

Summer Reading for Elkins Park

Our summer reading lists vary in interest and levels. The goal is to have your student reading this summer! There is a picture book list and a chapter book list. Each has 40 titles of recently released or soon-to-be released titles. It is my philosophy that picture books are for any age. The chapter books selected are written primarily for students in the age range of 8 to 13. Remember, you can always read a book to your child if it is too advanced for your child to read alone. Even older students like to be read to and can benefit from reading aloud with adults. Each book title is linked to Amazon so that you can easily read the description. **Don't forget to use the website, Common Sense Media to determine if the content of a book is right for your child.** It's simply an easy place for you to read summaries and reviews.

If you or your student choose, we have two different activities/themes they can complete from:

Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes Reading Tracker: Empathy is so important. And we build empathy by learning about others who may live and love differently than we do. The stories selected give you insight into people living with disabilities, people who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, refugees and immigrants, people who struggle with poverty, people with learning disabilities, neurodiverse people, and people who identify with the global majority (Black, Indigenous and People of Color or BIPOC).

Books Take You Places: Kids can visit all 7 continents by reading books. The destinations/departures page has been updated with new titles to explore the world.

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

PICTURE BOOK EDITION

Picture books are for all ages. Explore these already released and soon-to-be released titles this summer.

How many can you read?
Shade in the squares to keep track.

The Boy Who Loved Everyone
By Jane Porter

Outside Inside
By Leuyen Pham

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners
By Joanna Ho

Don't Hug Doug
By Carrie Finlon

Zonia's Rainforest
By Juana Martinez-Neal

Arno and His Horse
By Jane Godwin

Sam's First Word
By Bea Birdson

We Are Still Here
By Traci Sorell

What Happened to You
By James Catchpole

We All Play
By Julie Flett

Poem in My Pocket
By Chris Tougas

Line and Scribble
By Deborah Vogrig

Aaron Slater Illustrator
By Andrea Beaty

Bubbles Up
By Jacqueline Davies

Oliver's Lollipop
By Allison Worche

When Lola Visits
By Michelle Sterling

Oddbird
By Derek Desierto

Shady Baby
By Gabrielle Union

The Circles All Around Us
By Brad Montague

Tabitha and Fitz Trade Places
By Katie Frawley

How to Apologize
By David LaRochelle

A Day for Rememberin'
By Leah Henderson

The Boy and the Sea
By Camille Andros

Fred Gets Dressed
By Peter Brown

Cranky Right Now
By Julie Berry

Sarah and the Big Wave
By Bonnie Tsui

Memory Jars
By Vera Brosgol

Becoming Vanessa
By Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Oh Look, A Cake!
By J.C. McKee

Walking For Water
By Susan Hughes

The New Kid Has Fleas
By Amy Dyckman

I Went for Hajj
By Na'ima B. Robert

Shirley Chisholm Dared
By Alicia D. Williams

Watch Me
By Doyln Richards

Ambitious Girl
By Meena Harris

The Old Boat
By Jarrett Pumphrey

Wonder Walkers
By Micha Archer

The Rock from the Sky
By Jon Klassen

Are You A Cheeseburger
By Monica Arnoldo

Thank You, Dr. Salk
By Dean Robbins

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

CHAPTER BOOK EDITION

Most of these books are written for kids 8 to 13, but parents can always read aloud to younger children.

How many can you read?
Shade in the squares to keep track.

