



**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
Town Supervisor

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# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Dear Parent,

As the school year comes to an end, a new chapter called summer begins. Summer is the perfect time to spend quality time with friends and family, but also a great time to open a new book.

Students who read during the summer perform better in the fall. To provide some incentive, I'm proud to announce that the Town of Oyster Bay is once again issuing a Summer Reading Challenge.

This brochure is a list of reading suggestions and a summer calendar to chart your child's reading progress. I hope to encourage children to read for 15 minutes each day.

When a child has completed 40 days of reading, he or she will earn a Town of Oyster Bay Excellence in Reading Certificate. Simply fill out the form on the back of this brochure and return it to town hall along with the successful reading calendar. I will then send out an official certificate to reward our young reader.

I wish you a happy and healthy summer; enjoy the wonderful world of reading!

Sincerely,

**Joseph Saladino**  
Town Supervisor



# The 2018 Summer Reading Challenge

## Suggested Reading List

### Going into 1st Grade

**The Monster's Monster** by Patrick McDonnell—

Three monsters learn a lesson in gratitude!

**Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers—

You can't solve your problems by throwing things at them!

**If I Built a Car** by Chris Van Dusen—

How would you design a car?

**The Legend of Ninja Cowboy Bear** by David Bruins & Hilary Leung—Three friends have a difference of opinion and learn that everyone has special talents.

**The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown—

With a little attention, you can change the world!

**Lily's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes—

Lily wants to show off her fancy purse to everyone!

**Little Pea** by Amy Krause Rosenthal—

Little Pea doesn't want to eat his dinner, but gets through it so he can have dessert!

**Fabulous Fishes** by Susan Stockdale—

Beautiful illustrations with facts about fish!

**Who Has These Feet?** by Laura Hulbert—

See if you can guess the animals by their feet!

**Sophie's Fish** by A.E. Cannon—

Jake starts to worry about taking care of a friend's fish for the weekend.

**Take Me Out to the Yakyu** by Aaron Meshon—

A boy goes to a baseball game with each of his grandfathers—one in America and one in Japan.

**Polar Animals** by Wade Cooper—

Awesome photographs and facts about arctic animals!

**Map My Neighborhood** by Jennifer Boothroyd—

Readers can learn how maps work.

**Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey—

An introduction to mallard behavior from the Boston Gardens to the Charles River.



### Going into 2nd Grade

**Elephant and Piggy series** by Mo Willems—

Elephant and Piggy are best friends who are really funny!

**Go, Dog, Go** by P.D. Eastman—Dogs are going everywhere!

**The Foot Book** by Dr. Seuss—

How many kinds of feet are there in the world?

**Fly Guy series** by Tedd Arnold—

Fly Guy goes on tons of adventures with his human friend, Buzz.

**A Bad Case of Stripes** by David Shannon—

A little girl doesn't want to eat her veggies, and gets an unusual sickness!

**Seed, Soil, Sun: Earth's Recipe for Food** by Chris Peterson—Nature creates our food with three ingredients!

**The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps** by Jeannette Winter—Jane Goodall's biography.

**Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World** by Selby B. Beeler—

What happens when children around the world lose their teeth?

**The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau** by Dan Yaccarino—Jacques Cousteau's life.

**Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin** by Gene Barretta—

Ben Franklin invented a lot of cool things that we use today!

**Cloudette** by Tom Lichtenheld—Even the smallest of clouds has something big to offer the world!

**Henry and Mudge series** by Cynthia Rylant—

A boy and his dog and tons of adventures.

**If You Made a Million** by David M. Schwartz—

Money takes many forms (cash, coins, check) and can be used in a lot of ways!

**The Tree Lady** by H. Joseph Hopkins—This is the true story

### Going into 3rd Grade

**Tales for Very Picky Eaters** by Josh Schneider—

A father tells wacky stories about food that his son doesn't want to eat.

**Roscoe Riley Rules series** by Kathryn Applegate—Rule #1—Don't glue your friends to chairs—Roscoe's rules are all for good reasons.

**The Cobble Street Cousins Series** by Cynthia Rylant—Three girl cousins live with their Aunt Lucy in this series.



**Magic Tree House series** by Mary Pope Osborne—Annie and Jack travel through time in their magic tree house.

**Nate the Great series** by Marjorie Sharmat—

Nate the Great is a boy detective, and he solves every mystery!

**A-Z Mysteries** by Ron Roy—Three friends solve mysteries together.

**Horrible Harry series** by Suzy Kline—Harry doesn't make great decisions, but in the end, he always learns from his mistakes.

**Marvin Redpost series** by Louis Sachar—Redhead Marvin is always in the middle of funny situations with his family and at school.

