WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-3RD GRADE SUMMER 2026 READING LIST

HISTORICAL FICTION

I Survived (series) by Tarshis, Lauren
Girls Survived series by Rogers, Andrea
Alan Gratz books
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series by Hale, N
Ranger in Time series by Messner, Kate
Magic Tree House series by Osborne, Mary Pope

REALISTIC FICTION

The Academy series by Layton, T.Z.
How to Win a Slime War by Respicio, Mae
A Boy Called Bat series by Arnold, Elana
Save Me A Seat by Weeks, Sarah

HUMOROUS FICTION

The Wild Life series by Bunting, Philip & Laura
How To Win A Slime War by Respicio, Mae
Demon Dentist by Walliams, David
Meet the Dullards by Pennypacker, Sara
Once Upon A Tim series by Gibbs, Stuart
Ice Cream Machine by Rubin, Adam
Treehouse series by Griffiths, Andy
Ivan & Friends series by Applegate, K

FANTASY

Dragons in a Bag series by Elliott, Zetta
Jack and the Geniuses series by Nye, Bill
Upside Down Magic series by Mylnowski, S
Percy Jackson series by Riordan, Rick
Unwanteds series by McMann, Lisa
The Last Kids on Earth series by Brallier, Max
The Wild Robot series by Brown, Peter
Warriors Series by Hunter, Erin

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Investigators series by Green, John Patrick
Pizza and Taco series by Shaskan, Stephen
Baloney and Friends series by Pizzoli, Greg
Narwhal & Jelly series by Clanton, Ben
Magic Tree House graphic series by Osborne, M
Allergic by Lloyd, Megan Wagner
The Bad Guys series by Blabey, Aaron
I Survived graphic series by Lauren Tarshis

MYSTERY

Friday Barnes series by Spratt, R.A.
Finally, Something Mysterious by Cornett, Doug
The Sinister Summer series by White, Kiersten
Greetings from Somewhere series by Paris, H
Ballpark Mysteries series by Kelly, David
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series by Hunt, E
Eerie Elementary series by Chabert, Jack
A to Z Mysteries series by Roy, Ron
City Spies series by Ponti, James
The Sherlock Society by Ponti, James
Funjungle series by Gibbs, Stuart
Spy School series by Gibbs, Stuart
Hilde Cracks the Case Series by Lysiak, Hilde
The Zac and Zoe Mysteries by Lupica, Mike
National Park Mystery Series by Johnson, Aaron
The Violet Veil Mysteries Series by Cleverly, Sophie

BIOGRAPHY

Ordinary People Change the World series by Meltzer
Kid Legends series by Stabler & Stevenson
Wait? What! Series by Gutman, Dan
Dumpling Dreams: How Joyce Chen Brought the Dumpling from Beijing to Cambridge by Clickard & Wu
Little People, Big Dreams series by Vegara, Maria
Who is? Who Was? Who Are? I Am…… Series

NONFICTION

Tiny Habitat series by Hevron, Amy
The High Line: A Park to Look Up To by Tentler-Krylov
When Moon Became the Moon by Hodgson, Rob
When Cloud Became A Cloud by Hodgson, Rob
The Bone Wars: The True Story of an Epic Battle to Find Dinosaur Fossils by Kurtz and Vidal
What If You Had Animal …. Series by Markle, S
Over and Under series by Messner, Kate
Where Was ...series
What Was….series
Who Would Win? Series by Jerry Pallotta

EASY READERS

Unicorn Diaries series by Elliott, Rebecca
Starla Jean series by Arnold, Elana K.
Katie Woo series by Manushkin, Fran
Diary of A Pug series by May, Kyla
Cece Loves Science series by Derting, K
Elephant and Piggie by Willems, Mo
Bink and Gollie by DiCamillo, Kate
Ling and Ting by Lin, Grace
Pete the Cat series by Dean, James
Fox & Rabbit series by Ferry, Beth
A Jack Book series by Barnett, M and Pizzoli, G

BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

Tales From Deckawoo Drive series & Mercy Watson series by DiCamillo, Kate
Orris and Timble series by DiCamillo, Kate
Unlimited Squirrels series by Willems, Mo
Diary of a Pug by May, Kyla
Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol series by Miedoso, Andres
Questioneers chapter series by Beaty, Andrea
Mindy Kim series by Lee, Lyla
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda

Henry Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda
Dory Fantasmagory series by Hanlon, Abby
Owl Diaries series by Elliot, Rebecca
Dragon masters series by West, Tracey
Ivy & Bean series by Barrows, Annie
Princess in Black series by Hale, Shannon and Dean
Roscoe Riley Rules series by Applegate, Katherine
Meet Yasmin series by Faruqi, Saadia
Lola Levine series by Brown, Monica
Dory Fantasmagory series by Hanlon, Abby

PICTURE BOOKS

The Future Book by Barnett, Mac
Odder: An Otter's Story by Applegate, Katherine
Something's Wrong, Nothing's Wrong, Everything's Wrong by John, Jory
The Wild Guide to Starting School by Bunting, Philip and Laura
If I Built A… series by Van Dusen, Chris
The Questioneers series by Beaty, A and Roberts, D
The Grand Hotel of Feelings by Brankovic, Lidia
Amy Wu series by Zhang, Kat
Dragons Love Tacos series by Rubin, Adam
Ramen for Everyone by Tanumihardja, Patricia

Visiting authors at Weston Public Schools

The following authors presented educational programs in our elementary schools during the 2025-26 school year. Ask your student about the authors and check out their selection of books:

1. **Chris Van Dusen** 9/30/2025 - 2 presentations at Country and Woodland Schools for all 1st & 2nd Grade students. Chris Van Dusen is an author and illustrator of the *Mr. Magee* series and the *If I Built*…. Series. Chris joined us on the day of his book launch for If I Built A Town.
2. **Lauren Tarshis** 11/17/2025 - 3 presentations at Field School for all 5th Grade students. Lauren is the author of the *I Survived*… series.
3. **Caroline Carlson** 12/11/2025 - 4 workshops and a whole grade presentation to all 4th Grade students, including discussion about motivation for reading, recommended authors and the writing process.
4. **Carmen Oliver** 3/3/2026 - 3 presentations at Country and Woodland schools for all 3rd Grade students. Carmen is the author of the picture book biography *Building an Orchestra of Hope: How Favio Chavez Taught Children to Make Music From Trash.*
5. **Josh Funk** 4/7/2026 **-** A presentation at Country and Woodland schools to all Kindergarten students. Josh is a New England native and a computer engineer. He is the author of the *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast* series, and the *How to Code* series.
6. **Loree Griffin Burns** 4/16/2026 - 4 presentations to all 2nd Grade students from an award-winning scientist and non-fiction author.
7. **Heather Lang** 5/5/2026 - 4 presentations to all 1st Grade students. Heather shared the research process behind her nonfiction animal series: *Supermoms, Superdads* and *Supersquads* and introduced students to their Science unit on animal families.

Summer Reading Programs

Weston Public Library:

https://www.minlib.net/ecard Register for a library card to check out books and access ebooks and audiobooks. The theme is "Plant A Seed: Read!". All Weston residents and WPS students are eligible to join WPL. Registration opens June 15th. Track the books you've read through the online reading log and complete challenges to win extra prizes!

Boston Public Library:

https://www.bpl.org/get-a-library-card/ Register for a library card with a parent's photo ID and proof of address. All MA residents are eligible to join BPL. The theme for Summer reading is " Unearth A Story" and kids will play BPL Bingo. Registration opens June 1st, online & in person at all branches of BPL. Prizes included new book giveaways at each branch!