



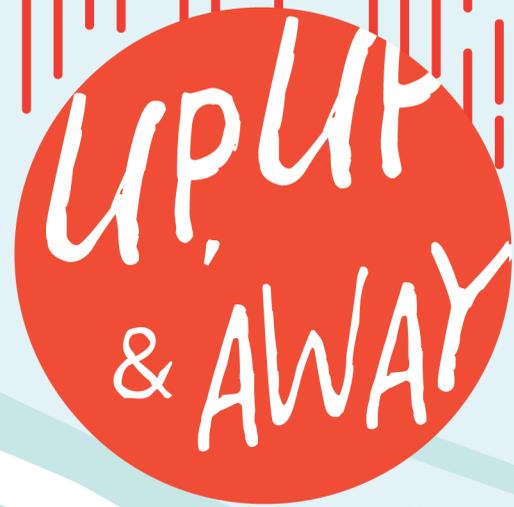
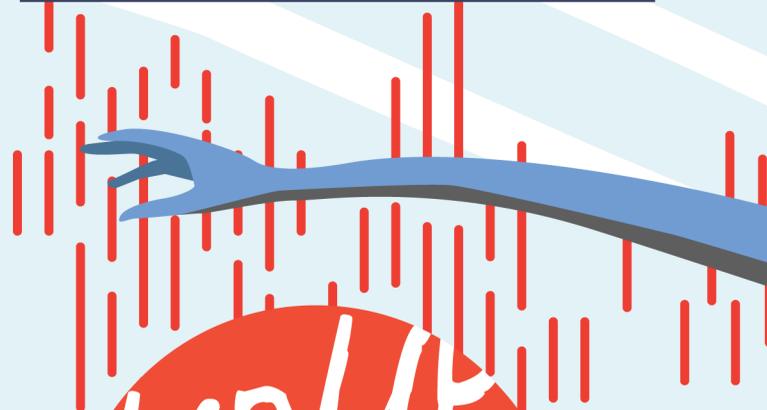
**Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want—  
and Why We Should Let Them**

by Jeffrey Wilhelm, Michael Smith, Sharon Fransen  
Y/372.409/WILHELM,K

Grown-ups, here's some reading to give you more information about our new book lists this summer, and why we're doing them this way. And make sure you stop by Info Services and ask them to help you find your next great read; don't let your kids have all the fun!

BEGINNING READERS

READ TOGETHER



SUPERHERO SUMMER  
AT THE LIBRARY

The books on this list were chosen by Arlington Heights Memorial Library Youth Services staff and Library Media Center staff from School District 25.

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For readers who are beginning to  
sound out words and sentences

For beginning readers, being read to and reading independently are equally important!

Not every book on every list will be right for your child. If you have questions about any title, please see Kids' World staff for guidance.

**Among a Thousand Fireflies** by Helen Frost

E/595/FROST,H

How often do you find science, poetry and friendship all in the same beautiful book? A delightful picture book for scientists, poets and young children alike.

**The Bear Ate Your Sandwich** by Julia Sarcone-Roach

PICTURE/ANIMALS/SARCONE-ROACH,J

A tall tale about how a little girl's sandwich was eaten by a bear—or was it?

**Cricket Song** by Anne Hunter

PICTURE/BEDTIME/HUNTER,A

Two children in two different parts of the world get ready to fall asleep as various creatures do the same. A lovely story about what connects us.

**Finders Keepers** by Keiko Kasza

PICTURE/PLAY/KASZA,K

A hat is not just a hat in these woods. From tree branch to stream to flower patch—wherever the hat lands, someone knows exactly what to do with it and exclaims, “Finders, keepers!” But this red hat doesn't stay in one place for long, and everyone will be surprised by what happens to it in the end.

**Love Is My Favorite Thing** by Emma Chichester Clark

PICTURE/GROWING/CHICHESTER CLARK,E

Plum's family will always love her, even when she makes mistakes—a message that everyone needs to hear from time to time.

**Mother Bruce** by Ryan T. Higgins

PICTURE/PLAY/HIGGINS,R

What happens when a bear who just wants some fancy eggs for breakfast ends up with four baby goslings?

**The Night Gardener** by Terry Fan

PICTURE/PLAY/FAN,T

One day, William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into an owl. Each morning more topiaries appear, and soon William's little town is full of color and life. For fans of *Extra Yarn*, *Somebody Loves You Mr Hatch*, and *Grandpa Green*.

**Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!: An Alphabet Capers** by Mike Twohy

PICTURE/ABC 123/TWOHY,M

In the vein of Tom and Jerry, Bugs Bunny, and other classic cartoons, *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!* is a hilariously clever alphabet caper, perfect for fans of *LMNO Peas* and *Z Is for Moose*.

**Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Life** by Kim Dean

PICTURE/FAVORITES/PETE

Pete the cat collects the best and grooviest advice from around the world and explains it to you in the way only Pete the cat can. Put on your favorite white shoes and prepare to be coolest kid ever.

**Snoozefest** by Samantha Berger

PICTURE/BEDTIME/BERGER,S

Snuggleford Cuddlebung is a champion sleeper. In fact, she's such a good sleeper that she decides to go to Snoozefest, an arena festival that celebrates sleep. Song available on iTunes.

**Teeny Tiny Toady** by Jill Esbaum

PICTURE/PEOPLE/ESBAUM,J

Teeny Tiny Toady's mother is picked up and placed in a bucket by a giant hand and she can't get out. Can a small, little toad help save her?

**Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems** by Bob Raczka

J/811.6/RACZKA,B

From the author of *Lemonade: And Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word* comes another clever collection that shows kids how to look at words and poetry in a whole new way.

**When Spring Comes** by Kevin Henkes

PICTURE/FAVORITES/HENKES,K

Award-winning author and artist Kevin Henkes celebrates and highlights spring in his incomparable style.

**The Whisper** by Pamela Zagarenski

PICTURE/PLAY/ZAGARENSKI,P

A girl in a red hood borrows a special book from her teacher. As she runs home, she doesn't notice the words escaping from the pages. At home, she's disappointed, thinking the book lacks a story. Then she hears the whisper: “You can imagine the words, the stories. There are never any rules; imagining just is.”

What books have you read this year that you loved? Add them to the list here!

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These books can be found under the author's last name. Some of these titles may be available in another format. Please ask for help at the Kids' World Desk.