

# Summer Reading Ideas

The Summer holidays are a great time for reading so here are a few recommendations for good books to look out for. They can all be easily purchased and will be available in the Ambrit Library next September. There are some old favourites and a few ideas for books that may be less familiar but they are all worthwhile reads; classics of children's literature stand alongside the latest popular publications. The list is divided according to age-range but please remember that such divisions are only ever meant to be a general guideline, as every child is different and books can be enjoyed as read-alouds as well as being read independently. Enjoy a wonderful Summer of reading!

## Picture Books for younger readers

Gorilla – Anthony Browne

Stella Luna – Janell Cannon

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lynley Dodd

The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson

Olivia (series) - Ian Falconer

Corduroy – Don Freeman

Rufferella – Vanessa Gill-Brown

Dogger – Shirley Hughes

Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers

The Tiger Who Came To Tea – Judith Kerr

The Night I Followed The Dog – Nina Laden

The Kiss That Missed – David Melling

Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore

Winnie the Witch (series) – Laura Owen and Korcky Paul

We're Going On A Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

What Do people Do all Day - Richard Scarry

Where The Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

Frog is a hero – Max Velthuijs

Owl Babies – Martin Waddell

Can You See What I See? (series) – Walter Wick

## **Good Books for 6+**

Secrets of Droon (series) – Tony Abbott

Snow White And The Seven Aliens – Laurence Anholt

Peter Pan – J.M. Barrie

The Magic Faraway Tree or Secret Seven series – Enid Blyton

A Bear Called Paddington – Michael Bond

Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown

Magic School Bus series – Joanna Cole

The Witches or Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl

My Naughty Little Sister – Dorothy Edwards

Bill's New Frock or How To Write Really Badly– Anne Fine

The Hodgeheg or The Sheep-Pig – Dick King-Smith

Judy Moody (series) – Megan McDonald

Winnie-the-Pooh – A.A. Milne

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy

Magic Tree House (series) – Mary Pope Osborne

Horrid Henry (series) – Francesca Simon

A Hundred And One Dalmations – Dodie Smith

My Mum's Going To Explode or Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog – Jeremy Strong

Black Lagoon Adventures (series) – Mike Thaler and Jared Lee

The Selfish Giant – Oscar Wilde

## **Good Books for 8+**

### **Fantasy**

Lionboy – Zizou Corder

Corydon (series) – Tobias Druitt

Inkheart or The Thief Lord – Cornelia Funke

The Little White Horse – Elizabeth Goudge

Skulduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy

The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis

Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

Harry Potter (series) – J.K. Rowling

## **Adventure and Mystery**

The Boy Who Fell Down Exit 43 – Harriet Goodwin

Stormbreaker (first of a series) – Anthony Horowitz

Journey To The River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

Mission Telmark – Amanda Mitchison

Percy Jackson (series) – Rick Riordan

Holes – Louis Sachar

The Silver Sword – Ian Serraillier

A Series Of Unfortunate Adventures - Lemony Snicket

Mysterious Benedict Society (series) – Trenton Lee Stewart

Blitzcat – Robert Westall

## **Beautiful Tear-jerkers**

The Railway Children – E.S. Nesbit

Black Beauty – Anna Sewell

Born To Run or The Butterfly Lion or ANYTHING by – Michael Morpurgo

When You Reach Me – Rebecca Stead

Vicky Angel or Hetty Feather or ANYTHING by – Jacqueline Wilson

## **Good For A Laugh**

Tales Of A Fourth Grade Nothing or Fudge-a-mania – Judy Blume

The BFG or Matilda or ANYTHING by - Roald Dahl

The Wind In The Willows – Kenneth Grahame

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) – Jeff Kinney

## **Good Books for 11+**

### **Unmissable Classics**

Pride And Prejudice – Jane Austen

A Tale Of Two Cities or David Copperfield – Charles Dickens

My Family And Other Animals – Gerald Durrell

To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee

1984 – George Orwell

The Catcher In The Rye – J.D. Salinger

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

### **Thought Provoking**

The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne

Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr

The Secret Life Of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd

Warhorse or Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

Three Cups of Tea – Greg Mortenson

Ways To Live Forever – Sally Nicholls

Keeper – Mal Peet

War Games – James Riordan

Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli

### **Good For A Laugh**

Angus, Thongs And Full-Frontal Snogging (first in series) – Louise Rennison

The Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole Aged 13.- Sue Townsend

### **Thrills And Chills**

The Medici Seal – Theresa Breslin

Ten Little Indians or ANYTHING by Agatha Christie

Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

House Of The Scorpion – Nancy Farmer

The Red Necklace – Sally Gardner

Gone – Michael Grant

Among the Hidden (first of series) – Margaret Haddix

Cherub and Henderson's Boys series – Robert Muchamore

Death and The Arrow (first in series) – Chris Priestley

Montmorency series – Eleanor Updale

H.I.V.E. series – Mark Walden

Finally, a special mention for a beautiful book which can be enjoyed by all ages –  
“We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures”.