

# Belmont Public Schools & Belmont Public Library

## SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS 2026

**GRADES  
K-1**

The Summer Reading Lists are a joint project of the Belmont Public Schools and the Belmont Public Library. They are designed to encourage students in Belmont to make reading a habit, raising both their interest in and level of reading. These books and works from authors are available to view in print and as e-books and e-audio books that can be borrowed free of charge from the Belmont Public Library's collections in Libby and in Hoopla.

These titles reflect only a fraction of the 30,000+ titles in our children's collection. Please contact our library staff in person or online for individualized recommendations for your child and family.

**Be sure to sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program starting in late June.  
The theme this year is Plant a Seed, Read!**



**These authors listed below have written and illustrated many wonderful picture books!**

### **FAVORITE PICTURE BOOK AUTHORS**

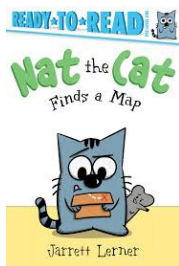
Atinuke  
Mac Barnett  
Sophie Blackall  
Jan Brett  
Andrea Beaty  
Henry Cole  
Matt de la Peña  
Tomie dePaola  
The Fan Brothers  
Beth Ferry  
Kevin Henkes

Molly Idle  
Oliver Jeffers  
Jory John  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Grace Lin  
Carole Lindstrom  
Leo Lionni  
Kyle Lukoff  
Kyo Maclear  
Oge Mora  
LeUyen Pham

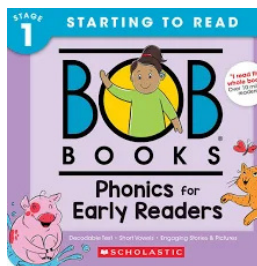
Greg Pizzoli  
The Pumphrey Brothers  
Faith Ringold  
Dan Santat  
David Shannon  
Britta Teckentrup  
Karma Wilson  
Mo Willems  
Jacqueline Woodson  
Salina Yoon  
Hyewon Yum

We recommend these books for readers who are just starting to learn how to read!

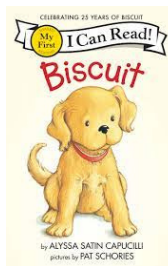
## JUST BEGINNING? START HERE!



Nat the Cat



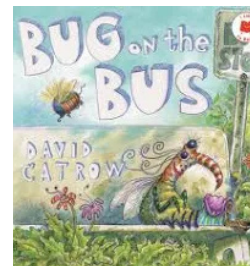
BOB Books



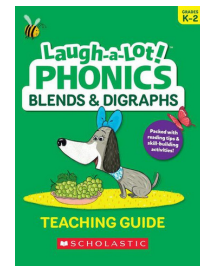
Biscuit



Flip-a-Word

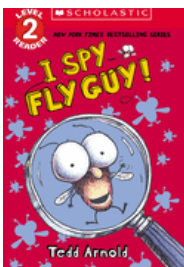


I Like to Read series

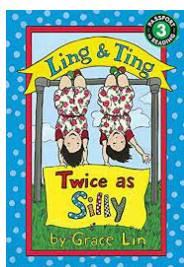


Laugh-a-Lot Phonics series

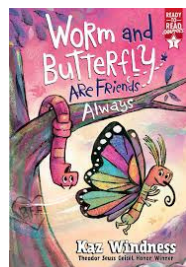
## CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH MORE WORDS HERE!



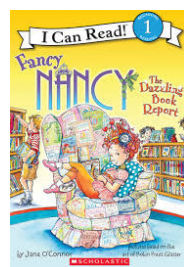
Fly Guy



Ling & Ting



Ready to Read Graphics series



Fancy Nancy



I Can Read Comics series

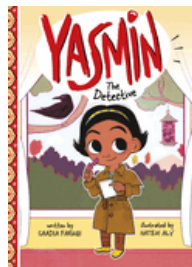


Storytelling Math series

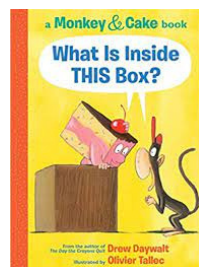
## YOU'RE ALMOST READY FOR CHAPTER BOOKS!



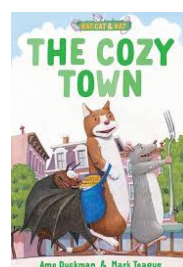
Mo Jackson



Yasmin



Monkey & Cake



Bat, Cat & Rat



GiGi and Ojiji



Sumaya Solves It series

## LOOKING FOR MORE? REVISIT SOME FAVORITES!

Adler, David: *Mo Jackson*^ & *Young Cam Jansen*^

Allen, Kari: *Maddie and Mabel*^

Barnett, Mac: *Jack Books*^

Butler, Dori Hillestad: *King & Kayla*^

Curry, Parker: *Parker*^

Derting, Kimberly: *Loves Science*^

Dunrea, Olivier: *Jasper & Joop* & others

Faruqi, Saadia: *Yasmin*^, *Ali the Great*^

George, Kallie: *Dot the Ladybug*^

Henkes, Kevin: *Penny*^

Lobel, Arnold: *Frog and Toad*^

Lyons, Kelly Starling: *Ty's Travels*^

Mack, Jeff: *Mr. Monkey*^

Manushkin, Fran: *Katie Woo*^ & *Pedro*^

Medina, Juana: *Elena Rides*^

Minarik, Else: *Little Bear*^

Ruzzier, Sergio: *Fox and Chick*^

Rylant, Cynthia: *Henry and Mudge*^, *Mr. Putter & Tabby*^ & others

Snyder, Laurel: *Charlie & Mouse*^ (Geisel Award)

Tabor, Corey R.: *Fox Catches a Wave*^ (Geisel Award)

Thomas, Jan: *There's a Pest in the Garden* & others

Various: *Elephant and Piggie Like Reading*^

Various: *I Like to Read Comics*^

Virján, Emma J.: *What This Story Needs is a Pig in a Wig*^

Weltner, Krista: *Everyday Adventures with Molly* & dyslexia

Yoon, Salina: *Duck, Duck, Porcupine*^

^= series of books