

# 2016 Foxborough Public Schools Entering Grade 4 Summer Reading

## On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer is here and many students are looking forward to a break from schoolwork, but summer is not a time to take a break from reading! The summer months present a great opportunity to extend and enrich your student's reading experiences. Elementary students should read, or be to read to everyday. **Research tells us that when students don't read for two months their skills regress.** Reading even 4 or 5 books over the summer helps to prevent the summer slide. Summer reading helps students of all ages keep their skills sharp so they are ready when school begins again in the fall.

Attached, you will find a list of popular grade level titles to assist with book selection, a reading log to help your child keep track of his or her summer reading (or you may use the log that is available as part of the Boyden Library's summer reading program) and a postcard. After your child has read a few books of his/her choice this summer, have him or her complete the attached postcard by selecting **one** of the following:

- Draw a picture or write about your favorite part
- Tell a friend to read or NOT read this book because...
- This book reminds me of ...
- Or, be creative and come up with your own response!

Then return the postcard to your child's school by either mailing it, dropping it off at the main office, or returning it when school starts in September.

Postcards will be on display in September to celebrate all of our summer readers and all students who return a post card and/or reading log will receive a certificate of achievement.

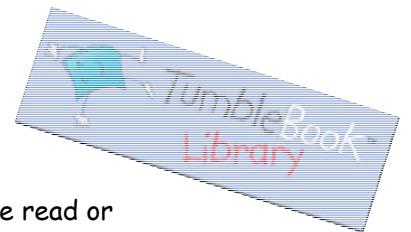


We have included a copy of the Boyden Library's summer activities calendar. There are a variety of fun filled activities planned at the Boyden including some special guest readers, so please take a look as you won't want to miss taking advantage of these free programs! Also, don't forget to take advantage of the

**TumbleBook Library®**. It is a library of animated, talking picture books that can be read or

read to you. It is accessed through the library's website and **with your library card you**

**get free access!** The Boyden also has many **PLAYAWAY® Audio Books** available for loan. A **PLAYAWAY®** is a small device that is preloaded with books. It is a simple way to listen to a book on the go and the novelty of it may just be what you need to keep your child reading this summer.



**Looking for something fun to do as a family this summer?**

Check out one of the **StoryWalks®** that have been set up at each of the elementary schools. **What is a StoryWalk®?** It combines the activity of walking with reading a book. It is a great outside family activity that involves everyone in the reading! StoryWalks will be set up at each school from July 4<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Titles will be changed every two weeks. Burrell School's StoryWalk® will be located along the nature walk on the right side of the school. The Igo and Taylor School StoryWalks® will be setup near the playgrounds. So please take time to visit each **StoryWalks®** and let us know what you think. Remember to add the titles read on the **StoryWalk®** to your summer reading log, too! Thank you to all three elementary PTOs for sponsoring the StoryWalks® at their schools.

**We hope you have a wonderful summer and read, read, read!**

***ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!***  
**2016 Summer Reading Program & Special Events**

The Boyden Library Children's Department  
10 Bird Street 508-543-1246 [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org)

- Boyden Library's **summer reading program** will run from June 27 - August 6. Registration begins June 20 in the Children's Department. The program is mostly enjoyed by independent readers up to age 12 and pre-readers as young as 2.
- Everyone will receive a reading log upon registration or can choose to use the log that comes with your school summer reading package. Use your log to keep track of your reading progress. The library encourages you to read at least 20 minutes per day. Then each week beginning June 27, show the library staff how much you've read and receive a great prize. In addition, the **Friends of the Boyden Library\*** will sponsor free events over the summer. Register where noted. You can register online by going to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org). Click on "Meeting Rooms." Click on "View Event Schedule." Find program by date and click on "Register." You can also call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246.

**SUMMER EVENTS:**

**A Family Evening Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley**- Wednesday-June 22 at 7:00 p.m. – ages pre-k- 6. Register beginning June 8. Sing and dance in your pajama pants! Wear your PJs and get ready to hop and dance. (Children 2 and younger must be seated in an adult's lap). Community Meeting Room.

**What can you learn from a Degu? Ani-Motion by Animal World Experience**- June 23 at 2:00 p.m.- ages 5 & older. Register beginning June 9. Learn how animals keep themselves fit and healthy. Whether it's digging like a degu, eating healthy like a tortoise, or soaking up sunshine like a lizard. We have a lot to learn from our wildest friends! Community Meeting Room.

**Family Evening Story Time** - Tuesdays, June 28- August 2 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 3-6. No Registration. Wear your pjs, bring a stuffed animal and share fun stories, interactive activities, thinking games, and more. Story & Craft Room.

**Story Time** – Wednesdays, June 29-August 3 at 1:30 p.m. Ages 3-6- No Registration. Join us for fun stories, interactive activities, thinking games, and more. Story & Craft Room.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**- Thursdays, June 30 -August 4 at 11:00 a.m. Ages 0-3. No Registration. Get little ones ready to read and learn. Children must be attended by a grown-up who will guide them through the activities. Story & Craft Room. MGOL will not be held on Teddy Bear Picnic Day. Hope to see you at the Picnic!  
(over for more!)

