SUMMER READING GUIDE

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

OUT OF THIS WORLD BOOKS FOR NOPL’S 2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
The 2019 Summer Reading Program theme, “A Universe of Stories” helps people of all ages dream big, believe in themselves, and create their own story. This program also coincides with NASA’s 60 years of achievement and its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Join NOPL, and over 16,000 libraries across the country, as we celebrate space exploration all summer long.

Summer reading kicks off June 24. Stop by your nearest NOPL location to receive information about the program and pickup a calendar of events for the summer. Kids and teens can also sign up online to track books that they’ve read to earn prizes! To learn about the various Adult Summer Reading programs available visit your nearest NOPL location.

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HOW TO FIND BOOKS
These book recommendations can be found at NOPL branches and through the catalog. If you’re looking for a personal recommendation just speak with a librarian at any branch.
EARLY LITERACY BOOKS

Book recommendations for the tiniest explorers.

This Little Explorer: A Pioneer Primer
by Joan Holub
Little explorers discover the world.

Solar System
by Jill McDonald
Teach toddlers about the sun, moon, stars, and planets - with colors, shapes, sizes, and super-simple facts.

Space Walk
by Salina Yoon
Simple text and lift-the-flap illustrations introduce the planets of the solar system.

Good Night, Little Sea Otter
by Janet Halfmann
Little Sea Otter tries everything to avoid going to sleep, including saying good night to all of the creatures above and below the ocean’s surface.

Curious George & the Rocket Illustrations
by H.A. Rey
Curious George blasts off into space.

Kitten’s First Full Moon
by Kevin Henkes
When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

8 Little Planets
by Chris Ferrie
To the tune of “Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed” comes a new bedtime story that’s sure to get little ones excited about the solar system while learning new facts about each planet!
Good Night, Baby Moon: A Bedtime Tale about the Moon
by James Mitchem
A book about a family of rabbits. Join them as they watch the moon disappear, and learn that it always returns.

The Going to Bed Book
by Sandra Boynton
An assortment of animals on a boat take a bath, put on their pajamas, brush their teeth, and exercise before going to bed.

Ten Tiny Babies
by Karen Katz
Babies from one to ten enjoy a bouncy, noisy, jiggly day until they are finally fast asleep at night.

Good Night, Gorilla
by Peggy Rathmann
An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Touch the Brightest Star
by Christie Matheson
An interactive picture book showcasing the beauty of nighttime.

So Many Stars
by Andy Warhol
Filled with sweet phrases that will entrance parents and children alike. A terrific introduction to an iconic modern artist.
**Children’s Books**

*Book recommendations for children with imaginations as big as the universe.*

**Picture Books**

*Out of This World*
by James Dean
Pete the Cat builds rockets and embarks on a special mission to outer space, where he floats in extra-cool zero gravity.

*Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*
by Eric Carle
Monica’s father fulfills her request for the moon by taking it down after it is small enough to carry, but it continues to change in size.

*Noisy Night*
by Mac Barnett
A picture book about a multi-level apartment building’s occupants and their many nighttime noises.

*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars*
by Seth Fishman
Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything? This is a book for story time, for science time, for math time, for bedtime, and all the times in between.

**Fiction**

*Hello, Universe*
by Erin Entrada Kelly
Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully’s prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.
**Pi in the Sky**  
by Wendy Mass  
Joss, the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe, must team up with a human girl to re-create Earth, when the planet is accidentally erased from existence.

**Little Night, Nocheclita**  
by Yuyi Morales  
At the end of a long day, Mother Sky helps her playful daughter, Little Night, to get ready for bed.

**George’s Secret Key to the Universe**  
by Lucy & Steven Hawking  
Follows the adventures of a young boy and his neighbor friend as they travel through a computer portal into outer space, where they explore such mysteries as black holes and the origins of the universe, while trying to evade an evil scientist.

**Nonfiction**

**You Should Meet Katherine Johnson**  
by Thea Feldman  
Meet Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician who worked at NASA in the early 1950s until retiring in 1986. She is said to be one of the greatest American minds of all time.

