



NPS Summer Reading Guide

THE BEST BOOKS OF 2025

BY THE 2025 LIBRARY LEADERS



Top Books as voted by Foundation

Title	Author
James & the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
Minecraft	
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey

Foundation Best Books of 2025 Full List

Title	Author	Number of Votes	What the students said:
James & the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	2	
Minecraft		2	Ethen: "Cool pages"
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey	3	Jack: "It's creative"
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carrol		Alice: It has my name in it"
Avatar	Gene Yang		
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney		
Ella and Olivia	Yvette Poshoglian		
Gabby's Dollhouse			
Happy Narwahlidays	Ben Clanton		
Lego Starwars			
The Babysitter's Club	Ann M Martin		
The Famous Five	Enid Bkyton		
The Wind and the Willows	Kenneth Grahame		
Train Book			
Twits	Roald Dahl		Max: "It's a fun book"
My Birthday was Best	Maggie Hutchings		Mila "I like birthdays"



Top Books as voted by 1/2s

Title	Author
Bad Guys	Aaron Blabey
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey
Tree House Series	Andy Griffiths
Babysitters Club	Ann M. Martin
Harry Potter	JK Rowling

What students are saying about the top voted book

Harry Potter

Violet: "I love the adventure!"

June: "It is full of adventure"

Azra: "It makes me feel like I am in the book"



Best Books of 2025 as voted by 1/2s

Full List

Title	Author	Number of votes	What students said
Bad Guys	Aaron Blabey	2	Maheer: "They are funny books"
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey	2	Leroy: "There is a lot of action"
Tree House Series	Andy Griffiths	2	Max: "It has cool stuff and funny words"
Babysitters Club	Ann M. Martin	2	Harry: "It's funny and weird"
		2	Oli: "Because it is always action-packed"
		3	Whitney: "It's a graphic novel"
		3	Violet: "I love the adventure!"
Harry Potter	JK Rowling	3	June: "It is full of adventure"
Anna Kadabra	Pedro Mañas		Azra: "It makes me feel like I am in the book"
Anne of Green Gables	L. M. Montgomery		Sunny: "It's in Spanish and I have books 1-10!"
Attack of the Clones			
Bunny vs Monkey	Jamie Smart		
Cartoonist Club	Raina Telgemeier		Lucas: "It has a lot of chaos"
Cat Kid Comic Club	Dav Pilkey		Val: "It tells you how to make a comic"
Dragon Ball	Akira Toriyama		Indigo: "Grandpa gave it to me"

Drummer	?			
Florence the Friends!	Daisy Meadows			
How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell			
Mandolorian Novel				
Old Friend and New Friends	Andrew daddo			
Pokemon Book				
Spy Academy - The Pe	Jack Heath		Tomi: "It's cool and it's got lots of cool spy tips"	
Star Wars				
The Ice Monster	David Walliams		"I love his books and they're full of adventure and inspiration!"	
Weirdo	Anh DO			
Wings of Fire	Tui Sutherland		Luka: "There is a lot of action. Smash kaboom!"	



TOP BOOKS

VOTED BY THE 3/4S

Title	Author
Wing's of Fire	Tui Sutherland
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo
Lottie Brooks	Katie Kirby
One Piece	Eiichiro Oda

What the kids are saying about the top book: Wings of Fire

Savannah: "It's interesting and it tells me a story to
stop war"

Quinn: "It has really cool characters and an amazing
plot"

Anita: "Book 6 is about my favourite character and the
dragon is a mind reader so I can hear other people's
thoughts"

Billy: "It's very interesting and very exciting"

Sunday: "Action and awesome character
development."

Lennox: "It's all about dragons, revenge, and war. It's all
perfect!"



