

# Paws to Read

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## Summer Reading Program Book List

### Picture Books

#### [Amelia Quiere Un Perro](#)

by Bowley, Tim

#### **JEASY SP BOW**

*Amelia quiere un perro mas su padre dice que los perros ladran demasiado y necesitan muchos cuidados. Amelia sigue pidie?ndo mascotas a su papa? incluyendo a?guilas, caballos, elefantes, ballenas, y otros animales imposibles como mascotas. Amelia wants a dog, but her father says that dogs bark too much and need a lot of care. Amelia keeps on asking her father for pets including eagles, horses, elephants, whales and other animals impossible as pets.*

#### [Animal Masquerade](#)

by Dubuc, Marianne

#### **JEASY DUB**

*A fanciful menagerie of masquerading animals includes an elephant dressed as a parrot, a ladybug in a hippopotamus outfit and a fish whose cat costume causes the others to dub him a "catfish," in a lively story that culminates in a detailed final panorama of all the fancifully dressed party guests.*

#### [Baby Bear Counts One](#)

by Wolff, Ashley

#### **JEASY WOL**

*Before curling up with his mother in their cozy den, Baby Bear counts other animals preparing for winter.*

#### [Bark, George](#)

by Feiffer, Jules

#### **JEASY FEI**

*George's mother is trying to teach him to bark like a dog, but he is making other sounds of other animals even though he is a dog.*

#### [Big Red Barn](#)

by Brown, Margaret

#### **JEASY BRO**

*Rhymed text and illustrations introduce the many different animals that live in the big red barn.*

#### [Count the Monkeys](#)

by Barnett, Mac

#### **JEASY BAR**

*Count all the animals that have frightened the monkeys off the pages.*

#### [Duck on a Bike](#)

by Shannon, David

#### **JEASY SHA**

*A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.  
Also available in Spanish as PATO VA EN BICI.*

[El Tiburoncito](#)

by Dower, Ann

**JEASY SP DOW**

*A shark, still in his egg case, sets out to determine what kind of shark he is.*

[Flora and the Flamingo](#)

by Idle, Molly

**JEASY IDL**

*In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.*

[Gaston](#)

by DiPucchio, Kelly

**JEASY DIP**

*A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.*

[Good Night, Gorilla](#)

by Rathmann, Peggy

**JEASY RAT**

*An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.*

[I Want My Hat Back](#)

by Klassen, Jon

**JEASY KLA**

*A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.*

[I Wish I Had...](#)

by Zoboli, Giovanna

**JEASY ZOB**

*Illustrations and text express a desire for the sharp eyesight of a blackbird, the tail of a lemur, and other animal's strengths.*

[Mr. Tiger Goes Wild](#)

by Brown, Peter

**JEASY BRO**

*Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.*

[Mr. Wuffles!](#)

by Wiesner, David

**JEASY WIE**

*"Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens. When Mr. Wuffles plays rough with the little ship, the aliens must venture into the cat's territory to make emergency repairs"-- Provided by publisher.*

[My First Day](#)

by Jenkins, Steve

**591.392 JEN**

*"Explore some of the fascinating things that animals do on their first day" -- Cover.*

[Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo](#)

by Lithgow, John

**JEASY LIT**

*A concert gets out of hand when the animals at the neighboring zoo storm the stage and play the instruments themselves.*

[Red Hat](#)

by Judge, Lita

**JEASY JUD**

*In this almost wordless picture book, a troupe of baby forest animals borrows a child's hat, until all that is left is a long piece of red string.*

[Stripes of all Types](#)

by Stockdale, Susan

**JEASY STO**

*What kinds of animals have stripes? And why do they have them? To hide more easily? To recognize one another? To warn enemies to stay away? In this book you'll learn that animals have stripes for all these reasons and more. This book introduces young readers to the many ways in which animals around the world wear their stripes. An afterword tells a bit more about each animal and where it lives.  
-- From book jacket.*

