



The NSD Library Media Specialists in collaboration with NPL present
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS 2022 Grades 3-5



This is a list of suggested quality titles for summer reading. Feel free to read anything else that interests you!



Allen, Kate. ***The Line Tender***

Following a tragedy that further alters the course of her life, twelve-year-old Lucy Everhart decides to continue the shark research her marine biologist mother left unfinished when she died years earlier.

Baptiste, Tracey. ***Rise of the Jumbies***

Suspicion falls on half-jumbie Corinee when local children from her Caribbean island home begin to disappear, and she is forced to go deep into the ocean to seek the help of a dangerous jumbie who rules the waves.

Behar, Ruth. ***Letters From Cuba***

In 1938, eleven-year-old Esther joins her father in tropical Cuba, where they toil together to rescue the rest of their Jewish family from persecution in Poland. This novel is based on the life of the author's grandmother.

Buckley, James. ***Who Was Blackbeard?***

A biography of the pirate known as Blackbeard, describing how his appearance frightened enemies, and how he has been an inspiration for pirate lore and legend for almost three hundred years. This book is part of the popular *Who Was* series.

Hood, Susan. ***Lifeboat 12***

In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed.

Kessler, Liz. ***The Tale of Emily Windsnap***

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Keating, Jess. ***Shark Lady***

This picture book biography chronicles the life and career of Eugenie Clark, an ichthyologist who overcame many obstacles to study and dispel myths about sharks, the creatures she loved so much.

Kelly, Lynne. ***Song for a Whale***

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both Deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

McClellan, Ray. ***The Bermuda Triangle***

Engaging images accompany information about the Bermuda Triangle in this nonfiction title. Ask a librarian to help you find more nonfiction titles about the ocean!

Parry, Roseanne. ***Whale of the Wild***

For Vega and her family, salmon is life. And Vega is learning to be a salmon finder, preparing for the day when she will be her family's matriarch. But then she and her brother Deneb are separated from their pod when a devastating earthquake and tsunami render the seascape unrecognizable. Vega must use every skill she has to lead her brother back to their family.

Pope, Mary Osborne. ***High Tide in Hawaii***

Jack and Annie travel in their Magic Tree House back to a Hawaiian island of long ago where they make friends, learn how to surf, and encounter a tsunami.

Riordan, Rick. ***The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians series)***

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

If you enjoy the Percy Jackson series, check out Rick Riordan's publishing imprint: Rick Riordan presents!

Smith, Roland. ***Storm Runners***

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived Five Epic Disasters***

A nonfiction companion to the popular series, this book features five true stories of survival, featuring real kids in the midst of disasters, from a group of students surviving the 9.0 earthquake that set off a historic tsunami in Japan, to a boy nearly frozen on the prairie in 1888, these kids lived to tell tales of unimaginable destruction.

Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic***

Ten-year-old George Calder can't wait to explore every inch of the Titanic, even if his little sister, Phoebe, has to tag along. But when George sneaks away without her and ventures into the first class baggage room, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever. This book is available as a graphic novel as well. We recommend both!

Wicks, Maris. ***Coral Reefs***

This nonfiction graphic novel looks at the biology of coral reefs as well as their ecological importance.

Wolk, Lauren. ***Beyond the Bright Sea***

Crow's only companions on her small island home are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. When a mysterious fire appears, Crow must follow clues that not only lead to a personal treasure, but to uncovering her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family.

Nashua Reads Connections:

Harlow, Joan Hiatt. ***Joshua's Song***

Needing to earn money after his father's death during the influenza epidemic of 1918, thirteen-year-old Joshua works as a newspaper boy in Boston, one day finding himself in the vicinity of an explosion that sends tons of molasses coursing through the streets.

Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919***

A massive metal tank rises up over Carmen and Papa's neighborhood. It contains sticky brown molasses and has always leaked, but nobody imagined that one day it might just explode sending waves of molasses cascading into the streets.

Don't forget the NSD ebook collection in [SORA](#) has additional titles! The Nashua Public Library has [ebooks and e-audiobooks](#) available with a NPL card!

