

2026 Summer Reading, Entering Third Grade

REQUIRED READING:

Students must read at least one book from the attached 2026 Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading List. The titles listed below are additional suggestions for summer reading. Feel free to pick and choose based on your interests.

RESOURCE LISTS AND WEBSITES

- Notable Children’s Books 2026: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Lee and Low Books: <https://www.leeandlow.com>
- Library Mom: <https://librarymom.com>
- Branches Books: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches>
- Reading Beyond: <https://www.cbcbbooks.org/readers/reader-resources/reading-beyond>
- New York Public Library Best Books: <https://www.nypl.org/spotlight/best-books-2025>
- Mr. Schu Reads blog: <http://mrschureads.blogspot.com>

PICTURE BOOKS

The Rock in My Throat, Kao Kalia Yang
The Day The Books Disappeared, Joanna Ho
Fireworks, Matthew Burgess
Every Peach Is A Story, David Mas Masumoto
The Interpreter, Olivia Abtahi
This Book is Dangerous!, Ben Clanton
Campingland, Ame Dyckman
City Summer, Country Summer, Kiese Laymon
A Flicker of Hope: A Story of Migration, Cynthia Harmony

NONFICTION

I Am We: How Crows Come Together To Survive, Leslie
Barnard Booth
Action Presidents, Fred Van Lente
**Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams*, Katherine
Paterson
**Wanda Hears The Stars: A Blind Astronomer Listens To
The Universe*, Amy Hansen
**Safe Crossing*, Kari Percival
The One and Only Googoosh: Iran’s Beloved Superstar,
Azadeh Westergaard
The Friendship Train, Debbie Levy
*Cactus Queen: Minerva Hoyt Establishes Joshua Tree
National Park*, Lori Alexander

JUNIOR FICTION

**Ranger in Time* series, Kate Messner
**Frankie Sparks* series, Megan Fraser Blakemore
**Stuntboy* series, Jason Reynolds
Time Twisters series, Steve Sheinkin
The Great Vandal Scandal, Emily Ecton
**Unicorn Rescue Society* series, Adam Gidwitz
**I Survived* series, Lauren Tarshis
**Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom*, Matthew
Swanson
**Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All*, Chanel Miller
**The Magnificent Mya Tibbs* series, Crystal Allen
**Willa the Wisp (Fabled Stables)*, Jonathan Auxier
They Call me No Sam, Drew Daywalt
**Wild Robot* series, Peter Brown
Stick Dog series, Tom Watson
**Thundercluck!* series, Paul Tillery
Mac B., Kid Spy, Mac Barnett
Accidental Trouble Magnet (Planet Omar), Zanib Mian

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Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2026-2027

RESOURCE

- <https://sites.google.com/view/texasbluebonnetaward2027/home>



1. ***Another*** by Paul Tremblay
2. ***The Black Mambas*** by Kelly Crull
3. ***Danilo Was Here*** by Tamika Burgess
4. ***Fowl Play*** by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb
5. ***Gabby Torres Gets a Billion Followers*** by Angela Dominguez
6. ***Gracie under the Waves*** by Linda Sue Park
7. ***I'm a Dumbo Octopus!*** by Anne Lambelet
8. ***Introducing Sandwina*** by Vicki Conrad
9. ***The Invisible Parade*** by Leigh Bardugo and John Picacio
10. ***The Library of Unruly Treasures*** by Jeanne Birdsall
11. ***Lola*** by Karla Arenas Valenti
12. ***Mixed-Up*** by Kami Garcia
13. ***Pocket Bear*** by Katherine Applegate
14. ***Safe Crossing*** by Kari Percival
15. ***Saved by the Smell*** by Jarrett Lerner
16. ***Speak Up, Santiago!*** by Julio Anta
17. ***A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall*** by Jasmine Warga
18. ***The Trouble with Heroes*** by Kate Messner
19. ***Wanda Hears the Stars*** by Amy S. Hansen and Wanda Díaz Merced
20. ***Will's Race for Home*** by Jewell Parker Rhodes. Illustrated by O. Ivanov

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