

## How to Choose a Good Book

1. Find a book that is interesting. Search by genre, subject, reading level, and recommendation. Visit the summer reading website for online search tools.
2. Use the 5 Finger Rule to help identify a good fit! Open your book to any page and read the words on the page. Count the number of words you do not know on your fingers. If you hold up four or five fingers the book might be too difficult.
3. If you found a "just right" book, take it for a test drive and read a few pages or even a chapter.

## Where can I find books?

- Worcester Public Library
- Libby and Lily Mobile Libraries
- Borrow and take suggestions from friends!
- Summer Programs
- Bookstores such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon
- Goodwill and Salvation Army
- E-Books
- Digital Books

## Summer Reading Requirement for Grades 1 and 2:

- Read at least 5 Books each week
- Reading Log

Visit the summer reading website for more information!

<https://sites.google.com/worcesterschools.net/summerreading>

It is important to take time to talk with your children about what they are reading. Help them develop strong reading habits and skills by using some of these questions and conversation starters:

"I like...."

"This reminds me of...."

"I wonder...."

"This makes me think about...."

**What was the most exciting part of the book?**

**Who is your favorite character and why?**

**What surprised you the most about the story?**

**How is this book like one you've read before?**

## The Super 7 Effective Reading Habits

**Make Connections:** When I read I think "That reminds me of..."

**Create Images:** When I read "I picture in my mind..."

**Infer:** Even though it isn't said in the text, when I read "I know..." "I think..." or "I am guessing that..." or "I predict..."

**Monitor for Meaning:** When I get confused when I read "I can..." and "Let me review what I know..."

**Determine Importance:** When I read "I know the detail I just read is important because..."

**Synthesize:** When I read I notice things are connected and "I know this is a big idea because..." or "Aha..."

**Questioning:** When I read I ask myself questions about the book such as "I wonder why..." or "I am curious about..."



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# Summer Reading



For Students Entering  
Grades 1 and 2

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer reading is an exciting opportunity for students to enjoy good books. When children read books with their parents/guardians they build new language skills, knowledge, and experiences. The Worcester Public Schools summer reading program includes a suggested reading list. Please encourage your child to explore different types of books and to read for at least 20 minutes each day. Students should submit their summer reading assignments to their teacher when school opens.

Please visit the WPS summer reading website for additional information! You can also download copies of all summer reading materials. Reading together this summer helps set the stage for future success in schooling. We appreciate your support!

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Happy Reading!

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Superintendent of Schools

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### **Picture Books (Books and Authors)**

Crow Call by Lowry  
Dog Magic by Golembe  
Doctor De Soto by Steig  
Extra Yam by Barnett  
Grandfather's Journey by Say  
How I Learned Geography by Shulevitz  
Interrupting Chicken by Stein  
My Rows and Piles of Coins by Mollel  
Owl Moon by Yolen  
The Curious Garden by Brown  
The Great Kapok Tree by Cherry  
The Lorax by Seuss  
The Man who Walked Between the Towers by Gerstein  
The Serpent Came to Gloucester by Anderson  
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Moss  
Aliki  
Anno, Mitsumasa  
Arnosky, Jim  
Baker, Keith  
Barton, Byron  
Cole, Joanna  
Crews, Donald  
De Paola, Tomie  
Dorros, Arthur  
Dotlich, Rebecca Kai  
Ehlert, Lois  
Falwell, Cathryn  
Fleming, Denise  
Gibbons, Gail  
Heller, Ruth  
Hoban, Tana  
House, Hanna  
Hutchins, Pat  
Jordan, Helene  
Maas, Robert  
McGovern, Ann  
Micklethwaite, Lucy  
Morris, Ann  
Murphy, Stuart  
Pallotta, Jerry  
Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth  
Walsh, Ellen  
Weeks, Sarah  
Yolen, Jane

### **Beginning to Read Books**

Amanda Pig by Van Leeuwen  
Elephant and Piggie (series) by Willems  
Flat Stanley by Haskins  
Frog and Friends (series) by Bunting  
Jon Scieszka's Trucktown (series) by Rylant  
Pinkalicious (series) by Kann

### **Rhymes (Books and Authors)**

Around the World by Benjamin  
Here Comes Mother Goose by Opie  
The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Crews  
Three Little Kittens by Pinkney  
Truckery Rhymes by Scieszka  
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Hoberman  
Alborough, Jez  
Baker, Keith  
Bernard Westcott, Nadine  
De Paola, Tomie  
Emberly, Barbara  
Geisel, Theodor (Dr. Seuss)  
Hoberman, Mary Ann  
Keats, Ezra Jack  
Lobel, Arnold  
Muller, Robin  
Neitzel, Shirley  
Shaw, Nancy  
Yolen, Jane

### **Fairy Tales / Folk Tales (Books and Authors)**

Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp by Carrick;  
Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale by McDermott  
Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave by Mayer  
Fables by Lobel  
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Willems  
Rapunzel by Zelinsky  
Saint George and the Dragon by Hodges  
The Magic Gourd by Diakite  
The Snow Queen by Ehrlich  
Brett, Jan  
Brown, Marcia  
Dayrell, Elphinstone  
De Paola, Tomie  
Harper, Wilhelmina  
Kellogg, Steven  
McDermott, Gerald  
Mosel, Arlene  
Polacco, Patricia  
Ringgold, Faith  
Yolen, Jane

### **Informational Text**

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek by Hokinson  
About Space by Carson  
An Island Grows by Schaefer  
Astronaut Handbook by McCarthy  
Biblioburro, a True Story from Columbia by Winter  
Bird Talk by Judge  
Coral Reefs by Chin  
From Seed to Plant by Gibbons  
I Fall Down by Cobb  
Penguins by Simon  
Seeing Symmetry by Leedy  
Tornadoes by Gibbons  
The Beetle Book by Jenkins  
Underground by Evans

### **Poetry (Books and Authors)**

Dear Hot Dog by Gerstein  
Good Sports by Prelutsky  
Here's a Little Poem by Yolen  
In the Wild by Elliot  
Kids' Funniest Knock-Knocks by Keller  
My People by Hughes  
Poetrees by Florian  
Ahlberg, Jane & Allen  
Bernard Westcott, Nadine  
Bunting, Eve  
Calmenson, Stephanie  
Christelow, Eileen  
Cole, Joanna  
Cooper, Kay  
De Regniers, Beatrice  
Facklam, Margery  
Lee, Dennis  
Martin Jr, Bill  
Prelutsky, Jack  
Raffi  
Silverstein, Shel  
Siomades, Lorianne  
Trapani, Iza

### **Chapter Books (Books and Authors)**

A to Z Mysteries (series) Roy  
Alvin Ho (series) by Look  
Ballpark Mysteries (series) by Kelly  
Clementine (series) by Pennypacker  
Ivy and Bean (series) by Barrows  
Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Viorst  
Mercy Watson (series) by DiCamillo  
Nancy Clancy (series) O'Connor  
Stink (series) by McDonald  
Adler, David  
Brown, Marc  
Cleary, Beverly  
Dadey, Debbie & Thornton  
Jones, Marcia  
Minarik, Else Holmelund  
Lobel, Arnold  
Parish, Peggy  
Park, Barbara  
Rylant, Cynthia  
Paterson, John  
Osborne, Mary Pope  
Roy, Ron  
Stiles Gannett, Ruth  
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman