

CES SUGGESTED SUMMER READING 2025



Families,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your children develop a love of books and reading. This Summer Book List will help you assure that your children are reading high-quality literature. All the books on the list are available at the public library. We encourage you to obtain a library card for your children at the Bartow County Public Library. Sign them up for the Summer Reading Program and visit the library often with your children.

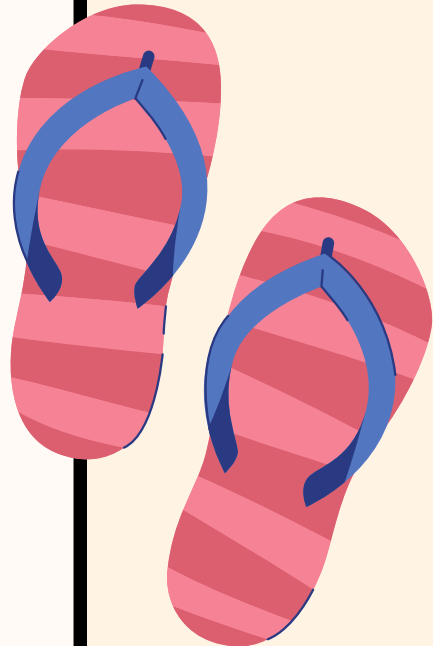
Cartersville City Schools is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your children meet these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

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Reading Tips

- Get kids to read 4 or more books.
- Provide easy access to books.
- Launch a lifelong love of reading by letting kids choose the books they want to read.
- Encourage Your Child to Tutor Younger Siblings and/or Neighbors.
- Relate Books and Movies.
- Encourage reading Magazines, Graphic Novels, and Comic Books.
- Plan Day-trips that go along with books your child is reading. Go to this link to see some popular genres and suggested activities that the whole family can enjoy.
<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/day-trips-book-lovers>

It's Summer - Why READ?

- Summer reading is FUN
- It improves your mind – and your life
- Not reading slows down your brain
- Kids who read for FUN over the summer do better when they go back to school
- People who read for FUN have greater success in life – and more FUN!
- The library provides great summer reading activities for kids, teens, and adults

Why is summer reading so much FUN?

- You can read whatever you want – you decide
- Families that read together have FUN together
- The library has 1000s of books to choose from, including audiobooks, eBooks, and graphic novels – for FREE
- Need help deciding what to read? Need help getting your kids to read for FUN? Visit the library!



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Realistic Fiction

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Fish In a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
The Unteachables by Gordon Korman
Roll With It by Jamie Sumner
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Sports Fiction

Baseball Genius (series) by Tim Green
Ten Thousand Tries by Amy Makechnie
The Aurora County All Stars by Deborah Wiles
The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson
Game Changer by Tom Greenwald



Fantasy

The Lightning Thief (series) by Rick Riordan
Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
The Green Ember by S.D. Smith
Wereworld (series) by Curtis Jobling
Witch & Wizard (series) by James Patterson
The Adventurers Guild by Zach L. Clark

Mystery



City Spies by James Ponti
Framed! (series) by James Ponti
Enola Holmes (series) by Nancy Springer
Holes by Louis Sachar
Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar
Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene



Humor

Middle School (series) by James Patterson
The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry
The Terrible Twos (series) by Mac Barnett
Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) by Jeff Kinney

Graphic Novels

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Frizzy by Claribel A Ortega
Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Dog Man (series) by David Pilkey



Animal Stories

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Mice and Beans by Pam Munoz Ryan
Stuart Little by E. B. White
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Singing with Elephants by Margarita Engle
Owl Diaries (series) by Rebecca Elliott

Historical Fiction

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth G. Speare
A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Refugee by Alan Gratz
Show Me a Sign by Anne Clare LeZotte
I Survived (series) by Lauren Tarshis

Friendship

The Penderwicks (series) by Jeanne Birdsall
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Glaser
When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin
Freaky Friday by Mary Rodgers
Ivy & Bean Series by Annie Barrows
11 Before 12 by Lisa Greenwald



Action & Adventure

The Masterminds (series) by Gordon Korman
The Canyon's Edge by Dusty Bowling
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Last Kids on Earth (series) by Max Brallier
Alex Rider (series) by Anthony Horowitz
Treasure Hunters (series) by James Patterson



Science Fiction

Remarkables by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

Michael Vey (series) by Richard Paul Evans
The Shadow Children Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung