

Slocum Skewes

Summer Reading - Grade 4

Pullman, Philip. *I Was a Rat!* 2000. (J)

A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists that he was a rat.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Riding Freedom*, 1998. (J)

A fictionalized account of the life of Charley (Charlotte) Parkurst who ran away from an orphanage in the 1860s, disguised herself as a boy, moved to California and fooled everyone by her appearance.

Snicket, Lemony. *The Bad Beginning*, 1999. (J)

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. (First in the Series of Unfortunate Events which includes: *The Reptile Room*; *The Wide Window*; *The Miserable Mill*; *The Austere Academy*; *The Ersatz Elevator*; *The Vile Village*; *The Hostile Hospital*; *The Carnivorous Carnival*; *The Slippery Slope*; *The Grim Grotto* and *The Penultimate Peril*.)

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Shredderman: Secret Identity*, 2004. (J)

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity—Shredderman! (Sequels: *Attack of the Tagger*; *Meet the Gecko*; and *Enemy Spy*.)

White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*. 1952. (J)

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

The following is the recommended fourth grade reading list for summer.

Judy Blume

Michael Buckley
Chris Paul Curtis
Kate DiCamillo

Roald Dahl

Jack Gantos

Dan Gutman
James Howe
Grace Lin
Wendelin VanDraanen
E. B. White

Freckle Juice

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
The Fairy Tale Detectives
Mr. Chickee's Funny Money
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

James and the Giant Peach

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade without a Clue
The Million Dollar Shot
Bunnicula Strikes Again
The Year of the Dog
Shredderman: Secret Identity
Charlotte's Web

All books for summer reading are available at the RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY in the Children's Room.

All summer reading books are shelved separately for the summer. They are located on the short shelves, by grade, in front of the multi purpose room.

If the book you want is not in we can get it for you in 3-5 days from another library; speak to the Children's Librarian or use the **online catalog** to request the book.

The letters in () show in which section of the library the book is normally found:

(J) Juvenile Fiction
(JMYS) Juvenile Mystery

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THE SUMMER READING SHELVES
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4th Grade Summer Reading

This list of books offers titles that are popular and FUN to READ for girls and boys entering the fourth grade!

This list is a good place to start your summer reading, but it is just a beginning. If you find an author you like or a type of story you enjoy read and explore others like it!

Knowing how to choose a good book is part of being a good reader. Have fun choosing and reading books this summer. If you have any questions about what to read next, ask the Children's Librarian.

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9:30-8:00
Thursday - Friday - Saturday
10:00-5:00
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in July/August**

Ardagh, Philip. *A House Called Awful End*, 2002. (J)

With tongue firmly in cheek, Ardagh tells the tale of Eddie Dickens, who is shipped off to live with Mad Uncle Jack and Even Madder Aunt Maud and ends up in St. Horrid's Horrible Home for orphans. (Sequels: *Dreadful Acts and Terrible Times*.)

Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice*, 1971. (J)

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, 1972. (J)

Two is a crowd when Peter and his four-year-old brother, Fudge, are in the same room. Grown-ups think Fudge is absolutely adorable, but Peter and his pet turtle, Dribble, know the truth. Fudge is actually a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere he goes. (See also: *Double Fudge*)

Buckley, Michael. *The Fairy-Tale Detectives*, 2005. (JMYS)

When their parents disappear Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead. (First in *The Sisters Grimm* series. Sequels: *The Usual Suspects*, *The Problem Child* and *Once Upon a Crime*.)

Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*, 1996. (J)

When Nicholas Allen's fifth grade Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Granger, insists that people determine what words wind-up in the dictionary, he decides to invent a new word for pen—frindle, which he sticks with, an action that has repercussions beyond his small town and school. (See also: *The Landrey News*; *School Story*, *The Report Card* and *Lunch Money*.)

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Mr. Chickee's Funny Money*, 2005. (JMYS)

Flint Future Detectives Steven Carter and friends must solve the mystery of a quadrillion dollar bill sporting a picture of James Brown. (Sequel: *Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission*)

Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach*, 2002. (J)

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, 2000 (J)

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

DeFelice, Cynthia. *The Ghost of Fossil Glen*, 1998. (JMYS)

When the ghost of Lucy Stiles saves Allie from falling off a cliff in Fossil Glen, Allie becomes determined to solve the mystery of her murder. (Sequels: *The Ghost and Mrs. Hobbs* and *The Ghost of Cutler Creek*.)

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, 2006. (J)

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories. (Because of Winn-Dixie also by author)

Gantos, Jack. *Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade without a Clue*, 2003. (J)

When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbor.

Gutman, Dan. *The Million Dollar Shot*. 1997. (J)

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals. (Sequels: *The Million Dollar Kick*; *The Million Dollar Strike* and *The Million Dollar Goal*.)

Hoffman, Mary. *Starring Grace*, 2000. (J)

Grace and her friends have all sorts of adventures during their summer vacation--going to the circus, taking an imaginary safari, making friends with an elderly neighbor, pretending to be astronauts, and calling the paramedics when her grandmother has an accident. (Sequels: *Encore, Grace!* and *Bravo, Grace!*.)

Howe, James. *Bunnicula Strikes Again*, 1999. (JMYS)

When Bunnicula the rabbit starts acting strangely, the Monroe dogs and cat renew their suspicions that he is a vampire. (Previous titles: *Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*; *Howliday Inn*, *Celery Stalks at Midnight*; *Nighty-Nightmare* and *Return to Howliday Inn*.)

Lin, Grace. *The Year of the Dog*, 2006. (J)

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

Lubar, David. *Punished!*, 2006. (J)

Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library. A mysterious man who catches him punishes him by making him speak only in puns.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Ugly*, 2006. (J)

When the rest of the ducks turn on her little duckling, Ugly, because he isn't like them, Mother Duck sadly leaves him behind in order to protect her other children. With the help of some new friends, Ugly makes his way alone, but he doesn't know where he's going or what he's looking for.