

# Dear Parents and Guardians,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your child develop a love for books and reading. The Newton County School System and Newton County Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program for your child to last the whole summer.

Research shows that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development. The Newton County School System 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 child meets these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

This summer book list will help you assure that your child is reading high quality literature. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles. Happy reading!

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Director of Elementary Education

# Where to Go for Books



Check [www.newtonlibraries.org](http://www.newtonlibraries.org)  
for current hours.



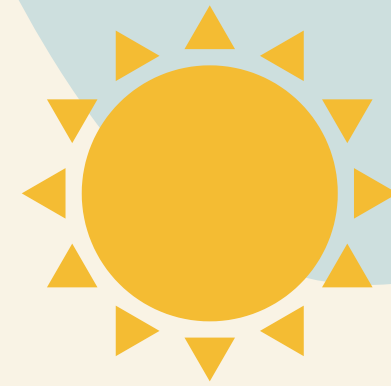
Students will continue to have access to books through **Scholastic Literacy Pro**. To access this program log into Launch Pad at <https://launchpad.classlink.com/newtonga> and click on the Digital Scholastic app.



Your student has anytime, anywhere reading available in Sora.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/ncssreading> to learn how to:

- Access Sora's resources
- Add additional libraries to Sora for even more reading
- Get a digital library card from Newton Co. Library



# Summer Reading Grades 3-5



Newton County Schools  
2109 Newton Drive  
Covington, GA 30015  
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Scan QR code to visit the NCSS Summer Reading Website.

# Book Suggestions

## Realistic Fiction

Rules (Lord)  
Fish in a Tree\* (Hunt)  
Save Me a Seat (Weeks)  
Wonder (Palaccio)  
Frindle (Clements)  
Smile (Telgemeier)  
Shiloh (Naylor)  
Because of Mr. Terupt (Buyea)  
The Homework Machine (Gutman)  
Because of Winn-Dixie (DiCamillo)  
Dog Man (Pilkey)  
The Road to Paris (Grimes)  
Next to Mexico (Nails)  
Smells Like Treasure (Selfors)  
Room One: A Mystery or Two (Clements)

## Series

Ruby Lu(Look)  
Swindle (Korman)  
Origami Yoda (Angleberger)  
Big Nate (Peirce)  
Series of Unfortunate Events (Snicket)  
The Questioners Chapter Bks. (Beaty)  
Tia Lola (Alvarez)

\* eBook only

# Book Suggestions

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

Wishtree (Applegate)  
Fuzzy Mud (Sachar)  
The Magician's Elephant (DiCamillo)  
Amari and the Night Brothers (Alston)  
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe\* (Hernandez)  
Dragon Castle (Bruchac)  
Boom! (Haddon)  
Whales on Stilts! (Anderson)

## Series

The Lightning Thief (Riordan)  
The Books of Elsewhere (West)  
Harry Potter (Rowling)  
Land of Stories (Colfer)  
Warriors (Hunter)  
Spiderwick Chronicles (DiTerlizzi)

## Historical Fiction

Lions of Little Rock (Levine)  
Breaking Stalin's Nose (Yelchin)  
One Crazy Summer (Williams)  
Sadako . . . Thousand Cranes (Coerr)  
The War that Saved My Life (Bradley)  
The Watsons Go to Birmingham (Curtis)

## Series

I Survived (Tarshis)

# Book Suggestions

## Informational Books

One Plastic Bag\* (Paul)  
Honeybee (Fleming)  
Finding Winnie (Mattick)  
When Marian Sang\* (Ryan)  
We Are the Ship\* (Nelson)  
Shimmer and Splash (Arnosky)  
Grand Canyon (Chin)  
Haunted Histories (Everett)  
Separate Is Never Equal\* (Tonatiuh)  
The Tarantula Scientist (Montgomery)  
The Girl Who Drew Butterflies (Sidman)  
Classified: The Secret Career . . . (Sorrell)  
Boston Tea Party (Kroll)  
Discovering Black America (Tarrant-Reid)  
Galaxies, Galaxies (Gibbons)  
Millions, Billions, & Trillions:  
Understanding Big Numbers (Adler)  
Dinosaurs in Your Backyard (Burns)

## More Book Suggestions

Be sure to explore the Newton County Library and the NCSS Sora Collection for even more great reads! Directions on how to access these resources are on the back of this brochure.