

## Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: [www.cmlibrary.org/summerread](http://www.cmlibrary.org/summerread)

### **Joe Louis: America's Fighter**

**JB Louis**

*Adler*

*GRL O*

A look at the life and career of Joe Louis, one of the greatest boxers of all time.

### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

**J**

*Angleberger*

*GRL T*

Dwight, the weirdest kid in sixth-grade, has a paper finger puppet of Yoda that seems to be able to predict the future.

### **Jedi Academy**

**J741.5**

*Brown*

*GRL R*

In the first book of the series, Roan is rejected from pilot school, but is invited to learn from Yoda at the Jedi Academy.

### **Frindle**

**J**

*Clements*

*GRL R*

Class prankster Nick takes advantage of his teacher's love of the dictionary by inventing a new word, only to find out that language is more powerful than he realized.

### **Fantastic Mr. Fox**

**J**

*Dahl*

*GRL P*

Mr. Fox and his family have to outsmart a trio of mean farmers who are out to get them.

### **The Tale of Despereaux**

**J**

*DiCamillo*

*GRL U*

Despereaux, a curious mouse who does not seem to fit in anywhere, finally has a heroic adventure just like the ones he reads.

### **Harriet the Spy**

**J**

*Fitzhugh*

*GRL T*

Harriet loves collecting information about people she knows, but when everyone finds out she finds herself in a lot of trouble.

### **Leonardo's Horse**

**J730.92**

*Fritz*

*GRL O*

A failed attempt to sculpt a horse from gold by Leonardo da Vinci leads to many other people trying to finish the project hundreds of years later.

### **My Father's Dragon**

**J**

*Gannett*

*GRL N*

The first book in the trilogy tells of the adventures of a boy named Elmer Elevator and the baby dragon he rescues.

### **Who Was Bruce Lee?**

**JB**

*Gigliotti*

*GRL P*

This entry in the popular "Who Was" series focuses on the life of one of the most famous martial artists and movie stars ever, Bruce Lee.

**What Was the March on Washington?** J323.119607 *Krull* GRL P  
This volume of the “What Was” series describes the 1963 March on Washington, an extremely important moment in American history.

**Rules** J *Lord* GRL R  
Catherine, who struggles dealing with her autistic brother, makes two new friends who change the way she sees the worlds.

**Wild Born** J *Mull* GRL Q  
The first book in the “Spirit Animals” series introduces readers to the magical land of Erdas and four young people are bonded to powerful spirit beasts.

**Sir Cumference and the Sword in the Cone: A Math Adventure**  
J516 *Neuschwander* GRL Q  
This adventure introduces children to geometry through a version of the story of King Arthur and his magical sword.

**The One-Eyed Giant** J883.01 *Osborne* GRL P  
Learn about Greek mythology with this series that retells the important events from the epic story of *The Odyssey*.

**Wonder** J *Palacio* GRL U  
Auggie, who was born with facial abnormalities, attends school with other children for the first time and has to learn how to fit in as just another student.

**Clementine** J *Pennypacker* GRL O  
Clementine is a clever and energetic child who just can’t seem to avoid trouble and this book, the first in the series, chronicles a week that just seems to get worse and worse.

**The New Kid on the Block** J811 *Prelutsky* GRL P  
Over 100 hilarious poems and illustrations about strange creatures and weird ideas.

**So You Want to be President?** J973.099 *St. George* GRL S  
This Caldecott winner is full of little-known but hugely funny facts about all of America’s presidents.

**Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor** J *Scieszka* GRL R  
In the first book of the series, we meet child genius Frank Einstein who attempts to build robots that can learn on their own.

**Where the Sidewalk Ends** J811 *Silverstein* GRL P  
Crazy characters and situations abound in this classic collection of the author’s hilarious poetry.

**The Dragonet Prophecy** J *Sutherland* GRL R  
The first book in the *Wings of Fire* saga tells the story of five dragonets who go on a secret mission to bring peace to the dragon world.

**Stick Dog****J***Watson**GRL P*

Stick Dog and his friends try everything to steal hamburgers from a family picnic.

**Show Way****J**

Woodson

GRL M

The author tells about the tradition of making “show ways,” or quilts that were also maps for escaping slaves and how it was passed down from mother to daughter in her family.