The Lion of Mars
By Jennifer L. Holm

Katie the Catsitter
By Colleen AF Venable

The Elephant in the Room
By Holly Goldberg Sloan

We Belong
By Cookie Hilponia Everman

The List of Things that Will Not Change
By Rebecca Stead

When You Trap a Tiger
By Tae Keller

We Dream of Space
By Erin Enfrada Kelly

Ways to Grow Love
By Renée Watson

Stamped for Kids
By Sonja Cherry-Paul

We All Play
By Julie Flett

The Anti-Book
By Raphael Simon

War and Millie McGonigle
By Karen Cushman

The Legend of Auntie Po
By Shing Yin Kahr

Twins
By Varian Johnson

Bear Bottom
By Stuart Gibbs

Truly Tyler
By Terri Libenson

That Thing About Bollywood
By Supriya Kelkar

The Shape of Thunder
By Jasmine Warga

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
By Nizrana Farook

City of the Plague God
By Sarwat Chadda

Alone
By Megan E. Freeman

Finding Junie Kim
By Ellen Oh

Clues to the Universe
By Christina Li

Halfway to Harmony
By Barbara O'Connor

Amari and the Night Brothers
By B. B. Aiston

Karma Moon Ghost Hunter
By Melissa Savage

Magic's Most Wanted
By Tyler Whitesides

These Unlucky Stars
By Gillian McDunn

Winterborne Home for Mayhem and Mystery
By Ally Carter

Star Fish
By Lisa Fipps

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls
By Kaela Rivera

The Last Fallen Star
By Graci Kim

Unsettled
By Reem Faruqi

Down to Earth
By Betty Culley

The Chance to Fly
By Ali Stroker and Stacy Davidowitz

Weird Kid
By Greg Van Eekhout

Last Gate of the Emperor
By Kwame Mbalia

Take Back the Block
By Chrystal D. Giles

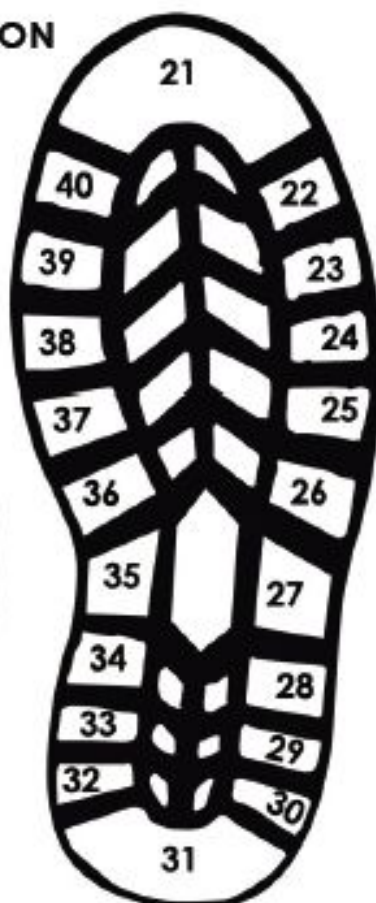
Amina's Song
By Heda Khan

A Place to Hang the Moon
By Kate Albus

WALK A MILE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES

CHAPTER BOOK EDITION

Shade in each part of the shoe sole as you complete each book.



For a little more information about the texts [click here](#)

Take a walk in someone else's shoes by reading books that will give you better insight to how others who may be different from you live, love, think, and feel.

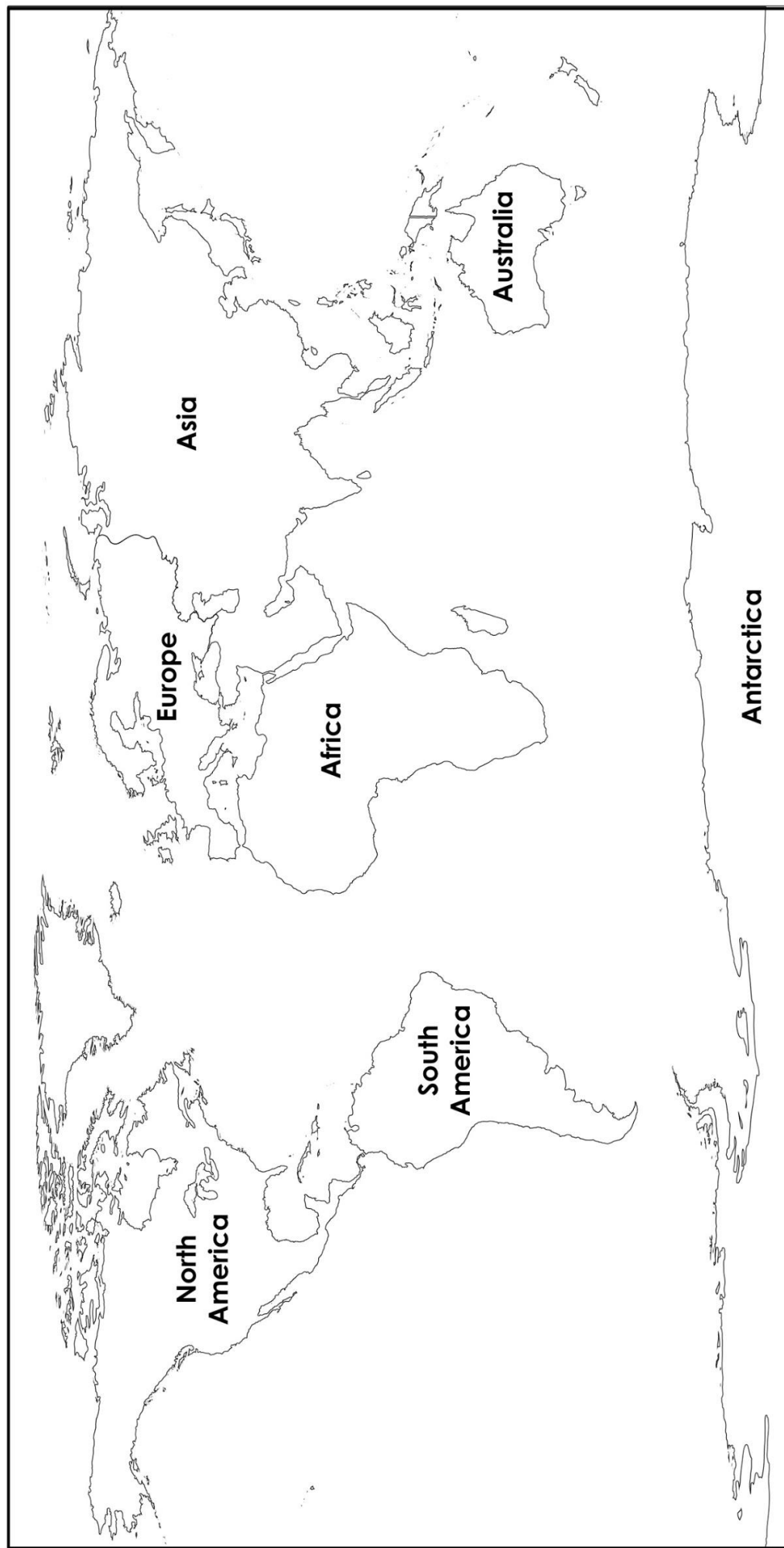
1. *George* by Alex Gino
2. *Blended* by Sharon Draper
3. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
4. *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner
5. *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
6. *Inside out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
7. *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
8. *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
9. *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
10. *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
11. *Fish in a Tree* by Megan Mullaly Hunt
12. *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga
13. *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park
14. *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callendar
15. *A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramée
16. *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
17. *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
18. *Sticky Notes* by Dianne Touchell
19. *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
20. *Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova
21. *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps
22. *The Only Black Girls in Town* by Brandy Colbert
23. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
24. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
25. *Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorrell
26. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
27. *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
28. *The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead
29. *Just Under the Clouds* by Melissa Sarno
30. *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter
31. *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei
32. *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson
33. *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson
34. *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin
35. *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart
36. *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold
37. *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos
38. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
39. *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
40. *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone

