

2024 Summer Reading, Entering Third Grade

Required Reading:

Students must read at least one book from the attached 2024 Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading List.

The titles listed below are additional suggestions for summer reading. Feel free to pick and choose based on your interests.

Resource Lists and Websites

- Notable Children's Books 2024: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Lee and Low Books: <https://www.leeandlow.com/>
- We Need Diverse Books: <https://diversebooks.org/>
- Branches Books: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches/>
- Reading Beyond: <https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reader-resources/reading-beyond/>
- New York Public Library Best Books: <https://www.nypl.org/spotlight/best-books-2023>
- Mr. Schu Reads blog: <http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/>

Picture Books

Luli and the Language of Tea, Andrea Wang
Sometimes, a Tiger, Z.B. Asterplume
The Song Called Them Home, David Robertson
Pa, Me, and Our Sidewalk Pantry, Toni Buzzeo
Symphony For a Broken Orchestra: How Philadelphia Collected Sounds to Save Music, Amy Ignatow
Sari-Sari Summers, Lynnor Bontigao
**The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale*, Charly Palmer
Remember, Joy Harjo
Areli is a Dreamer, Areli Morales
How to Get Your Octopus to School, Becky Scharnhorst

Nonfiction

**Tomfoolery: Randolph Caldecott and the Rambunctious Coming-of-Age of Children's Books*, Michelle Markel
Action Presidents, Fred Van Lente
The Mystery of the Monarchs, Barb Rosenstock
**Flip! How the Frisbee Took Flight*, Margaret Muirhead
From Shoe to Ocean Floor, Gill Arbuthnott
The Gravity Tree: the True Story of a Tree that Inspired the World, Anna Crowley Redding
**Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series*, Traci Sorell
The Indestructible Tom Crean, Jennifer Thermes

Junior Fiction

**Ranger in Time* series, Kate Messner
**Shermy & Shake, The Not-So-Nice Neighbor*, Kirby Larson
**Stuntboy in the Meantime*, Jason Reynolds
**Time Twisters* series, Steve Sheinkin
**The Great Vandal Scandal*, Emily Ecton
Pigeon Private Detectives series, Christee Curran Bauer
**I Survived* series, Lauren Tarshis
Shai and Emmie series, Wallis Quvenzhane
The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow, Elaine Dimopoulos
**Willa the Wisp* (Fabled Stables), Jonathan Auxier
**The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library*, Linda Bailey
**Wild Robot* series, Peter Brown
**Stick Dog* series, Tom Watson
**Thundercluck!* series, Paul Tillery
**The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale*, Jon Klassen



Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2024-25

1. ***Caves*** by Nell Cross Beckerman. Illustrated by Kalen Chock.
2. ***The Cursed Moon*** by Angela Cervantes.
3. ***Daybreak on Raven Island*** by Fleur Bradley.
4. ***The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn*** by Sally J. Pla.
5. ***The Ghost of Spruce Point*** by Nancy Tandon.
6. ***How to Stay Invisible*** by Maggie C. Rudd.
7. ***Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat Better*** by Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman. Illustrated by Keith Mallett.
8. ***Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter*** by Aida Salazar. Illustrated by Molly Mendoza.
9. ***Ketanji: Justice Jackson's Journey to the U.S. Supreme Court*** by Kekla Magoon. Illustrated by Laura Freeman.
10. ***Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test*** by Christina Soontornvat. Illustrated by Kevin Hong.
11. ***The Mystery of the Monarchs*** by Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Erika Meza.
12. ***New Dragon City*** by Mari Mancusi.
13. ***Odder*** by Katherine Applegate. Illustrated by Charles Santoso.
14. ***A Rover's Story*** by Jasmine Warga.
15. ***Shermy & Shake, The Not-So-Nice Neighbor*** by Kirby Larson. Illustrated by Shinji Fujioka.
16. ***Something Like Home*** by Andrea Beatriz Arango.
17. ***Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*** by Caren Stelson. Illustrated by Selina Alko.
18. ***Two Tribes*** by Emily Bowen Cohen.
19. ***You Are Here: Connecting Flights***, edited by Ellen Oh.
20. ***Yuck You Suck! Poems about Animals That SIP, SLURP, SUCK*** by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple. Illustrated by Eugenia Nobati.

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