericho to his untimely death that shocked the world.

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine O’Neill Grace
A recreation of the first Thanksgiving reveals the actual events during the three days that Wampanoag people and European colonists came together.

How To Talk To Your Dog/Cat by Jean Craighead George
Learn how dogs and cats communicate with people through their behavior and sounds, and how to talk back to them using sounds, behavior, and body language.

Sex is a Funny Word by Cory Silverberg
An nonfiction comic book that includes information for ages 8 and up on bodies, gender, and sexuality. Features children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender identities.

The Great White Shark Scientist by Sy Montgomery
Dauntless scientists study great white sharks of the North Atlantic and protect them from harm from humans who misunderstand the species.

Mosque by David Macaulay
Stunning, detailed illustrations reveal the methods and materials used to construct a mosque in late sixteenth-century Turkey.

Kids On Strike
by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Horrible conditions and treatment drove working American children to strike, from the mill workers' strike in 1834 to the coal strikes in 1897, 1900, and 1902, to Mother Jones's 125-mile “Children's Crusade” march in 1903.
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander
Twenty writers pay tribute to poets from around the world, from Nikki Giovanni to Billy Collins to Pablo Neruda.

Echo, Echo by Marilyn Singer
Reverso poems tell the stories of familiar Greek myths; when read in reverse, the poems reveal a new point of view.

Are You An Echo? by Misuzu Kaneko
In early-1900s Japan, Misuzu Kaneko grew from precocious bookworm to instantly-beloved children’s poet. But her life ended prematurely, and Misuzu’s work was forgotten. Decades later, her poems have been rediscovered.

From the Bellybutton of the Moon / Del Ombligo de la Luna
by Francisco X. Alarcon
A collection of poems celebrates the writer’s childhood memories of summers, Mexico, nature, and more.

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
A collection of poems celebrates the characteristics, antics, and joys of a variety of insects.

Freedom Over Me by Ashley Bryan
Draws on original slave auction and plantation estate documents to contrast the monetary value of an enslaved person with the priceless value of the life experiences and dreams that a slaver could not take away.

Seeds, Bees, Butterflies and More!
by Carol Gerber
A treasury of two-voice poems starring seeds, bees and other small creatures in unusual conversations.

Thunder Underground
by Jane Yolen
A collection of poems explores the wonders of the underground world, from animal burrows and subways to caves and magma.

Math Curse and Science Verse
by Jon Scieszka
A student’s worldview shifts, causing panic and anxiety, when a teacher explains that math and science are everywhere.
Probuditi! by Chris Van Allsburg
Calvin pranks his little sister by hypnotizing her, but the joke is on him when he is unable to snap her out of it...

Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan
Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, but she may have a chance to get back at her...

Fiction Picture Books

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote by Duncan Tonatiuh
When Papa Rabbit does not return home as expected from many seasons of working in the great carrot and lettuce fields of El Norte, his son Pancho sets out on a dangerous trek to find him, guided by a coyote.

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin by Chieri Uegaki
Hana has signed up to play the violin at her school's talent show, but she's had only three lessons. Will she survive the night of the show?

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach
When a sandwich goes missing, all logical signs point to a bear as the culprit. Is there more to the story?

Crossing Bok Chitto by Tim Tingle
In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with an enslaved boy from a plantation across the great river; when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.

Frank and Lucky Get Schooled by Lynne Rae Perkins
A boy and his dog learn about each other, go to school to learn more, then explore the world around them as they study science, geography and more.

The Girl With the Parrot On Her Head by Daisy Hirst
When her best friend moves away, Isabel decides it's better to be by herself. Will a new friend be able to help her feel better?

Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook by Anne Vittur Kennedy
Follow Ragweed's handy tips to get the maximum number of biscuits and become the best farm dog ever.
George by Alex Gino
George really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte in the class play of Charlotte’s Web. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. But George knows she’s a girl.

The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley
After Elvin's grandfather is attacked, Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin band together to find out who is responsible, a search that leads them into conflict with a politician with plans to turn Harlem into an amusement park.

The Handbook For Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell
Princess Matilda, whose lame foot brings fear of the evil eye, escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her servant Judith and an old friend, Parz, in hunting dragons and writing about them.

Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth
When his mother takes in a twelve-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the new boy.

This Would Make a Good Story Someday by Dana Alison Levy
Hilarious stories of 7-year-old Julian and the trouble he and his younger brother Huey constantly find themselves in.

HiLo: The Boy Who Crashed To Earth by Judd Winick
When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world.

First Light by Rebecca Stead
When Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father’s research, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never imagined possible.

Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up by Melissa Thomson
In her diary, Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.