BOOKS TAKE YOU PLACES

No travel plans this summer? Don't worry! Books can take you to far away places - no passport required.

Shade in each continent as you read books set in each one.

See the reverse side or next page for suggested titles to read for each continent.



ARRIVAL / DEPARTURES

NORTH AMERICA

BOARDING PASS	
AIRLINE	FLIGHT #
CONFIRMATION #	SEAT
FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Ground Zero** by Alan Gratz
- **Ways to Make Sunshine** by Renee Watson
- **Stand Up Yumi Chung** by Jessica Kim
- **The Canyon's Edge** by Dusti Bowling
- **Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park
- **Three Keys** by Kelly Yang
- **Alone** by Megan E. Freeman
- **Serafina's Promise** by Ann E. Burg
- **Cece Rios & the Desert of Souls** by Kaela Rivera
- **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

SOUTH AMERICA

BOARDING PASS	
AIRLINE	FLIGHT #
CONFIRMATION #	SEAT
FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Rainbow Weaver** by Linda Elovitz Marshall
- **Where are the Galapagos Islands** by Megan Stine
- **Digging for Words** by Angela Burke Kunkel
- **The Dreamer** by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- **The Explorer** by Katherine Rundell
- **Ada's Violin** by Susan Hood
- **The Only Road** by Alexandra Diaz
- **A Story About Afiya** by James Berry

ASIA

BOARDING PASS	
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FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai
- **Finding Junie Kim** by Ellen Oh
- **A Wish in the Dark** by Christina Soontornvat
- **Unsettled** by Reem Faruqi
- **Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga
- **We Belong** by Cookie Haponia Everman
- **Under the Broken Sky** by Mariko Nagai
- **Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed
- **Half a World Away** by Cynthia Kadohata

AFRICA

BOARDING PASS	
AIRLINE	FLIGHT #
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FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **When Stars are Scattered** by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson
- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- **Seeds of Change** by Jen Johnson
- **One Plastic Bag** by Miranda Paul
- **Brothers in Hope** by Mary Williams
- **Wangari's Trees of Peace** by Jeanette Winter
- **The Water Princess** by Susan Verde
- **The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- **Coppery Sun** by Sharon M. Draper

EUROPE

BOARDING PASS	
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FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **The War that Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- **I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79** by Lauren Tarshis
- **An Elephant in the Garden** by Michael Morpurgo
- **The London Eye Mystery** by Siobahn Dowd
- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz
- **Rescue** by Jennifer Nielsen
- **Nowhere Boy** by Katherine Marsh

AUSTRALIA

BOARDING PASS	
AIRLINE	FLIGHT #
CONFIRMATION #	SEAT
FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Diary of a Wombat** by Jackie French
- **D is for Downunder** by Devin Scillian
- **Mirror** by Jeannie Baker
- **Evonne Goolagong** by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

ANTARCTICA

BOARDING PASS	
AIRLINE	FLIGHT #
CONFIRMATION #	SEAT
FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Sophie Scott Goes South** by Alison Lester
- **Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World** by Jennifer Armstrong
- **Who Was Ernest Shackleton** by James Buckley Jr.

For a little more information about the texts [click here](#)

OUTER SPACE

BOARDING PASS	
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FROM	GATE
DEPARTURE TIME	NOTES
ARRIVAL TIME	

- **Last Day on Mars** by Kevin Emerson
- **Mars Evacuees** by Sophia McDougall
- **Space Case** by Stuart Gibbs
- **Jupiter Pirates** by Jason Fry
- **See You In the Cosmos** by Jack Cheng
- **The Countdown Conspiracy** by Katie Slivensky
- **The Jamie Drake Equation** by Christopher Edge
- **We Dream of Space** by Erin Entrada Kelly