

FOURTH GRADE

Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 4th grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: www.cmlibrary.org/summerread

History: Year by Year

Chrisp

Chronologically traces all aspects of human history from prehistoric times to the present day.

Lunch Money

Clements

Twelve-year-old Greg, who loves earning money, finds himself teamed up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns

Colfer

A pair of twins travel to the Land of Stories to save their mother and the fairy tale world from the evil Enchantress. Second in the series.

Matilda

Dahl

Matilda uses her magnificent mental powers to save the school and teacher from the terrible headmistress, Miss Trunchbull.

Horten's Miraculous Mechanisms

Evans

Stuart Horten begins a magical quest to find his great-uncle Tony, a famous magician who has hidden his secret workshop. First in the series.

Barnum's Bones

Fern

A twentieth-century paleontologist, Barnum Brown, discovers the first ever Tyrannosaurus Rex and other species.

A Tale Dark and Grimm

Gidwitz

Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more Grimm's fairy tales.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Grabenstein

To escape the new town library, built by the famous gamemaker, Mr. Lemoncello, a twelve-year-old boy must work together with his friends.

Sardine in Outer Space

Guibert

Sardine and her uncle sail a ship across the universe, making friends with aliens and the like in order to confront the evil Supermuscleman. First in the series

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy*Hale*

Chronicles the story of the author's namesake, America's first spy during the Revolutionary War. First in the series.

Turtle in Paradise*Holm*

During the Great Depression, eleven-year old Turtle is sent to Key West, Florida to stay with relatives she doesn't know when her mother gets a job in a place that doesn't allow children.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World*Jenkins*

Describes and illustrates the uniquely adapted eyes of a series of animals.

Amulet, Vol. 1: The Stonekeeper*Kibuishi*

Two siblings go on a quest to find their missing mother in a land full of evil creatures, robots, and talking animals. First in the series.

Explorer: The Mystery Boxes*edited by Kibuishi*

A collection of short graphic stories based on a mysterious box and all the things that could be inside. First in the series.

Everest: The Contest*Korman*

A group of teens compete for a chance to be the youngest person to climb Mount Everest.

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute*Krosoczka*

The school lunch lady secretly fights crime and uncovers a plot to replace the teachers with evil robots. First in the series.

Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos*LaFevers*

Theo is able to sense curses, which comes in handy when her archaeologist mother brings the Heart of Egypt amulet home to the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London that is run by her father. First in the series.

Not for Parents: Rome*Lamprell*

Introduces amusing interesting facts about Rome, Italy. First in the series.

Mal and Chad: The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever*McCranie*

A genius boy and his dog travel through time, while facing the normal challenges of everyday life. First in the series.

The Tapir Scientist: Saving South America's Largest Mammal*Montgomery*

Pati Medici and fellow scientists work to study Brazil's lowland tapir and protect it from extinction.

More Bones: Scary Stories From Around the World*Olson*

Short, scary stories from around the world are shared.

Martin and Mahalia: His Words, Her Song*Pinkney*

Explores the intersecting lives of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and gospel singer Mahalia Jackson at the historic moment when their joined voices inspired landmark changes.

Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World*Rusch*

An introduction to the life of Nikola Tesla and his inventions and his work in the alternating current.

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka*Scieszka*

Author and illustrator Jon Scieszka describes his childhood as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.

Mirror, Mirror*Singer*

A collection of fairy tale poems; when reversed they give new perspectives on the same story.

File Under: 13 Suspicious Incidents*Snicket*

A young Lemony Snicket collects clues and asks questions to try and solve 13 suspicious cases.

When You Reach Me*Stead*

A twelve-year old New York City girl tries to untangle the mystery behind the series of notes she has received by an anonymous source during the 1980s.

Breadcrumbs*Ursu*

In a story inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's *Snow Queen*, Hazel must go into the enchanted woods in hopes of saving her best friend Jack from an evil ice queen.