

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. The library also offers Tumble Books, an e-book library.

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 4



Brooklyn Elementary

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

Improving Reading ABCs

Access: Make sure that your child has access to books.

Books: Students need access to books at their reading level.

Comprehension: Spend time talking to your child about what he/she is reading. It is important to ask your child questions to ensure he/she is reading the book at the right level.

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

Fiction

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

Charles Ogden	David Weisner
Jerry Spinelli	Katherine Applegate
Patricia Pollacco	Avi
Matt Christopher	Andrew Clements
Wendelin Van Draanen	Johanna Hurwitz
Gordon Korman	Kate DiCamillo
Tony Abbott	Lois Lowry
Chris Van Allsburg	Louis Sachar
Renee Russell	Jaqueline Davies
E.B. White	Meg Cabot

Popular Series

Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
Dear America by various authors
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi

Topics to explore

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