

SUMMER READING AND TRAVEL

Are you traveling this summer? Staying home? Are you going far or staying near? Are you traveling by car, by plane, by train? Whatever you do, make books a part of your summertime fun.

Mary Geddy's Day: A Colonial Girl in Williamsburg, by Kate Waters (E WAT)

This book is was photographed in Williamsburg and is a glimpse of daily life, and also of the moments in history that led to the American Revolution. Mary Geddy is a ten-year-old girl in Williamsburg in 1776. She is excited about the colony of Virginia's vote for independence, but sad that her best friend, whose father is loyal to the crown, will be moving back to England. She is also worried that the vote will mean her father must fight in a war. At the back of the book is some good historic information, instructions on how to make sweet bags for linen from lavender, and an apple pie recipe.

Frontier Fort: Life on the Upper Mississippi, 1826, by Megan O'Hara (977.6 O'HAR)

Another book with real photos of the Fort and reenactment sites. The back of the book has Internet sites and addresses of other historic forts to visit in the U.S. and Canada.

Camping Adventure by William R. Gray (796.9 GRA)

This is a book about a family that backpacks into the mountains and enjoys several days of camping. Real photos add to the interest of family camping.

Kids Camp by Laurie Carlson (796.54 CAR)

This is a book for campers that may want to stay home and either camp in the backyard or just do camping-type activities.

Journeys for freedom : a new look at America's story by Susan Buckley (973 BUC)

As a prelude to studying about the things to see and do in each state, you may be interested in this historical book about the states that presents a collection of maps and illustrations that describe the stories of people who sought freedom and shaped the events of America's past

When Lightning Comes in a Jar by Patricia Polacco (E POL)

A young girl describes the family reunion at her grandmother's house, from the food and baseball and photos to the flickering fireflies on the lawn.

Pictures from Our Vacation by Lynne Rae Perkins (E PER)

Ahhhh...memories!! A brother and sister get cameras and take photos of their summer vacation. They learn how to do it better as the book goes on – no more of feet or the back of Dad’s head. Then there are the more intangible memories of summer that are looked at – how it felt to swim, the stories they shared with relatives – looking deeper for those permanent pictures inside.

States States States!!

There are several atlases for children and books on the 50 states that contain fun and interesting facts on anywhere you may travel in the US. They contain lots of illustrations and facts about geography, culture and places to go and things to do.

Good reads for anytime

We have a collection of wonderful biographies of authors. The stories give a reality to the people who write the books we read. Many of them are not only fun to read but will warm hearts anywhere anytime. Reading the story of an author’s life, combined with books that they have written is a good connection.

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Remember that we have unabridged books on CDs, and books and CDs together that you can check out and use. Great for long car trips.

We also have cookbooks, craft books, science experiment books, fun math books, lots and lots of favorite authors.

There will be a summer reading list that comes out each year by the Department of Education of Vermont. It is usually available at the end of May. We will make sure each student has one to bring home – and you can get your summer reading started!!