



Great Books to Read Together!

The Milwaukee Public Library wants all children to be Super Readers this summer. It's important for children to keep reading, even when they aren't in school, to keep up their reading skills. The library has made it easy by having lots of great books for kids of all ages and for families that read together. Reading with your child, even after they know how to read, is one of the best ways to get your child hooked on reading. Stop in any Milwaukee Public Library and sign up for the Super Reader summer reading program. It's for children from birth to age 12. Children can earn great prizes by reading, and have a great time doing it!

Laugh together this summer! Funny read-alouds for families.

Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas. Ages 3-6.

"We rhyme all the time!" declare googly-eyed dust bunnies Ed, Ned, Ted and Bob. Bob is not into rhyming, but the others should listen to his warnings of impending doom anyway.

Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant by Jack Prelutsky. Ages 4-9.

Behold a fantastically silly book filled with Tearful Zipperpotamuses, Ballpoint Penguins, Clocktopuses and of course, Umbrellaphants.

Those Darn Squirrels by Adam Rubin. Ages 5-7.

Old Man Fookwire loves birds, hates squirrels. When the "fuzzy little geniuses" find a way to the birdfeeders, it's war!

I'd Really Like to Eat a Child by Sylviane Donnio. Ages 5-7.

Achilles, an alligator, is tired of bananas; today he'd like to eat a child.

Trash Crisis On Earth! by Alexander Stadler. Ages 7-10.

When "Maternal Unit" insists Julian (undercover alien) take out the trash or be grounded, the Mother Ship offers to annihilate Earth.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford. Ages 7-10.

Moxy was assigned *Stuart Little* to read over the summer, but here it is the last day of summer vacation and the book is still unread.

*If you, like **Moxy**, but are not in the mood to read, listen to this book on CD.*

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry. Ages 9-14.

In this parody of an old-fashioned book, bossy Timothy, confusing twins A and B, and whiny Jane are hoping to become orphans, while their incompetent parents are hoping to sell the house and lose their children.

Scary Campfire Books. Great read-alouds for sharing at night!

In A Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories by Alvin Schwartz. Ages 5-8.

A book of spooky ghost stories for beginning readers.

Look for this title as a book/CD kit so you can have it read to you as you read along.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz. Ages 6-10.

After almost thirty years, this series of frightening tales is still a favorite with kids of all ages.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. Ages 8 and up.

Bod's parents are ghosts, his guardian is a vampire, and his home is a crypt, but what really scares Bod is what goes on outside the graveyard!

The book on CD would be great for campfire listening.

The Crossroads by Chris Grabenstein. Ages 9-12.

The crossroads next to Zack's new house is haunted by ghosts from a horrible bus accident 50 years before, and the ghost who caused the accident wants Zack dead.

More Horowitz Horror by Anthony Horowitz. Ages 9-14

More stories you'll wish you never read.

Sports and Games. Take time to play and read!

Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez. Ages 3-6.

Sergio's a soccer star in his dreams, but in real life he "trips, falls, crashes, slips, slides, flips, sets, shoots ... and scores! For the other team."

Watch Me Throw the Ball! by Mo Willems. Ages 5-8.

How far can Piggie throw a baseball? Would you believe, "all the way around the world?"

The Golly-Whopper Games by Jody Feldman. Ages 8-12.

Brainteasers and tricky puzzles are all part of the Gollywhopper Games, a promotional sweepstakes leading to untold wealth and fame for the lucky contestants.

Safe at Home by Sharon Robinson. Ages 9-12.

The daughter of Jackie Robinson writes about a sport she loves; however, the young man in the story would rather be playing basketball.

Miracle on 49th Street by Mike Lupica. Ages 9-14.

What would you do if you discovered that the most famous basketball star in the world was your father?

Another great title available as a book on CD.

Winning Words: Sport's Stories and Photographs by Charles Smith, Jr. Ages 10-14.

