

Westerly Public Library

All public libraries (including Westerly) run a Summer Reading Program filled with fun activities and prizes to help encourage summer reading. To get started, come in anytime beginning June 26th, and receive your Reading Record and begin reading! Once you've finished your reading record, bring it in to receive your free book, coupons to local and state attractions and certificate of completion. This year in lieu of prizes, for every child who finishes our Children's Summer Reading Program, \$1 will be donated to Heifer International



cause of their choice, thanks to the generosity of The Friends of Westerly Library and Wilcox Park. For more information, call the library at 401-596-2877 x316, or visit the WPL website or their Facebook page (Westerly Library & Wilcox Park).



Helpful Websites

Free internet access is available at the Westerly Public Library.

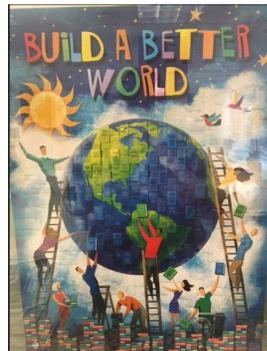
Find books using the CLAN (Statewide) Catalog at from home or at Westerly Public Library.

www.westerlylibrary.org/

RI Educational Media Association's links to websites such as the Caldecott and Newbery winners www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/american-library-association-announces-2016-youth-media-award-winners

RI Children's Book Awards
www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/nomineepdfs/ricba2017nominees.pdf

International Reading Association's Children's Choices
www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/2016_cc_final.pdf?sfvrsn=10



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children entering Kindergarten:

Sharing storybooks with young children is a celebration of family life. As parents and children listen, talk, read, and play together, they learn about themselves, one another, and the world in which they live.

Daily exposure to books helps to develop children's vocabulary and their sense of story structure. Both help children become ready to read.

We hope that you and your child will enjoy reading together each day during the summer vacation, as well as during the school year. This summer, after you have shared a story, please take some time to try the summer reading activities that we have included and fill in the reading log. We believe that by including these activities in your daily lives at home, you will provide valuable support in your child's reading achievement. Please return the signed reading log to next year's teacher in September.

Sincerely,

Kindergarten Teachers
Westerly Public Schools

Happy Summer!

Suggested Books to Read to Your Child
Entering Kindergarten

Books on this list may be borrowed or requested from your local library. Some may be available in bookstores.

<p>Picture Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Kitten's First Full Moon by Henkes  A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson  My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann  Wiggle By Doreen Cronin  When Sophie Gets Angry-Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang 	<p>Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Little Dog Poems by Kristine O. George  The Find it Book by Margaret Wise Brown  Time for Bed by Mem Fox  Oh My Baby, Little One by Kathi Appelt  Sing a Song of Piglets by Eve Bunting
<p>Nonfiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  My Five Senses by Aliki  Underwater Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta  My Visit to the Aquarium by Aliki  Discovering Dinosaurs Series by Weigl  I am series by Weigl 	<p>Fairy Tales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Town Mouse Country Mouse by Jan Brett  Cinder Edna by Ellen Jackson  Once Upon a Time the End by Geoffrey Kloske  Here Comes Mother Goose by Opie/Wells
<p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Chicken Sisters by Laura Numerof  Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes  Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert  T is for Teacher by Steven Layne  Alice the Fairy by David Shannon 	<p>Also look for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ABC books  A first day of school book  Rhyming books  Color books  Counting books  Nonsense books  Nursery rhymes.



Reading Activities
To Do With Your Child This Summer

1. Read a book or books with your child daily and talk about the stories.
2. If your child is able, have him or her read along with you or to you.
3. Join the Westerly Public Library and visit often.
4. Tell stories to each other.
5. Before reading a book to your child, activate prior knowledge. Ask him/her to predict what the story will be about.
6. Talk about things you have read. Make connections to the child's life and the real world.
7. During a read-aloud, ask your child to close his/her eyes and visualize what is happening in the story.
8. Provide a model for your child by reading and writing.
9. Heighten your child's awareness of the function and uses of print by pointing out words, written notes, and other print used in your daily life. Read environmental print such as words on cereal boxes, other food packages, and road signs. Occasionally communicate through written messages.
10. Fill out the log every time you read a book!

Research shows that children who learned to read early...

- ✓ Had someone read to them
- ✓ Read and shared real books
- ✓ Read books over and over again

