

2025



SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

KINDERGARTEN

A Gift for Amma (J PIC and J READ ALONG)

By Meera Sriram

Spanish version available on Hoopla

Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon (J PIC)

By Kat Zhang

Isabel and Her Colores Go to School (J PIC)

By Alexandra Alessandri

Bilingual in English and Spanish

Mi Ciudad Sings (J PIC)

By Cynthia Harmony

Milo Imagines the World (J PIC & J SPANISH PIC)

By Matt de la Peña

Also available in Spanish

Oh, Olive (J PIC)

By Lian Cho

Powwow Day (J PIC)

By Traci Sorell

Seoul Food (J PIC)

By Erin Russell

What Color Is My Hijab? (J CONCEPT)

By Hudda Ibrahim

Yasmin the Gardener (J EASY)

By Saadia Faruqi

GRADES 1-3

Ablaze with Color (J BIOG)

By Jeanne Walker Harvey

Baking With Mi Abuelita (J EASY)

By Julissa Mora

Catalina Incognito (J EARLY CHAPTER)

By Jennifer Torres

Drum From the Heart (J PIC)

By Ren Louie

Dumplings for Lili (J PIC)

By Melissa Iwai

Lolo's Sari-sari Store (J PIC)

By Sophia N. Lee

Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party

(J EARLY CHAPTER)

By Saadia Faruqi

More Than Peach (J PIC)

By Bellen Woodard

Shaped by Her Hands (J BIOG)

By Anna Harber Freeman & Barbara Gonzales

Shapes, Lines, and Light (J BIOG)

By Katie Yamasaki



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GRADES 4-6

Any Way You Look (J FICTION)

By Maleeha Siddiqui

Cruzita and the Mariacheros (J FICTION)

By Ashley Granillo

The Do-Over (J GRAHPIC)

By Rodrigo Vargas

Drawing Deena (J FICTION)

By Hena Khan

Ellie Engle Saves Herself (J FICTION)

By Leah Johnson

Flora La Fresca & the Art of Friendship

(J FICTION) By Veronica Chambers

Meet Me on Mercer Street (J GRAPHIC)

By Booki Vivat

The Ribbon Skirt (J GRAPHIC)

By Cameron Mukwa

A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall

(J FICTION) By Jasmine Warga

Timid (J GRAPHIC)

By Jonathan Todd

GRADES 7-8

Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and

Dance (J NONFICTION)

By Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane

Doodles From the Boogie Down (J GRAPHIC)

By Stephanie Rodriguez

Miss Quinces (J GRAPHIC)

By Kat Fajardo

Rain Is Not My Indian Name (TEEN FICTION)

By Cynthia Leitich Smith

Who Was Her Own Work of Art?

(J GRAPHIC NONFICTION)

By Terry Blas

The Witness Blanket (J NONFICTION)

By Carey Newman

What Is Color?: the Global and Sometimes

Gross Story of Pigments, Paint, and the Wondrous World of Art (J NONFICTION)

By Weinberg, Steven

Wings in the Wild (Teen Fiction)

By Margarita Engle

Maybe an Artist (Teen Graphic Nonfiction)

By Elizabeth Montague

Drawing From Memory (J Biography)

By Allen Say

GRADES 9-12

Ander & Santi Were Here (TEEN FICTION)

By Jonny Garza Villa

The Black Flamingo (TEEN FICTION)

By Dean Atta

A Pho Love Story (TEEN FICTION)

By Loan Le

The Power of Style (TEEN FICTION)

By Christian Allaire

Rise to the Sun (TEEN FICTION)

By Leah Johnson

Promise Boys (TEEN FICTION)

By Nick Brooks

Punching the Air (TEEN FICTION)

By Ibi Zoboi

Slay (TEEN FICTION)

By Morris, Brittney

My Name Is Jason. Mine Too. (TEEN NONFICTION)

By Jason Reynolds