

## 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



### Helpful Websites

Free internet access is available at the Westerly Public Library.

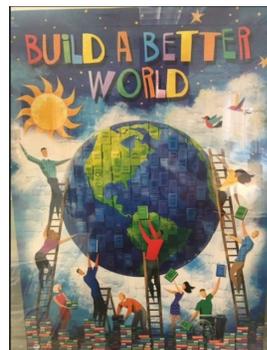
Find books using the CLAN (Statewide) Catalog at from home or at Westerly Public Library.

[www.westerlylibrary.org/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/2016_cc_final.pdf?sfvrsn=10)



## Westerly Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children entering Grade One:

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,

Grade One Teachers  
Westerly Public Schools

**Happy Summer!**

**Suggested Books to Read to Your Child**  
Entering Grade One

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

<p><b>Picture Book</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems</li> <li>📖 Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems</li> <li>📖 McGillycuddy Could by Pamela Duncan Edwards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Poetry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 If Not for the Cat</li> <li>📖 The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders</li> <li>📖 Read a Rhyme Write a Rhyme</li> <li>📖 Rhymes Around the Year all by Jack Prelutsky</li> <li>📖 A Child's Calendar by John Updike</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nonfiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Ben Franklin and His First Kite by Krensky</li> <li>📖 Ringo Saves the Day by Andrew Clements</li> <li>📖 What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page</li> <li>📖 I am an Ankylosaurus by Karen Wallace</li> <li>📖 Red Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fairy Tales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose</li> <li>📖 Kate and the Beanstalk by Mary Pope Osborne</li> <li>📖 The Princess and the Pizza by Mary Jane Auch</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Norma Jean, Jumping Bean by Joanna Cole</li> <li>📖 Russell the Sheep by Rob Scotton</li> <li>📖 My Father's Dragon by Gannett</li> <li>📖 Olivia by Ian Falconer</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other suggested titles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Mouse Mess (Riley)</li> <li>📖 The Three Little Kittens The Gingerbread Man.</li> </ul>

**Also look for:**

Alphabet books, I Can Read series, Bank Street Ready-to-Read books, nursery rhymes, rhyming books, counting books.

**Suggested authors:**

Jan and Stan Berenstain; Jan Brett; Eric Carle; Dr. Seuss; Margaret Hillert; Syd Hoff; Ezra Jack Keats; Steven Kellog; Arnold Lobel; Bill Martin, Jr.; Mercer Mayer; Bill Peet.



**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