Teamwork, pride, taking chances, fearing failure, winning, losing are all part of playing any sport. Smith puts readers directly into the minds and bodies of athletes—you can almost feel the sweat.

Day Trips. Experience local attractions in person and in books!

Bats at the Library by Brian Lies. Ages 4-6.

A colony of bats visits the library one evening, where they enjoy a copy machine, the bubbler and some picture books.

Bebé Goes to the Beach by Susan Eyla. Ages 4-7.

Bebé and his "muy bonita Mama" have fun at the beach.

Pssst! by Adam Rex. Ages 4-7.

While strolling past the "Camel-Lot" and "I am the Walrus (koo-koo-kachoo)" exhibits at the zoo, a young lady receives weird requests from the animals.

Dooby Dooby Moo by Doreen Cronin. Ages 4-7.

Duck and the rest of the farm animals compete in a talent contest at the fair.

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee. Ages 5-8.

James and Eamon are staying with Eamon's grandparents so they can attend a nature day-camp.

Luke on the Loose by Harry Bliss. Ages 6-8.

A trip to the park turns into an unexpected adventure as Luke tries to capture a pigeon.

Face to Face With Elephants by Beverly Joubert. Ages 7-12.

After a visit to the zoo, check out this exciting series of animal books that reveal how animals survive in the real world.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. Ages 8-12

A trip to the state fair figures largely in Charlotte's plan to keep Wilbur from becoming Christmas dinner.

Enjoy listening to this children's classic on CD.

The Calder Game by Blue Balliett. Ages 10-14.

A trip to Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art inspires Petra, Tommy and Calder to make mobiles, which in turn helps them solve the mystery surrounding a Calder sculpture.

Road Trip! Stuck in a car with nothing to do? Might as well read!

Fly High, Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold. Ages 4-8.

Fly Guy and his owner Buzz have a great time on the family road trip, but when Dad gets lost on the way home, it's Fly Guy to the rescue!

The House Takes a Vacation by Jacqueline Davies. Ages 4-8.

When the Petersons take a road trip, their house decides to go to the seaside too!

Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express by Meagan McDonald. Ages 7-10.

Trying to find homes for 101 guinea pigs, Stink and his friends take to the road in an old camper they call "Squeals on Wheels."

The Absolutely True Story...: How I Visited Yellowstone Park With the Terrible Rubes by Willo Davis Roberts. Ages 9-14.

Traveling to Yellowstone in a camper with their new neighbors should be a great vacation – but the Rubes are not who Alison and Lewis thought they were.

Savvy by Ingrid Law. Ages 9-14.

Believing that her newly discovered "savvy" (magical power) can help save her sick father, Mibs convinces a traveling Bible salesman to drive her, her brothers and the preacher's kids across country.

Don't like to read in the car? Savvy is also available as a book on CD.

Superheroes. Become a Super Reader at any Milwaukee Public Library

SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod. Ages 3-6.

"Danger Man Does Daring Deeds Every Day" and still has time to teach the alphabet.

Mighty Max! by Harriet Ziefert. Ages 5-7.

Mighty Max, as he calls himself, is an ordinary young boy who likes to wear a red cape and create super hero adventures.

Medusa Jones by Ross Collins. Ages 8-10.

Medusa's grandmother used to change people to stone with her stare, but Medusa will need a new power to handle the 'golden ones.'

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy. Ages 10-14.

Skulduggery Pleasant is a walking, wisecracking, nattily dressed, fire-throwing skeleton detective who first appears at Stephanie's uncle's funeral.

This title is also available as an action-packed book on CD.

The Demigod Files by Rick Riordan. Ages 10-14.

Think you might be a hero? This handbook will reveal if you have what it takes to join Percy Jackson and his friends at Camp Half Blood.

Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox by Eoin Colfer. Ages 10-14.

Artemis Fowl goes back in time and encounters his deadliest foe ever...himself.

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