The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 4 and 5. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too.

Create!

- The Big, Fun Kids Cookbook by Food Network
- The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs by America’s Test Kitchen Kids
- Drawing Cute with Katie Cook by Katie Cook
- Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Inkling by Kenneth Oppel
- Legendary Nonfiction Crafts by Marne Ventura
- Literally: Amazing Words and Where They Come From by Patrick Skipworth
- Maker Lab Outdoors: 25 Super Cool Projects by Jack Chal-loner
- A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Runny Babbit Returns by Shel Silverstein
- Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda Woods

Histories, Mysteries, and Legends

- American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
- Mañanaland by Pam Munoz Ryan
- The McElderry Book of Greek Myths by Eric A. Kimmel
- Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier
- The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- Weird But True! Know-it-all: Greek Mythology by Sarah Wassner Flynn

Fantastical Adventures

- Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
- Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
- Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
- The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
- The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate
- Pax by Sara Pennypaker
- The Secret Zoo (series) by Bryan Chick

Family, Friendship, and Fun

- Ban This Book by Alan Gratz
- Fort by Cynthia DeFelice
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton
- Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring by Angela Cervantes
- Nightmare Escape by Greg Grunberg
- The Song From Somewhere Else by A.F. Harrold
- Two Naomis by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
- You Go First by Erin Entrada Kelly

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**Powerful People**

*Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard  
*Kate Warne: Pinkerton Detective* by Marissa Moss  
*Library on Wheels: Mary Lemist Titcomb and America’s First Bookmobile* by Sharlee Mullins Glenn  
*Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison  
*Rainbow Revolutionaries: 50 LGBTQ+ People Who Made History* by Sarah Prager  
*Stories For Boys Who Dare to be Different: True Tales of Amazing Boys Who Changed the World Without Killing Dragons* by Ben Brooks

**STEM**

*101 Great Science Experiments* by Neil Ardley  
*The Book of Massively Epic Engineering Disasters: 33 Thrilling Experiments Based on History’s Greatest Blunders* by Sean Connolly  
*Cardboard Box Engineering: Cool, Inventive Projects for Tinkerers, Makers & Future Scientists* by Jonathan Adolph  
*How to Be a Math Wizard* by Anne-Marie Imafidon  
*I Love You, Michael Collins* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted  
*Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines* by Sarah Aronson  
*Maker Lab: 28 Super Cool Projects* by Jack Challoner  
*Rocket Science: A Beginner’s Guide to the Fundamentals of Spaceflight* by Andrew Rader  

**Wild Reads**

*Bats: Learning to Fly* by Falynn Koch  
*Extraordinary Birds* by Sandy Stark-McGinnis  
*How To Speak Dolphin* by Ginny Rorby  
*Migration: Incredible Animal Journeys* by Mike Unwin  
*Nightingale’s Nest* by Nikki Loftin  
*Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks  
*Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers* by Celia Perez  
*Two Truths and a Lie: It’s Alive!* by Ammi-Joan Paquette,  
*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones

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