

CPS 2016 Summer Reading Elementary Suggestions

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Award Winners



RI Children's Book Award

Every year Rhode Island students in grades 3-6 vote on a favorite book from a preselected list of twenty books. Young readers will surely enjoy any past RICBA winner or current nominee. Students who read three or more of the 2017 nominees will be eligible to vote for the next winner. The 2017 Nominees list is available at the Cranston Public Library.

ALA Award Winners

Every year the American Library Association presents several awards for outstanding fiction and nonfiction books for young readers. Any winner, past or present, is highly recommended.

[Caldecott Medal](#): *The Best Picture Books*

[Theodore Seuss Geisel Award](#): *The Best Early Readers*

[John Newbery Medal](#): *The Best American Literature for Children*

[Coretta Scott King Award](#): *The Best African-American Book*

[Pura Belpré Award](#): *The Best Latino Author*

[Sibert Informational Medal](#): *The Best Informational Book*

Graphic Novels

Graphic novels combine text and pictures in a comic format to tell a story. This genre offers appealing reading options to reluctant and advanced readers alike.



Recently Honored

2016-2017 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature: Gene Luen Yang

Kids Reading Across Rhode Island 2016: *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

RI Children's Book Award 2016 Winner: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

Recommended Graphic Novel Reading Lists

[ALSC Graphic Novels for Grades K-2](#)

[ALSC Graphic Novels for Grades 3-5](#)

CPL Graphic Novels Reading Lists [K-2](#) & [3-5](#)

K-2 Series

Babymouse by Jennifer L. Holm
Bean Dog and Nugget by Charise Mericle Harper
Benny & Penny by Geoffrey Hayes
Benjamin Bear by Philippe Coudray
Binky Adventures by Ashley Spires
The Flying Beaver Brothers by Maxwell Eaton III
Pet Shop Private Eye by Colleen A.F. Venable
Squish by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

3-5 Series

Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi
Bigfoot Boy By J. Torres
Bird & Squirrel by James Burks
Cleopatra in Space by Mike Mithack
Lunch Lady by Jarrett Krosoczka
The Olympians by George O'Connor
Sardine in Outer Space by Emmanuel Guibert
Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

Spectacular Series

Reading multiple books in a series provides students with a sense of accomplishment and the momentum to read more. The familiarity of characters and plot reinforces reading skills and comprehension.

Series for Primary Grades

Andy Shane *by Jennifer Jacobson*
Clementine *by Sara Pennypacker*
Elephant and Piggie *by Mo Willems*
Fly Guy *by Tedd Arnold*
Frog and Toad *by Arnold Lobel*
Geronimo Stilton *by Geronimo Stilton*
Gooney Bird Greene *by Lois Lowry*
Horrible Harry *by Suzy Kline*
Iris and Walter *by Elissa Guest*
Ivy and Bean *by Annie Barrows*
Magic Tree House *by Mary Pope Osborne*
Minnie and Moo *by Denys Cazet*
Nate the Great *by Marjorie Sharmat*
Ready, Freddy! *by Abby Klein*

Series for Intermediate Grades

The 39 Clues *by Various Authors*
A – Z Mysteries *by Ron Roy*
Dear America *by Various Authors*
Diamond Brothers Mysteries *by Anthony Horowitz*
Goddess Girls and Heroes in Training *by Joan Holub*
I Survived ... *by Lauren Tarshis*
Judy Moody or Stink *by Megan McDonald*
Just Grace *by Charise Harper*
My Name is America *by Various Authors*
N.E.R.D.S. *by Michael Buckley*
A Series of Unfortunate Events *by Lemony Snicket*
The Sisters Grimm *by Michael Buckley*
The Spiderwick Chronicles *by Tony DiTerlizzi*
Scientists in the Field♦ *by Various Authors*
Spirit Animals *by Various Authors*
The Underland Chronicles *by Suzanne Collins*
Who Was...? Series♦ *by Various Authors*

Awesome Authors

From time-honored classics to current day sensations, books written by these authors entice children into the world of reading.

Authors for Primary Grades

Jim Arnosky♦	Kevin Henkes
Mac Barnett	Steve Jenkins/Robin Page♦
Jan Brett	Ezra Jack Keats
Monica Brown	Grace Lin
Peter Brown	Leo Lionni
Eve Bunting	Patricia McKissack
Eric Carle	Robert Munsch
Lauren Child	Jerry Pinkney
Doreen Cronin	Christopher Raschka
Tomie DePaola	Cynthia Rylant
Ame Dyckman	David Shannon
Lois Ehlert	Bob Shea
Ian Falconer	Chris Van Allsburg
Denise Fleming	David Wiesner
Gail Gibbons♦	Mo Willems

Authors for Intermediate Grades

William Alexander	Gordon Korman
Avi	Gail Carson Levine
John Bellairs	Mike Lupica
Nic Bishop♦	David Macauley♦
Holly Black	Kate Messner
Judy Blume	Rick Riordan
Andrew Clements	Emily Rodda
Audrey Couloumbis	Pam Munoz Ryan
Sharon Creech	Louis Sachar
Kate DiCamillo	Seymour Simon♦
Jack Gantos	Jerry Spinelli
Patricia Reilly Giff	Eileen Spinelli
Lisa Graff	Rebecca Stead
Tim Green	Tui Sutherland
Dan Gutman	Janet Tashjian
Mary Downing Hahn	Deborah Wiles
Carl Hiaasen	Jonah Winters♦
Kate Klise	Wendelin Van Draanen

♦ These nonfiction authors provide excellent, kid-friendly readings of informational text.