**Cam Jansen Mysteries** by David Adler—Cam Jansen is a girl detective, solving mysteries with her photographic memory.

**Discover Space** by Cynthia Pratt Nicolson and Bill Slavin—Astronauts, telescopes and space shuttles explained!

**Think, Think, Think: Learning About Your Brain**

by Pamela Hill Nettleton—How does your brain work?

**Teammates** by Peter Golenbock—Story of the friendship between Brooklyn Dodgers Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese.

**Planes: Past and Present** by Neil Morris—Learn about planes.

**To Dare Mighty Things: the Life of Theodore**

**Roosevelt** by Doreen Rappaport—Teddy Roosevelt did a lot of amazing things before, during and after being president.

## Going into 4th Grade

**Ivy and Bean series** by Annie Barrows—

Ivy and Bean are two best friends who go on lots of adventures.

**Lulu and the Brontosaurus** by Judith Viorst—Lulu wants a

brontosaurus for a pet, and a brontosaurus wants a human girl for a pet.

**Mrs. Noodlekugel** by Daniel Pinkwater—

Mrs. Noodlekugel is the awesome new babysitter.

**Bad Kitty series** by Nick Bruel—Bad Kitty is not a well-behaved pet.

**The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History**

by Jane Yolen — A ship is found floating without it's crew. Follow this case study,

based on a real occurrence and see if you can solve the mystery!

**My Weird School series** by Dan Gutman—

All of the teachers in My Weird School are wacky.

**On This Spot: an Expedition Back Through Time**

by Susan Goodman—There are skyscrapers in New York City, but what was there hundreds of years ago?

**Fossils** by Sally M. Walker—Everything you want to know about fossils!

**Bubble Homes and Fish Farts** by Fiona Bayrock—Really cool facts about the different reasons animals make or use bubbles in water.

**Stink series** by Megan McDonald—Stink is a good kid with stinky feet!

**The Day-Glo Brothers** by Chris Barton—The true story of Bob and Joe Switzer's bright ideas and brand new colors.

**Franny K. Stein: Mad Scientist series** by Jim

Benton—Franny doesn't want to take over the world, but she does like to experiment.

**What You Never Knew about Tubs, Toilets and**

**Showers** by Patricia Lauber—Learn the history of things around the house!

**Never Smile at a Monkey** by Steve Jenkins—Eighteen dangerous wild animals and how they defend themselves.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume—

Peter is frustrated by his two-year-old brother.

**How Robots Work** by Jenny Moss—Great introduction to robotics— compare robot parts with human body parts.

## Going into 5th Grade

**Megastructures** by Ian Graham—

The tallest, longest, biggest, and deepest structures in the world.

**The Year of the Book** by Andrea Cheng—Anne's best friend is now friends with new girls; shyness makes it hard for Anne to make new friends.

**Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth**

by Nicola Davies—These animals live in places where you wouldn't survive—so how do they?

**The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies—

A brother and sister open competing lemonade stands.

**Regarding the Sink** by Kate Klise—

A funny story about a school that needs to replace a sink!

**Animal Heroes** by Elizabeth Carney—Animals helping animals.

**Frankie Pickle graphic novel series** by Eric Wight—

Frankie's imagination makes ordinary days a little...different.

**Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School series**

by Andrew Clements—A mystery series that involves a secret club who promises to keep America's treasures safe!

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl—

Poor Charlie Bucket wins a golden ticket and tours the candy factory!

**The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester** by Barbara

O'Connor— Owen Jester finds something amazing and needs some help to keep his secret and get it working!

**I Survived series** by Janet Tarshis—First person imagined accounts of surviving terrible tragedies in history.

**Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech—A boy is forced to write a poetry journal for school, and he hates it.

**Boys/Girls series** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor—Sample: The Boys Start the War—and it's a prank war between two families!

## Going into 6th Grade

**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio—Augie is going to school for the first time— but will his facial deformities keep the other kids away?

**The Great and Only Barnum** by Candace Fleming—

P.T. Barnum created the freak show and circus as we know it.

**The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall—Four sisters and their father have summer adventures when they stay in the Berkshires.

**Holes** by Louis Sachar—Stanley is forced to go to juvenile detention camp and dig a hole every day.

**Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli—A runaway becomes a legend.

# Supervisor Joseph Saladino

## Summer Reading Challenge

*"We pledge to read together for at least 15 minutes for 40 days during the months of July and August."*

*For each day we read together, we will mark the attached calendar with a check mark (✓)."*

### July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



### August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*When you have marked 40 days on this calendar, you have earned an Excellence in Reading Certificate.*

Fill in the information below and mail it to:

TOB - Public Information Office  
54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771



### TOWN OF OYSTER BAY EXCELLENCE IN READING CERTIFICATE FORM

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Days Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Books \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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