**If I Were an Astronaut**  
by Eric Braun  
Discusses activities astronauts do while they’re in space.

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TEEN READS

Book recommendations for teens that reach for the stars.

Fiction

**Starflight**
by Melissa Landers
Former high school enemies Solara Brooks and Doran Spaulding must team up when they find themselves aboard a renegade spaceship.

**Empress of a Thousand Skies**
by Rhoda Belleza
When their paths cross after a brutal attack Aly is falsely accused of murdering Rhee. They are forced to work together to save their own lives and the universe.

**Illuminae**
by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff
After their home planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves fleeing the enemy in outer space, while a deadly plague threatens to kill all aboard the fleet.

**Cinder**
by Marissa Meyer
As plague ravages the Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world.

**Aurora Rising**
by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff
Eighteen-year-old Tyler Jones, the graduate of Aurora Academy and his not-so-ideal squad of misfits embark on their first mission with Auri, a stowaway from the distant past.

**The Disasters**
by M.K. England
Nax’s trip back to Earth is cut short after the school is hijacked by terrorists. Now he and a handful of other space Academy washouts are the only surviving pilots. In order to spread the truth about the attack, they must execute a risky heist.

**Lost Stars**
by Claudia Gray
Thane and Ciena bond over their love of flying and enroll in the Imperial Academy. While Cienapledges herself to the Empire. Thane see their horrific tactics and joins the rebellion leaving Ciena in an unbearable position.
Nonfiction

*Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures*
by Karen Bush Gibson
Stories of the female pilots, physicists, and doctors who broke the stratospheric ceiling.

*Apollo 8: The thrilling story of the first mission to the Moon*
by Jefferey Kluger
Recounts the bold but dangerous mission to secure America’s position as the first nation to reach the moon, revealing the dangers endured by its crew and the ways the mission brought renewal to the country.

*Rocket Science for the Rest of Us*
by Ben Gilliland
Presents a common-sense guide to astronomy and astrophysics that provides comprehensive explanations of such topics as black holes, antimatter, and space exploration.

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ADULT READS

Book recommendations for adults looking to escape.

Fiction

_The Martian_ by Andy Weir
Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he’s sure he'll be the first person to die there. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

_Dune_ by Frank Herbert
Paul Atreides, heir to a noble family tasked with ruling an inhospitable world where the only thing of value is the “spice” melange, a drug capable of extending life and enhancing consciousness. Coveted across the universe, melange is a prize worth killing for....

_Ender's Game_ by Orson Scott Card
Young Ender Wiggin is one of three brilliant siblings who change the course of politics and war in the first of the Ender series. Readers of all ages can enjoy this science fiction tale of philosophy, ethics, war craft, and intellectualism.

_Leviathan Wakes_ by James S.A. Corey
Themes of political intrigue, space exploration, and rebellion all feature heavily in this science fiction story set in the future in which humanity has colonized the rest of our solar system.
Nonfiction

Magnificent Desolation: The Long Journey Home from the Moon
by Buzz Aldrin with Ken Abraham
Although Apollo 11 made Aldrin a famous person as he described the “alien world” of moon and space as “magnificent desolation,” his celebrity status led to both personal trials and triumphs back on earth.

Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man’s First Journey to the Moon
by Robert Kurson
Shares the inside story of the dangerous Apollo 8 mission, focusing on the lives of astronaut heroes Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders, while illuminating the political factors that prompted the decision to risk lives to save the Apollo program and define the space race.

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry
by Neil deGrasse Tyson
What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling wit, in tasty chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day.

Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery
by Scott Kelly
The veteran of four spaceflights and the American record holder for consecutive days spent in space, Scott Kelly has experienced things very few have. In Endurance, we see the triumph of the human imagination, the strength of the human will, and the infinite wonder of the galaxy.
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Brewerton, NY 13029
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Sunday 12 PM – 5 PM*

*North Syracuse branch, during the school year only