

# Summer Reading 2025

Summer is the perfect time to dive into a great new book! Below is a selection of books and series that are popular among our incoming 4th-5th grade students, organized by reading level. Parents can take time to make reading fun by organizing a reading challenge or reading “camp out” (with a fort and snacks!), or encouraging reading in fun new places like in a hammock or under a tree. Local libraries will often organize summer programs with prizes for reading as well!

-Mrs. Barkley, Library Media Specialist

Book Title	Lexile Range	Author	Description
Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot series	40-295	Dav Pilkey	From the author of Captain Underpants and Dog Man
Creepy Tales series (Creepy Crayon & Creepy Carrot)	170-545	Aaron Reynolds	Great for younger students who are fans of scary movies!
Zita the Spacegirl series	170-545	Ben Hatke	Graphic novel for fans of adventure and space travel
Drama	170-545	Raina Telgemeier	Middle schooler Callie wants to perform in her school’s musical
Mercy Watson series	170-545	Kate DiCamillo	Tales of fictional pig
New Kid series	170-545	Jerry Craft	A graphic novel series about trying to fit in at a new school
Smile/Sisters	170-545	Raina Telgemeier	Graphic novels about family and siblings
Ivy + Bean series	170-545	Annie Barrows	Tales of two friends with very different personalities
Nat Enough series	170-545	Maria Scrivan	A graphic novel series about a girl trying to gain confidence in her abilities
Baby-Sitters Club graphic novels	415-760	Various	Updated take on the classics!
HiLo series	415-760	Judd Winick	Adventure-filled graphic novels

Diary of a Pug series	415-760	Kyla May	Chapter books for newly independent readers
Ferris	415-760	Kate DiCamillo	The new book from the author of <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>
Who Would Win? series	415-760	Jerry Pallotta	Nonfiction books comparing animals' strengths
Beasts of Olympus series	635-960	Lucy Coats	Set in magical ancient Greece
Last Kids on Earth series	635-960	Max Brallier	Zombie adventures!
Lily to the Rescue series	635-960	W. Bruce Cameron	Tales of a rescue dog who rescues other animals
I Survived series	635-960	Lauren Tarshis	Exciting and engrossing historical fiction!
Out of My Heart/Out of My Mind	635-960	Sharon Draper	The story of a girl with cerebral palsy
Stuntboy, In the Meantime	635-960	Jason Reynolds	A great choice for students just getting into chapter books!
Total Mayhem series	635-960	Ralph Lazar	Funny, quick reads
Who Is/Was...? Series	635-960	Various	From Taylor Swift to Alexander Hamilton, these biographies teach kids about famous figures of the past and present
Dragons in a Bag series	770-1035	Zetta Elliott	A boy and his friends are tasked with making a very special delivery
The One and Only series (Ivan, Ruby, Bob, Family)	770-1035	Katherine Applegate	A series of books about circus animals, told from the animals' perspective
Warriors series	770-1035	Erin Hunter	A chapter book series (that has also been adapted into graphic novels) about warring tribes of feral cats