Summer @ Your Library:
Reading Rocks!

Howard County Library System

Book List 2018
Grades 2 - 3

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 2 and 3. 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!

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**Animals Rock**

- **Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band**
  Alexander, Kwame

- **The Bad Guys**
  Blabey, Aaron

- **Barkus**
  MacLachlan, Patricia

- **Digby O'Day and the Great Diamond Robbery**
  Hughes, Shirley & Clara Vulliamy

- **Fergus and Zeke**
  Messner, Kate

- **Maggie and the Wish Fish**
  Baker, E.D.

- **Punk Farm**
  Krosoczka, Jarrett

- **Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers**
  Dougherty, John

- **A True Home (Heartwood Hotel Book 1)**
  George, Kallie

- **Wedgie & Gizmo**
  Selfors, Suzanne

**Awe-inspiring Animals**

- **Bugs From Head to Tail**
  Roderick, Stacey

- **Can an Aardvark Bark?**
  Stewart, Melissa

- **Catching Air: Taking the Leap with Gliding Animals**
  Collard III, Sneed B.

- **Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World**
  Jenkins, Steve

- **Give Bees a Chance**
  Barton, Bethany

- **Hatching Chicks in Room 6**
  Arnold, Caroline

- **If Sharks Disappeared**
  Williams, Lily

- **Journey: Based on the True Story of OR7, The Most Famous Wolf in the West**
  Smith, Emma Bland

- **Living Fossils: Clues to the Past**
  Arnold, Caroline

- **Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero**
  McCormick, Patricia

- **Shell, Beak, Tusk: Shared Traits and the Wonders of Adaptation**
  Heos, Bridget

**Betcha Can't Read Just One (series)**

- **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School & Other Scary Things**
  Look, Lenore

- **Bea Garcia**
  Zemke, Deborah

- **Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen**
  Florence, Debbi Michiko

- **Nikki and Deja**
  English, Karen

- **Ruby Lu**
  Look, Lenore

- **Sofia Martinez**
  Jules, Jacqueline

- **A True Book: The Most Endangered....**
  Marsico, Katie

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Books that Rock

- **Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson**
  Cline-Ransome, Lesa

- **Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music**
  Engle, Margarita

- **Listen: How Pete Seeger Got America Singing**
  Schubert, Leda

- **Moonlight on the Magic Flute**
  Osborne, Mary Pope

- **My Name is Celia**
  Brown, Monica

- **Rap A Tap Tap Here’s Bojangles - Think of That**
  Dillon, Leo & Diane

- **Rock Star**
  Holm, Jennifer L.

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Let’s Make Music

- **Adventures in Sound with Max Axiom, Super Scientist**
  Sohn, Emily

- **The Carnival of the Animals**
  Prelutsky, Jack

- **The Composer is Dead**
  Snicket, Lemony

- **The Science of Music: Discovering Sound**
  Kenney, Karen Latchana

- **Smelly Locker: Silly Dilly School Songs**
  Katz, Alan

- **The Story Orchestra: Four Seasons in One Day**
  Cotton, Katie

- **Ukulele Hayley**
  Cox, Judy

- **The Voice and Singing**
  Storey, Rita

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Monster Mash

- **Apex Predators: The World’s Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present**
  Jenkins, Steve

- **Are They Real? (series)**
  Murray, Laura K.

- **Dragons and Marshmallows**
  Citro, Asia

- **Inspector Flytrap**
  Angleberger, Tom & Bell, Cece

- **Inspector Flytrap The President’s Mane is Missing**
  Angleberger, Tom & Bell, Cece

- **March of the Mini Beasts**
  Hopper, Ada

- **Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere**
  Gravel, Elise

- **What Makes a Monster?**
  Keating, Jess

- **Music Pioneers**
  Before John was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane
  Weatherford, Carole Boston

- **Danza! Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklorico de Mexico**
  Tonatiuh, Duncan

- **Esquivel!: Space-Age Sound Artist**
  Wood, Susan

- **Jubilee! One Man’s Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace**
  Potter, Alicia

- **Just a Lucky So and So: The Story of Louis Armstrong**
  Cline-Ransome, Lesa

- **Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters**
  Mahin, Michael

- **The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & the Invention of the Piano**
  Rusch, Elizabeth

- **Tito Puente: Mambo King**
  Brown, Monica

- **When the Beat Was Born**
  Hill, Laban Carrick

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Rock Your Mind

- **Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion**
  Barton, Chris

- **A Different Pond**
  Phi, Bao

- **Duct Tape Costumes**
  Bernhardt, Carolyn

- **The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in a Can**
  Trent, Tererai Dr.

- **If You Were a Kid Building a Pyramid**
  Schimel, Lawrence

- **Mapping My Day**
  Dillemuth, Julie

- **Out of the Box: 25 Cardboard Engineering Projects for Makers**
  Westing, Jemima

- **Super Simple Origami (series)**
  George, Anna

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Rockin’ Books

- **The 26-Story Treehouse**
  Griffiths, Andy

- **Bird & Squirrel on the Edge**
  Burks, James

- **The Boy Who Was Raised By Librarians**
  Morris, Carla

- **Captain Coconut & the Case of the Missing Bananas: A Number Mystery**
  Ravishankar, Anushka

- **Crash! (The Kid From Planet Z, Book 1)**
  Krulik, Nancy

- **Howard Wallace, P.I.**
  Lyall, Casey

- **Numbed!**
  Lubar, David

- **Overboard! (Survivor Diaries series)**
  Johnson, Terry Lynn

- **The School is Alive!**
  Chabert, Jack

- **Stink and the Attack of the Slime Mold**
  McDonald, Megan

- **Stinky Cecil in Operation Pond Rescue**
  Braddock, Paige

- **Waylon!: One Awesome Thing**
  Pennypacker, Sara

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