**Yoga with Sara** – Monday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 6-9. Register beginning June 27. Sara Gottfried will create an energizing environment through the use of games, creative sequences, and music. Kids will learn poses and breathing techniques, allowing the connection between mind and body to flourish. Story & Craft Room.

**The Teddy Bear Picnic** - Thursday, July 14 (rain date July 21) at 10:00 a.m. on Foxboro Common. All Ages. Bring your best bear, a blanket, and a morning snack and enjoy music by our friend Miss Tina Stone. To jump start our Holiday Discretionary Fund Book Drive, participants are invited to contribute a **new** children's book. For public safety reasons, please leave pets at home. Registration is not required.

**Principals! Elementary School Students- Your favorite school principal will be here this summer to read a story and say hello.** Mrs. McCarthy from the Burrell School will be here on Monday, July 18. Reading dates for Mr. Stanton from the Igo School and Mr. Regan from the Taylor School will be announced. Watch our website or Facebook page for updates. Registration is not required. We'll meet in the Story & Craft Room. All will begin at 3:00 p.m.

**Swords Through the Ages!** – Wednesday, July 27 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 8 & older. Register beginning July 13. An amazing demonstration by sword experts Jeff Goodhind and Jeff Lord from the Association for Renaissance & Medieval Swordsmanship. Learn about different types of swords in history and different sword-play techniques. You might even get to try your hand at (blunt) sword combat. Community Meeting Room.

**Yoga for Little Ones-** Monday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Register beginning July 18. Everyone breath and relax! Children's Yoga Instructor Kristin Mulligan will show kids basic yoga poses and techniques. Story & Craft Room.

**Mrs. Dow's Summer Art Cart** – Thursday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. Ages 5-9. Register beginning July 21. Join Mrs. Dow for a fun summer story and a craft made from recycled materials. Story & Craft Room.

**Harry Potter Trivia Work-Out** – Tuesday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 8-12. Register beginning July 26. Ahern School Librarian Mr. Rossetti will test your trivia knowledge of all things Harry Potter and present other Harry Potter-related activities. Story & Craft Room

**Reading Olympics with Jungle Jim** – Thursday, August 11 at 1:30 pm. Ages 3-11 Register beginning July 28. This program features balloon magic and artistry with audience participation. Jungle Jim is a wildly popular entertainer wherever he goes! This will be fun! Community Meeting Room.

For additions to our summer events calendar, please visit [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on Meeting Rooms. Updates will also appear on the library's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BoydenLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/BoydenLibrary).

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# 2016 Foxborough Public Schools Grade 4 Suggested Summer Reading

## Popular Series

The Books of the Elsewhere Series by Jacqueline West  
Big Nate Series by Lincoln Peirce  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney  
Origami Yoda Files by Tom Angleberger  
Arnie the Doughnut Series by Laurie Keller  
The Swindle Series by Gordon Korman  
Sideways Stories by Louis Sachar  
The Lunch Lady Series by Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
The 39 Clues Series by Rick Riordan  
The Cupcake Club Series by Sheryl and Carrie Berk  
Baseball Card Adventure Series by Dan Gutman  
The Doll People by Ann M. Martin  
What Ever After Series by Sarah Mlynowski  
Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan  
Beacon Street Girls by Annie Bryant  
Allie Finkle Series by Meg Cabot  
Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne  
The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald Sobol  
Nancy Drew Notebook by Carolyn Keene Bailey  
School Kids Series by Debbie Dodey and Marci Thornton Jones  
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein  
The Interactive History Adventure Series by various authors  
The Genius Files by Dan Gutman  
Dear America Series by various authors

## Poetry

Jack Prelutsky  
Shel Silverstein  
Kenn Nesbitt

## Nonfiction Titles

Tornado Alert, Hurricane Watch, Earthquakes by Franklyn Branley  
Weather Forecasting, Weather Words and What They Mean, Whales, Sea Turtles, Sharks, Sunken Treasure, Exploring the Deep Dark Sea, Surrounded by Sea: Life in a New England Fishing Village, Nature's Green Umbrella: Tropical Rainforest, etc. by Gail Gibbons  
Jean Fritz: biography series  
Magic Tree House Research Guides by Mary Pope Osborne  
Discovery Education Series: Earth's Place in Space, All About Weather, All in the Family, What is Energy?, etc.  
Sports Illustrated for Kids  
National Geographic for Kids  
Ranger Rick  
Time for Kids

## Folktales/Tall Tales

Fables by Arnold Lobel  
Steven Kellogg, various titles  
Any other folktales or tall tales

## Web Sites

<http://www.starfall.com/>  
\* Beginning readers can try the alphabet games and stories at this web site.  
<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/ReadingBrain/ReadingBrain.html>  
\* *Mad-Libs* to fill in, and web-books and comic books to read on-line  
[http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home\\_tumblebooks.asp](http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp)  
\* *Tumblebooks* are animated storybooks for younger readers. This website also has audio books, puzzles, and games for children to play as well.

**Foxborough Public Schools**  
**Summer Reading Log**  
**Grade 4**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Title of Book	Author/Illustrator	Date completed	Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials
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