[The Long, Long, Line](#)

by Ohmura, Tomoko

**JEASY OHM**

*Numbered and named, fifty animals line up to take a roller coaster ride on a giant whale!*

[Underground](#)

by Fleming, Denise

**JEASY FLE**

*Pulp paintings and rhyming text spotlight the underground world of burrowing, tunneling, and digging animals. Includes "Creature Identification" page.*

[Wild About You](#)

by Sierra, Judy

**JEASY SIE**

*Joining the new baby animals at the zoo are the much-loved pengaroo and the pandacat.*

**Readers**

[A Big Guy Took My Ball](#)

by Willems, Mo

**JEASY WIL**

*Piggie is upset because a whale took the ball she found, but Gerald finds a solution that pleases all of them.*

[A Kiss for Little Bear](#)

by Minark, Else

**JEASY MIN**

*Little Bear's thank-you kiss from grandmother gets passed on to him by many animals and greatly aids the skunks' romance.*

[Biscuit in the Garden](#)

by Capucilli, Alyssa

**JEASY CAP**

*Biscuit the puppy is eager to see the plants and make friends with the animals in the garden.*

[Elefante Tiene Hipo](#)

by Preller, James

**JEASY SP PRE**

*None of the other animals can sleep because Elephant has the hiccups.*

[Eres Tu Mi Mama?](#)

by Eastman, P.D.

**JEASY SP EAS**

[Frog and Friends: Best Summer Ever](#)

by Bunting, Eve

**JEASY BUN (READER)**

*Frog enjoys a summer with his friends as he compares himself to a bat, takes a vacation, and meets a Starman who helps him to see the night sky in a new way.*

[Happy Go Ducky](#)

by Houran, Lori

**JEASY HOU**

*Max the duck has a giant case of spring fever, so when Irene goes out for the day and leaves Max in charge, things get a little ... quacky.*

[Mac and Cheese and the Perfect Plan](#)

by Weeks, Sarah

**JEASY WEE**

*Mac finally convinces his best friend Cheese to go to the beach, but then they miss the bus.*

**Chapter Books**

[An Elephant in the Garden](#)

by Morpurgo, Michael

**J FICTION MOR**

*Elizabeth's mother works at Dresden Zoo, where her favorite animal is an elephant named Marlene. When the zoo director tells her the dangerous animals must be shot to prevent them running amok when the town is bombed, Elizabeth's mother moves Marlene into the back garden to save her. And then the bombs start to fall ...*

[Babe: The Gallant Pig](#)

by King-Smith, Dick

## **J FICTION KIN**

*A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.*

### [Como Entrenar A Tu Dragon](#)

by Cowell, Cressida

## **J SP FICTION COW**

*Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon. Grades 4-7.*

### [Freddy the Magician](#)

**Series Title:** [Freddy the pig series](#)

by Brooks, Walter

## **J FICTION BRO**

*Freddy the pig outwits a fraudulent magician with the help of his barnyard friends.*

### [Gregor the Overlander](#)

by Collins, Suzanne

## **J FICTION COL**

*When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.*

### [Handbook for Dragon Slayers](#)

by Haskell, Merrie

## **J FICTION HAS**

*When a greedy cousin steals Tilda's lands, the young princess goes on the run with two would-be dragon slayers. On the adventure of a lifetime, and caught between dreams of freedom and the people who need her, Tilda learns more about dragons -- and herself -- than she ever imagined.*

### [Ivy Takes Care](#)

by Wells, Rosemary

## **J FICTION WEL**

*Brokenhearted when her best friend departs for the summer, Ivy spends her own summer caring for animals in the mid-century Southwest, sharing her season of discovery with a stubborn pony, a mischievous puppy, and a scarred racehorse.*

### [Little Horse](#)

by Byars, Betsy

## **J FICTION BYA**

*Little Horse falls into the stream and is swept away into a dangerous adventure and a new life.*

### [Malcolm at Midnight](#)

by Beck, W.H.

