

## A Great Place to Get Books for Summer

### Reading:

#### Brooklyn Town Library

10 Canterbury Road  
PO Box 357  
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Phone: (860) 774-0649

Hours:	
Monday	2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday	2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Your Brooklyn Library card can be used at any library in the state.

Children can access Scholastic Book Flix with a Brooklyn Library card. Book Flix pairs classic K-3 Weston Woods video storybooks with non-fiction e-book titles.

Another great resource:

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

<http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>

#### **The Five Finger Test for a JUST RIGHT Book**

1. Open the book to the middle and choose a full page of text to read.
2. Put one finger up for every word you cannot pronounce or do not know.
3. If you put four or five fingers up on one page, the book is too difficult to read independently, and you will need help.
4. If you have three fingers up, then you might have trouble with it, and might find yourself frustrated.
5. If you have two fingers up, read carefully and get help when you need it. This will be a good learning book for you.
6. If you have one or no fingers up this is your JUST RIGHT book.

## Summer Reading Entering Grade 2



# Brooklyn Elementary

Based on: "How to Make Summer Reading Effective", National Center for Summer Learning, Research in Brief, <http://www.summerlearning.org/media/researchandpublications/ResearchBrief03FINAL9.10.08Kim.pdf>

Parents in the Know 2009/2010

Dear Parents and Families,

We are asking students to participate in shared and independent reading over the summer. Students can track these titles and take part in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

"Many students get behind on their reading skills over the summer. This is called summer reading loss. Summer reading loss is caused, not surprisingly, by students not reading enough over the summer. Research shows that children need to read as few as six books each summer to prevent summer reading loss. The reading achievement of students who do not read at all over the summer can decline by up to three months. This means that these students are beginning the next school year way behind."

Based on Anne McGill-Frazen and Richard Allington, "Bridging the Summer Reading Gap", Scholastic Instructor, [http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/summer\\_reading.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/summer_reading.htm)

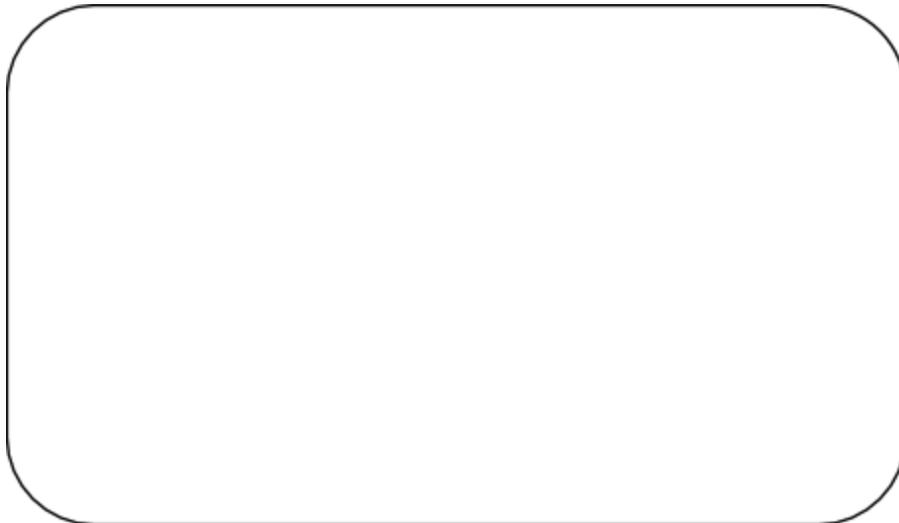
## Fiction

Here are some suggested authors. For independent reading, be sure to choose "just right" books.

Steven Kellogg	Janet Stevens
Bill Peet	Jan Brett
Fran Manushkin	Cynthia Rylant
Allen Say	Wong Herbert Yee
Lillian Hoban	Tedd Arnold
Jon Muth	Marc Brown
William Steig	Patricia Polacco
Diane DeGroat	David Adler
Judy Schachner	Suzy Kline
Loren Long	Virginia Lee Burton

## Popular Series

*Marvin Redpost* by Louis Sachar  
*Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
*Magic Treehouse* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Pony Pals* by Jeanne Betancourt  
*Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park  
*My Weird School* by Dan Gutman  
*Horrible Harry* by Susan Kline  
*Pinky and Rex* by James Howe  
*A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy



## **Topics to explore**

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