Year 3-4 Best Books of 2025 - Full List

Title	Author	Number of votes	What students said
Wing's of Fire	Tui Sutherland	7	Savannah: "It's interesting and it tells me a story to stop war" Quinn: "It has really cool characters and an amazing plot" Anita: "Book 6 is about my favourite character and the dragon is a mind reader so I can hear other people's thoughts" Billy: "It's interesting and very exciting" Sunday: "Action and awesome character development." Lennox: "It's all about dragons, revenge, and war. It's all perfect!"
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney	5	Lilly: "It's really funny and a really good book" Odie: "Really funny and really intense" Fenton: "The main character is like me"
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey	5	Oliver: "It was funny and exciting to read" Will: "He's a cool dog and it's very fun to read" Hamish: "Because the character's a classic and funny. It's got everything a good book needs!" Daniel: "It has adventure, it's funny, and it has some sad parts"
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo	4	Oisín: "I find it interesting and it's exciting" Savannah: "It's based on a soldier and my grandpa was a soldier but he did when he got home, and the book is so creative and cool, and I love the dog" Louis: "Our class read it together and it was inspired by World War 2."
Lottie Brooks	Katie Kirby	4	Ines: "Funny and embarrassing" Tess: "They are very good and funny books, but some have a little bit of romance" Fav: "They're fun books about Lottie's embarrassing life" Daphne: "It's in diary form, so it's not just a novel and it has pictures"
One Piece	Eiichiro Oda	4	Kalen: "It's adventurous and exciting" Finley: "It can help you imagine stuff" Bracken: "It's manga" ** may not be appropriate for 3/4. At parent/carer discretion
Five Nights at Freddy's	Scott Cawthon	3	Olive: "I really like horror books!" Olivia: "I personally love horror, but it's not very good for younger readers" Violet: "It has a lot of descriptions and it's really cool!"
Keeper of the Lost Cities	Shannon Messenger	3	Yaz: "It is fantasy and really interesting to me. For example, it explains the problems of the world that the main character lives it. It also features goblins, gnomes, trolls, and ogres" Mala: "I like the mythological things in it" Ramona: "There are many things at the beginning that you think mean nothing, but the end it's a big reveal to everything"

Year 3-4 Best Books of 2025 continued

Babysitters Club	Ann M. Martin	2	*****
Demon Slayer	Koyoharu Gotouge	2	**not appropriate for 3/4
Eddy & the Sticky Comics	Christian Macauley	2	Eddy: "Eddy and Thea made Sticky Comics"
Harry Potter	J. K. Rowling	2	Judy: "I like how detailed it is" Zoe: "It's funny and has humour, and my favourite character is Hermione"
Horrible Harriet and the Terrible Tantrum	Leigh Hobbs	2	Holly: "It's funny" Isla: "I think it was just such an amazing book, and I even dressed up as it for book week!"
Lightfall	Tim Probert	2	Hazel: "It is adventurous and has lots of imaginary creatures" Autumn: "I love the fantasy pictures. They're so creative. I wish they were real"
Matilda	Roald Dahl	2	Milana: "It is very interesting and I like all the characters" Aryana: "I like how Matilda was playing tricks on her parents so they weren't mean"
Minecraft		2	Naomi: "Minecraft is a game that some people play" Joan: "It is fun to read!"
My Hero Academia	Kôhei Horikoshi	2	Reyaan: "It is cool"
Stranger Things Volume 6: Kamchatka	Dark Horse Comics	2	Eli: "It's cool and the story is good" Isla C: It's cool and my style =)
1000 Fantastic Facts			
Akata Witch	Nnedi Okorafor		Amami: "It is magical!"
Black Sunday	Even McHugh ?		Emmy: "It is exciting and funny, and very good and I couldn't stop reading"
Diary of a Minecraft Zombie			Xavier: "It's very funny"
Do Not Open This Book	Andy Lee		
Dork Diaries	Rachel Renee Russell		Phoebe: "Because she tells the story of her life"
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl		Bella: "It's interesting and fun"
Finding Black Beauty	Lou Kuenzler		Tallie: "It's so good!"

YEAR 3-4 BEST BOOKS OF 2025 CONTINUED

Funny Kid	Matt Stanton	Winnie: "It is really fun, entertaining and I can never stop reading it"
Gotham High	Melissa De La Cruz	
Guinness World Book of Records 2017		Tommy: "It's interesting and unbelievable!"
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Matilda: "It's an exciting adventure with amazing characters"
Hooky Series	Miriam Bonastre Tur	
Hoot	Karl Hiaasen	Alyssia: "I like it because it is interesting"
How to make friends	Kristen Gudsruk	Ariana: "It's got fantasy and imagination"
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	Silky: "The games are interesting and exciting"
I survived the sinking of the Titanic	Lauren Tarshis	Mae: "It was very serious and good"
Invisible Emmie	Terry Libenson	
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Charlie: "It is a nice story and it is kind of intense, and there is a really sad bit. I think it might be enjoyed by older kids because it has old fashioned language"
Owly	Andy Runton	Arthur: "Funny and cute, and good for children to read"
Peanuts	Schulz	Natalya: "They are very funny and I like the characters"
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan	Mala: "I like the myths of the Greek gods"
Pizza and Taco	Stephen Shaskan	Aaron: "It's cool"
Ruby Redfort	Lauren Child	Ramona: "I really like mystery book and have enjoyed Friday Barnes as well as Ruby Redfort this year"
Runt	Craig Silvey	
Sam Kerr series	Sam Kerr, Fiona Harris	Isabel: "It's really interesting to know Sam Kerr's childhood and how she became such a good soccer player"
Sisters	Raina Telgemeier	Elsie: "It's funny and relatable"
Starfell Willow Moss and the Lost Day	Dominique Valente	Tilly: "It's very interesting and full of magic"
Stellar Montgomery Trilogy	Judith Rossell	Iris: "There is mystery and riddles"
Stepping Stones	Lucy Knisley	Leyla: "One of my favourite books, because it's very interesting"
Surprisingly Sara	Terry Libenson	
Weirdo	Anh Do	Evie: "It's really funny and I like it because his name is Weirdo"
Where's Wally	Martin Handford	
Wolf Girl	Anh Do	