## **J FICTION BEC**

*Malcolm, a smaller than average rat, loves life at McKenna School and the secret society of classroom pets that keep children out of trouble, but when Aggy the iguana disappears Malcolm must use all of his ratty persistence to prove his innocence and save her.*

### [Puppy Puzzle](#)

**Series Title:** [Animal Ark](#)

by Baglio, Ben

#### **J FICTION BAG**

*For Pet Day at school, James and Sarah each bring their new puppies. Quick as a flash, the two puppies run off together. Soon only one returns, and Mandy must help her friend find the missing pup.*

### [Redwall I](#)

**Series Title:** [Redwall](#)

by Jacques, Brian

#### **J FICTION JAC**

*When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.*

### [Shattered Peace](#)

**Series Title:** [Warriors](#)

by Hunter, Erin

#### **J GN FICTION HUN**

*Ravenpaw, having left the warrior Clans and enjoying his new life on a peaceful farm, teams up with his new friend, Barley, to protect his life when five rogue cats from Twolegplace arrive.*

### [The Capture](#)

**Series Title:** [Guardians of Ga'hoole](#)

by Lasky, Kathryn

#### **J FICTION LAS**

*When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, a clever elf owl named Gylfie, embarks on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger at St. Aggie's.*

### [The Familiars](#)

by Epstein, Adam Jay

#### **J FICTION EPS**

*When a scrappy alley cat named Aldwyn passes himself off as a magical animal companion to Jack, a young wizard in training, Aldwyn and his fellow "familiars," a know-it-all blue jay and bumbling tree frog, must save the kingdom after the evil queen of Vastia kidnaps Jack and two other wizards.*

### [The Incredible Journey](#)

by Burnford, Sheila

#### **J FICTION BUR**

*A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.*

### [The Invasion](#)

**Series Title:** [Animorphs](#)

by Applegate, Katherine

#### **J FICTION APP**

*When Jake, Rachel, Tobias, Cassie, and Marco stumble upon a downed alien spaceship and its dying pilot, they're given an incredible power ... a power they must use to outsmart an evil greater than*

anything the world has ever seen.

[The Lighthouse Family: The Whale](#)

**Series Title:** [The Lighthouse Family](#)

by Rylant, Cynthia

**J FICTION RYL**

*A family of animals that lives in a lighthouse helps a lost baby beluga whale find his mother.*

[The Menagerie](#)

by Sutherland, Tui

**J FICTION SUT**

*When twelve-year-old Logan Wilde wakes up to discover a baby griffin hiding under his bed, he suddenly finds himself thrown into a mystery involving his classmate Zoe Kahn and a magical menagerie right in the middle of his sleepy Wyoming town*

[The One and Only Ivan](#)

by Applegate, Katherine

**J FICTION APP**

*When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.*

[The Quest Begins](#)

**Series Title:** [Seekers](#)

by Hunter, Erin

**J FICTION HUN**

*Three young bears of different species--one black, one polar, and one grizzly--travel on a perilous quest to the Northern Lights, escorting a shape-shifting grizzly cub whose destiny will affect them all.*

[Un Caballo Llamado Libertad](#)

by Ryan, Pamela Munoz

**J SP FICTION RYA**

*A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.*

[Urchin of the Riding Stars](#)

**Series Title:** [Mistmantle Chronicles](#)

by McAllister, Margaret

**J FICTION MCA**

*A group of animals, led by an orphaned squirrel, learns about friendship and loyalty when they band together to defend their island kingdom against evil forces.*

[Wild Born](#)

**Series Title:** [Spirit Animals](#)

by Mull, Brandon

**J FICTION MUL**

*As a dark force engulfs the land, the fate of Erdas has fallen on the shoulders of four young strangers who each have forged a rare bond with their spirit beasts -- a bond that gives great powers to all of them.*

### [Wildwood](#)

by Meloy, Colin

#### **J FICTION MEL**

*When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest at the edge of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.*

