



Summer, Non-Fiction Reading Suggestions

In addition to the fictional books listed on the “Recommended Summer Reading List,” it is also important to include non-fictional books on a student’s reading list over the summer. Finding books on topics in which a student has a personal interest, is often a great way to make a book choice for recreational reading.

Listed below are some general suggestions of non-fiction (or informational) topics that can be used to choose a book based on a student’s grade level or ability level. We highly suggest that parents always preview a book prior to purchasing it or checking it out at the local library, to ensure that it is fully appropriate for their individual child.

Non-Fiction suggestions include (but are not limited to) grade-level or ability-level books on the following topics--

- Ancient Civilizations
- Biographies (famous and not-so-famous people, founding fathers, scientists, inventors, explorers, etc.)
- Buildings and Landmarks
- Camping, Fishing, Hiking
- Careers/Colleges/Universities
- Cooking, Baking, Grilling, Meal Planning
- Energy Conservation, Recycling
- Fine Arts (music, musical instruments, singing, dancing, drawing, painting, sculpting, drama, etc.)
- “How To...” books
- Inventions
- Nature (flora and fauna)
 - Oceans (coral reefs, currents, sea animals, tsunamis, etc.)
 - Plants (farming & gardening, rain forests, etc.)
 - Insects & Birds
 - Weather (rain, tornados, hurricanes, cloud types, snow, etc.)
 - Animals (farm, jungle, desert, etc.)
- Scientific Phenomena
- Space (planets, stars, the Moon, the Earth, space travel, etc.)
- Sports & Games (baseball, football, volleyball, gymnastics, basketball, archery, tennis, chess, etc.)
- Technology
- The Alphabet
- The United States (history, presidents, individual states, regions, US government, etc.)

- The World (history, hemispheres, individual countries, commerce, etc.)
- Transportation
- Wonders of the World