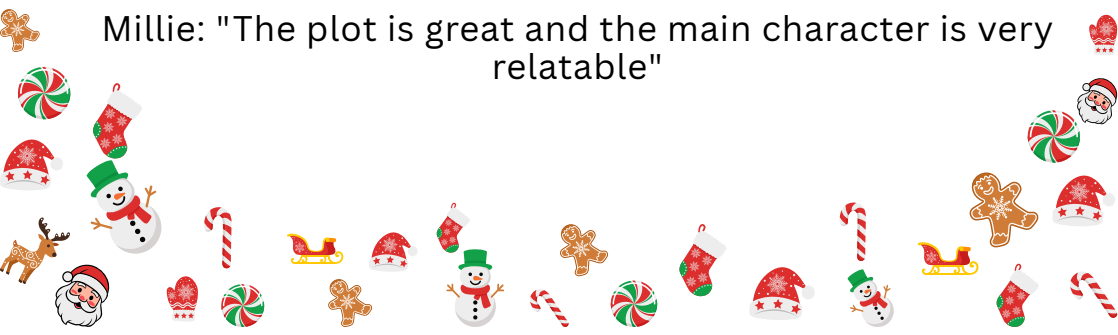
Top Books as Voted by the 5-6s

Title	Author
A Good Girls Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson
Heartstopper	Alice Oseman
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
I survived	Lauren Tarshis

What students say about the top voted book: A Good Girls Guide to murder:

Asha: "I really like the plot and the twists throughout the book"

Millie: "The plot is great and the main character is very relatable"



YEAR 5/6

BEST BOOKS OF 2025 - FULL LIST

Title	Author	What students said
A Good Girls Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	Asha: "I really like the plot and the twists throughout the book" Millie: "The plot is great and the main character is very relatable"
Heartstopper	Alice Oseman	
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	Max: "It's very gripping, and a very good book (although you probably shouldn't read it if you are quite young) and there are 5 in the series (a trilogy and 2 prequels) so it'll keep you going."
I survived	Lauren Tarshis	Alex: "It's very adventurous and fun to read"
Amari and the Night Brothers	B. B. Alston	Charlie D: "Because it was really adventurous and there were so many twists and turns during it, it ended up completely different to what I was expecting"
Be Prepared	Vera Brosgol	Isla: "Because it is like real life with ups and downs"
Can you see me?	Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott	
Chickenpox	Remi Lai	
Dork Diaries	Rachel Renee Russell	Austin: "If you are into gossip, romance, fun, and jokes, I recommend this book for everyone!"
Everything I've Never Said	Samantha Wheeler	Lowri: "It's good to hear from a different person and one with a disability"
Fighting Words	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Lowri: "It's relatable and sad and happy all at the same time"
Friday Barnes	R. A. Spratt	
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman	Taylor: "It's a very famous young adult series know for its vast story and Phillip's huge imagination. I loved it very much!"
Holes	Louis Shachar	Sonny: "It has a very engaging story"
Hollow Night Silk Song Book		
Keeper of the Lost Cities	Messenger	
My Mazda car manual	Mazda	Toby: "Because when I was bored I read it and it wasn't that bad, it was sort of good. I will recommend you get this for Christmas"
Nevermoor Series	Jessica Townsend	
Pawcasso	Remy Lai	
Reappearance of Rachel Price	Holly Jackson	



YEAR 5/6 BEST BOOKS OF 2025 - FULL LIST CONTINUED

Ruby Redfort	Lauren Child	Eadie: "It has good codes to crack in it!"
The dragon prince	Melanie McGanney Ehasz	
The edge of 13	Nova Weetman	
The Land of Stories	Chris Colfer	Nelly: "Because I got to use my imagination and it's age appropriate. I think there are six books in the series and they're about two siblings who find a fairytale world"
The Mamba Mentality: How I Play	Kobe Bryant	Freddie: "It's good and inspiring"
The Selection	Kiera Cass	June: "It was amazing and there are a lot of sequels and prequels"
The Silver Arrow	Robin Easter	Mei: "It's funny and it's not one of those stories that's very similar to lots of other books"
This camp is doomed	Anna Zobel	Eloise: "So interesting and absorbing!"
Upstaged	Robin Easter	Bonnie McG: "It's dramatic and it's all about friendship and drama"
We are wolves	Katrina Nannestad	Bonnie Mac: "It is really inspiring"

HAPPY READING EVERYONE!

