



North Andover Public Schools  
In collaboration with the  
Stevens Memorial Library



**Recommended Summer Reading List 2017  
For Students Entering Grades K-5**

*The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read,  
and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. - Neil Gaiman*

Dear Parents,

Let's be active readers this summer as we team up with the public library for our Summer Reading Theme, **"Build A Better World"**! This summer, our focus will be on using our minds and our bodies to build things - things like friendships, feats of engineering, and above all, our reading levels. When kids don't read over the summer, they are more likely to fall behind the following year. Research has shown that by the end of 5th grade, some children who do not read over the summer are nearly three years behind their peers in reading skills, compared to those who participate in summer reading. Here are some ways you can help your child grow as a reader:

- Read to, or with, your child. We're never too old for read alouds!
- Share picture books - they're for everybody! Create stories together with wordless picture books.
- Give your child the opportunity to make their own book selections - any and all reading is *good*!
- Show your child that you value reading by letting them see you read books you enjoy.
- Nonfiction books (including biographies) are interesting, informative, and an important part of our State Standards.
- Audiobooks are great for long car trips, or for listening to around the house. Listening is an important step to becoming a lifelong and fluent reader.
- Encourage your child to read for **at least 20 minutes a day**. This could be broken up into smaller sittings throughout the day. More reading = better reader = school success!
- Get your child a public library card if they don't already have one - it's free!
- Go to the **Stevens Memorial Library** for lots of summer reading activities and programs.

In addition to individual titles listed under our summer theme, we have shared the list of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominees for this year. The Stevens Memorial Library, as well as other libraries in the MVLC system, own many of these titles. Additional reading resources such as book lists, websites, tips for reluctant readers, and reading incentive programs can be found at the Stevens Memorial Library website here: [www.stevensmemlib.org](http://www.stevensmemlib.org).

**The following books are just suggestions! There are NO specific required titles for kids to read. Feel free to choose appropriate books for your unique reader. When deciding on books, have your child read a page out loud to see if it's a good fit. If he/she struggles with more than a few words, it's probably too difficult and may be a better choice for a read-aloud.**

At the start of the 2017-2018 school year, we will be celebrating our summer reading across the district with a **building competition!** Sign up for the summer reading challenge at the Stevens Memorial Library and track how many minutes your child reads. Each 20 minute block will equal one "brick" - at the end of the summer, the Stevens Library will tell us how many "bricks" each child should get, and during library time we'll put all the bricks together to make something amazing to display in the schools!

Ok, North Andover, are you ready? Let's build a better world and READ!

**2016/2017 Children’s Book Award Winners**

Feel free to chose ANY award-winning titles for summer reading!

**John Newbery Medal** – *The Girl who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

**Newbery Honor Books** – *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life* by Ashley Bryan; *The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz; *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

**Highlighted Newbery Winner** – *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo (Grade 4)

**Randolph Caldecott Medal** – *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe (K-2)

**MCBA List 2016–2017**

*This list is primarily for grades 3-5, but many titles would be ideal for family sharing!*

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| <p>Avi. (2012). <i>Sophia’s War: A Tale of the Revolution</i>.<br/>         Bell, C. (2014). <i>El Deafo</i>.<br/>         Barnhill, K. (2014). <i>The Witch’s Boy</i>.<br/>         Blakemore, M. F. (2013). <i>The Water Castle</i>.<br/>         Bowen, F. (2015). <i>Out of Bounds</i>.<br/>         Butler, D. H. (2012). <i>The Buddy Files: The Case of the School Ghost</i>.<br/>         Chambliss Bertman, J. (2015). <i>Book Scavenger</i>.<br/>         Ellis, D. (2011). <i>No Ordinary Day</i>.<br/>         Farber, E.S. (2013). <i>Fish Finelli Book 1: Seagulls Don’t Eat Pickles</i>.<br/>         Gibbs, S. (2014). <i>Poached</i>.<br/>         Graff, L. (2014). <i>Absolutely Almost</i>.<br/>         Herrick, A. (2013). <i>The Time Fetch</i>.<br/>         Holm, J. L. (2014). <i>The Fourteenth Goldfish</i>.<br/>         Holub, J. (2012). <i>Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training)</i>.</p> | <p>Jones, K. (2015). <i>Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer</i>.<br/>         Kurtz, C. (2013). <i>The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A novel of snow and courage</i>.<br/>         Lendle, I. (2015). <i>The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue Presents Romeo and Juliet</i>.<br/>         Lerangis, P. (2013). <i>Seven Wonders Book 1: The Colossus Rises</i>.<br/>         Littlewood, K. (2012). <i>Bliss</i>.<br/>         Lloyd, N. (2014). <i>A Snicker of Magic</i>.<br/>         Martin, L, &amp; Martin, V. (2013). <i>Anton and Cecil, Book 1: Cats at Sea</i>.<br/>         Schanen, A. B. (2014). <i>Quinny and Hopper</i>.<br/>         Tarshis, L. (2015). <i>I Survived: The Great Chicago Fire, 1871</i>.<br/>         Watson, J. (2014). <i>Loot: How to Steal a Fortune</i>.<br/>         Wright, T. (2013). <i>Mystery on Pine Lake: Cooper and Packrat</i>.</p> |
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**Theme Books**

These are books that go along with our Summer Reading theme, “Build a Better World!”

***Please don’t limit yourself to just these books – any books about building & discovering are great!***

Picture Books	Fiction Chapter Books	Nonfiction
<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beatty	<i>Navigating Early</i> by Clare Vanderpool	<i>How Did They Build That Bridge?</i> By Vicky Franchino
<i>Papa’s Mechanical Fish</i> by Candace Fleming	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> by Norman Juster	<i>The Usborne Book of Paper Engineering</i> by Fiona Watt
<i>Lemonade in Winter</i> by Emily Jenkins	<i>The Lemonade War</i> by Jacqueline Davies	<i>Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Birut Galdikas</i> by Jim Ottaviani
<i>Awesome Dawson</i> by Chris Gall	<i>Counting by 7s</i> by Holly Sloan	<i>What’s Inside?</i> by Giles Laroche
<i>The Most Magnificent Thing</i> by Ashley Spires	<i>Frank Einstein</i> by Jon Scieszka	<i>Build It: World Landmarks</i> by Jennifer Kemmeter

## Accessing Library Resources Over the Summer

If you would like to access our library resources, such as Britannica and NoveList, over the summer, please follow these instructions!

1. Go to [www.northandoverpublicschools.com](http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com).
2. Hover your mouse over “Departments” and select “Technology”.
3. On the left-hand side of the page, select “Library”.
4. Then, select “Elementary Libraries” on the left-hand side of the page.
5. Click on the link on the left-hand side marked “Student Bookmarks” - this will take you to the bookmarks page that students access when they log in to the Chromebooks in school.

### NAPS Elementary Bookmarks



Grades K-1 | Grades 2-3 | Grades 4-5