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## Editors' Picks of the Month

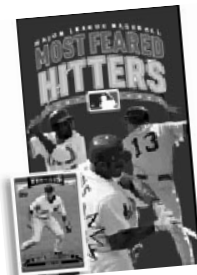
Look for these titles in your  
June Book Club flyer.

### Major League Baseball's Most Feared Hitters

**Who it's for:** Sport  
enthusiasts who want a  
light summer read

**Why we chose it:** Got to  
follow the action during  
baseball season!

**Kids weigh in:** "I learned  
more about Albert Pujols  
and A-Rod. Awesome!"



### Double Dutch by Sharon M. Draper

**Who it's for:** Kids who stick  
through the good and bad  
with friends.

**Why we chose it:** A must-  
have story about friendship  
and competition

**Kids weigh in:** "It was  
cool how they put pressure  
in perspective."



### School's Out! Let's Shout! by Robin Wasserman

**Who it's for:** Students excited  
about summer break

**Why we chose it:** Features  
quizzes, puzzles, and  
brain-builders

**Kids weigh in:**  
"Definitely packing this when  
I go to the pool."



## Keep Literacy Skills Sharp this Summer

When school's out, it's important to provide plenty of learning opportunities at home to assure that your child continues developing vocabulary, plus reading and writing skills. Try these literacy-building tips:

- **Bring home irresistible material.** Whether it's another title in a favorite series, the newest comic book, or a hobby magazine, any kind of daily reading is good for your child's brain. The more interesting the subject is to him, the more likely he'll think that reading is natural and fun.

- **Play writing games together.** Save kids' crosswords, anagrams, or cryptograms from the newspaper. Pull them out during those "I'm bored!" moments, like rainy days or long car rides, for fun brain-stretching.

- **Pack a traveler's reading kit.** Before you go on vacation, give your child books about your destination, a map, and a writing journal in which he can keep track of the sites you visit or interesting things you do on the trip. He can add photographs, drawings, ticket stubs, and other paper mementos from the trip as well.

- **Turn off the TV.** Unplug at least one night a week and share other types of literacy-boosting entertainment — playing board games, telling stories, or simply reading together.



### Parent to Parent

Magazines are the perfect summer read for my preteen. She's so happy to flip through them by the pool, on the beach, in the park — whenever she's outdoors!  
—Lyndsey H.

## Ask an Expert

Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. So aim for that number, or even higher! When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area. And don't forget to check out our booklists at [http://www.scholastic.com/familymatters/read/all/booklist\\_archive.htm](http://www.scholastic.com/familymatters/read/all/booklist_archive.htm) for recommendations, and encourage your reader to join Scholastic's Summer Reading Buzz at <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>.

**Meet Our Expert:** *Francie Alexander is a vice president at Scholastic, where her focus is on creating materials that help kids learn to read.*

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# 15 Weeks of Fun in the Sun and Cool Reading Ideas

Keep your child's brain from melting with our Memorial Day to Labor Day activity guide.

## May 25—June 3

Catch the summer reading buzz with cool activities and must-read picks at <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>.

## June 4—June 10

Plant a garden together. Find inspiration in books like *I'm a Seed* and *The Garden*.



## June 11—June 17

Celebrate our nation's symbols for Flag Day with *America the Beautiful: A Pop-Up Book* by Robert Sabuda.

## June 18—June 24

Make Dad a super-sized poster card for Father's Day with a list of things you love about him.

## June 25—July 1

Celebrate Superman's birthday on June 30. Make up a story about his latest adventure, or choose a comic book to read.

## July 2—July 8

Enjoy a week-long Independence Day celebration with great books about America. Ask your local librarian for top choices.

## July 9—July 15

Go outside and play catch, and then sit in the shade with a great biography, history, or fiction book. The All-Star game is this week, so make your pick baseball-themed.

## July 16—July 22

Get ready for Book 7 with a Potter party! The final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, is released on July 21.

## July 23—July 29

Send a letter to a relative. Begin with the line: "What I love about summertime..."

## July 30—August 5

Fly a kite! If you're motivated, get a do-it-yourself book and build the kite together.

## August 6—August 12

Throw a luau to commemorate the day Hawaii became part of the USA — August 12, 1898.

## August 13—August 19

If it's just too hot outside, mark your favorite funnies in a joke book and provide laughs for everyone indoors.

## August 20—August 26

Walk through a park with a nature guidebook and identify the creatures you see.

## August 27—September 2

Kick off Library Sign-Up Month this September by getting your own card and checking out the hottest fall books.

## September 3—September 9

Keep the summer fun alive with a journal. Draw pictures and write stories about favorite summer adventures — then continue writing through autumn!



## Find the Perfect Book for Your Child

If your child's school uses Guided Reading Levels (GRL) or a Grade Level Equivalency (RL), use this chart to find perfect on-level books from your Arrow June Book Club flyer.

Title	GRL	RL
Amalee	3.8	T
Aquamarine	6.4	W
The Artemis Fowl Files	5.6	W
The Bartimaeus Trilogy Book II: The Golem's Eye	4.8	X
The Book Without Words	6.4	W
Catherine, Called Birdy	7.5	X
Double Dutch	4.3	T
Down a Dark Hall	6.6	N/R
Eldest	7.8	W
Everything on a Waffle	5.9	V
The Great Good Thing	6.3	T
Half-Moon Investigations	3.3	Q
Haunted Campers	5.1	S
Never Mind!	4.8	T
Numbering All the Bones	6.1	Y
Out of Order	4.9	S
The Penderwicks	4.8	S
Peter Pan in Scarlet	7.3	Y
The Ribbajack	5.5	--
School's Out! Let's Shout!	4.5	N
Shark Life	4.5	N
Small Steps	5.7	N/R
Soldier's Heart	5.9	V
The Wedding Planner's Daughter	4.5	S
The Whipping Boy	4	R

## Did You Know?

When you order, your child's class gets FREE books and resources!

Find out more about leveled reading at [www.scholastic.com/yourreader](http://www.scholastic.com/yourreader).

### About Your Arrow Reader Now

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## Beyond Books

Encourage your child to make her own postcards. Even a day trip in your hometown can inspire cool ideas for drawings. Set her up with colored stencils, blank postcards (available at stationery stores) and a roll of stamps. She can write messages when she's done with her masterpieces, and then send them off to friends and family!

## Don't Forget!

June is Aquarium Month. Take a trip to the one closest to you, and check out the sea creatures. See if your child can tackle the more difficult aquatic words on display signs, and then pick up a couple of water-themed adventure books on the way home.