

2026 Summer Reading, Entering Fourth 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>
- Reading Middle Grade: <https://readingmiddlegrade.com>
- We Need Diverse Books: <https://diversebooks.org>
- Reading Beyond: <https://www.cbcbooks.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>

JUNIOR FICTION

Medusa (Myth of Monsters), Katherine Marsh
**The One and Only Family*, Katherine Applegate
**The Secret Library*, Kekla Magoon
Dream, Barbara O’ Connor
**The Accidental Stowaway*, Judith Eagle
Olivetti, Allie Millington
The Picasso Curse, Dan Gutman
J vs. K, Jerry Craft
**Carter Avery’s Tricky Fourth-Grade Year*, Rob Buyea
Basil & Dahlia: A Tragical Tale of Sinister Sweetness,
Shane Cluskey
**Great Shelby Holmes* series, Elizabeth Eulberg
**Ms. Pennypickle’s Puzzle Quest*, Chris Grabenstein
**The Library of Curiosities*, Jenny Lundquist
**The Wishkeepers Apprentice*, Rachel Chivers Khoo
**Pocket Bear*, Katherine Applegate
**Tom Swift Inventor’s Academy* series, Victor Appleton
**Gabby Torres Gets a Billion Followers*, Angela Dominguez
**The Vanderbeekers* series, Karina Yan Glaser
**Land of Stories*, Chris Colfer

NONFICTION

Tomatoes on Trial: The Fruit v. Vegetable Showdown,
Lindsay H. Metcalf
Thomas Jefferson’s Battle for Science: Bias, Truth, and a Mighty Moose!, Jeremy Holmes
**History Smashers: Earth Day And the Environment*,
Kate Messner
**Revolutionary Mary: The True Story of One Woman, The Declaration of Independence, And America’s Fight For Freedom*, Karen Bluementhal
Dive! The Story of Breathing Underwater, Chris Gall
Solve This! Forensics: Super Science and Curious Capers for the Daring Detective in You, Kate Mesner
Magic in a Drop of Water: How Ruth Patrick Taught The World About Water Pollution, Julie Winterbottom
**Scientists in the Field* series, various authors
World of Rot: Learn All about the Wiggly, Slimy, Super-Cool Decomposers We Couldn’t Live Without, Britt Crow-Miller
**Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales*, Nathan Hale
The Keeper of The Stories, Caroline Kusin Pritchard
Weird but True! 300 Outrageous Facts, National Geographic Kids
**Big Ideas that Changed The World* series, Don Brown
Packing For Mars for Kids, Mary Roach
**Who Was?* series, various authors

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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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