## **Young Adult Books**

### [Blueback](#)

by Winton, Tim

*An ecological novel on a boy who protects a fish from property developers and rapacious fishermen. The boy, who lives on a bay in Australia, befriends the fish, a blue grouper while diving for abalone, his family's trade. By the author of The Riders.*

### [California Blue](#)

by Klass, David

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION KLA**

*When seventeen-year-old John Rodgers discovers a new sub-species of butterfly which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works, they find themselves on opposite sides of the environmental conflict.*

### [Cloaked](#)

by Flinn, Alex

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION FLI**

*Seventeen-year-old Johnny is approached at his family's struggling shoe repair shop in a Miami, Florida, hotel by Alorian Princess Victoriana, who asks him to find her brother who was turned into a frog.*

### [Doglands](#)

by Willocks, Tim

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION WIL**

*Furgal, a half-greyhound puppy, escapes a cruel dog track owner and sets out in the hope of finding his father and the fabled Doglands, later returning to try to free his mother, and the other abused dogs.*

### [Hatchet](#)

by Paulsen, Gary

#### **J FICTION PAU**

*After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.*

### [Julie of the Wolves](#)

by George, Jean Craighead

#### **J FICTION GEO**

*While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.*



### [The Call of the Wild](#)

by London, Jack

#### **J FICTION LON**

*In this quintessential adventure story, Jack London takes readers on an arduous journey through the forbidding Alaskan landscape during the gold rush of the 1890s. Buck, a rangy mixed breed used to a comfortable, sun-filled life as a family dog, is stolen by a greedy opportunist and sold to dog traffickers. In no time, Buck finds himself on a team of sled dogs run ragged in the harsh winter of the Klondike. In a climate where every day is a savage struggle for survival, the last traces of Buck's soft, pampered existence are erased as his dormant primordial urges -- deeply embedded for generations -- are brutally awakened.*

### [The Golden Compass](#)

**Series Title:** [His Dark Materials](#)

by Pullman, Philip

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION PUL**

*Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.*

### [The Midnight Zoo](#)

by Hartnett, Sonya

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION HAR**

*Twelve-year-old Andrej, nine-year-old Tomas, and their baby sister Wilma flee their Romany encampment when it is attacked by Germans during World War II, and in an abandoned town they find a zoo where the animals tell their stories, helping the children understand what has become of their lives and what it means to be free.*

### [The Nature of Jade](#)

by Caletti, Deb

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION CAL**

*Seattle high school senior Jade's life is defined by her anxiety disorder and dysfunctional family, until she spies a mysterious boy with a baby who seems to share her fascination with the elephants at a nearby zoo.*

### [The Outside of a Horse](#)

by Rorby, Ginny

#### **J FICTION ROR**

*When her father returns from the Iraq War as an amputee with post-traumatic stress disorder, Hannah escapes by volunteering to work with rescued horses, never thinking that the abused horses could also help her father recover.*

### [The Unnaturalists](#)

by Trent, Tiffany

#### **YA FICTION TRE**

*"Vespa Nyx wants nothing more than to spend the rest of her life cataloging Unnatural creatures in her father's museum, but as she gets older, the requirement to become a lady and find a husband is looming large over her. Syrus Reed's Tinker family has always served and revered the Unnaturals from afar, but when his family is captured for refinery slaves, he finds that his fate may be bound up with Vespa's--and with the Unnaturals. As the danger grows, Vespa and Syrus find themselves in a*

*tightening web of deception and intrigue. At stake may be the fate of New London--and the world"*

Unnatural Creatures

by Gaiman, Neil and Maria Dahvana Headley, Maria

**YA FICTION UNN**

*A number of stories featuring unnatural creatures along with several other creatures who are either unlikely, impossible, or do not exist at all.*

Whale Rider

by Ihimaera, Witi

**J FICTION IHI**

*As her beloved grandfather, chief of the Maori tribe of Whangara, New Zealand, struggles to lead in difficult times and to find a male successor, young Kahu is developing a mysterious relationship with whales, particularly the ancient bull whale whose legendary rider was their ancestor.*