

What Are You Reading?

Are you looking forward to some time to read this summer? A shady spot outdoors or, when it's really hot, a nice air-conditioned nook are perfect places to get lost in a book.

• Summer is a perfect time to dive into “**The Outdoor Scientist: The Wonder of Observing the Natural World**” by Temple Grandin. Scientists are the sources for Grandin’s observations about how things work in nature, and scientific projects will keep your mind sharp!

• New friends Jamila and Shirley aren’t sure what summer will bring until they set out to solve the mystery of a missing gecko. “**Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer**” is a graphic novel by Gillian Goerz.

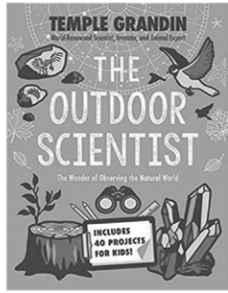


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• “**War and Millie McGonigle**” by Karen Cushman invites readers to step back to another era. The United States is on the brink of World War II, and Millie is feeling the chaos at home and with her new friend from Chicago.



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• When Mickey orders “**The Anti-Book**” to make all his problems disappear, things go a little ... sideways. In Raphael Simon’s fantastical story, readers go along on Mickey’s upside-down, inside-out journey.



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• Many families are facing difficult discussions and situations in their communities, so Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson have gathered authors’ and illustrators’ thoughts about “**The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth.**”

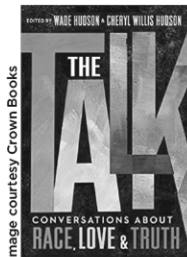


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• When “**Billy Miller Makes a Wish**” on his birthday, events around him get a little more exciting than he had hoped for. Kevin Henkes shares Billy’s adventures through his words and illustrations.

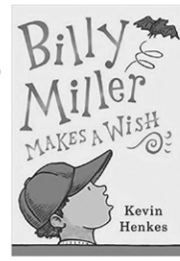


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• Author Lauren Wolk tells the story of Ellie, a girl whose family moves from town to “**Echo Mountain**” during the Great Depression. After her dad suffers a terrible accident, Ellie looks for healing for him from the most obscure places.



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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of summer reading are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ADVENTURE, AUTHOR, BOOKS, ERA, FAMILY, FANTASY, FOOD, FRIENDS, HEALING, HISTORY, HUMOR, MYSTERY, NATURE, PLANET, READING, SCIENTIST, STORIES, SUMMER, WISH.

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Cook's Corner

No-Crust Lemon Pie

You'll need:

- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup sugar (or sugar substitute for baking)

What to do:

1. Separate egg whites; beat until frothy and stiff.
2. In another bowl, cream* butter and sugar until well-blended.
3. Add egg yolks, flour, lemon juice and milk to mixture. Gently stir in egg whites.
4. Coat a pie pan with cooking spray; pour in mixture.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes until firm. Serves 6.

*To cream is to blend butter and sugar to form a smooth paste.



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. front of the jaw (4) _____
2. make bigger (6) _____
3. sore and aching (7) _____
4. colorful pet bird (8) _____
5. desert watering hole (5) _____
6. large Midwestern city (7) _____
7. hospital emergency vehicle (9) _____

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Answers: chin, expand, painful, parakeet, oasis, Chicago, ambulance.



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Mini Jokes



- Ben:** Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?
- Bea:** So he NOSE where he stopped reading!

Eco Note



The Kenya Wildlife Service is investigating a mysterious skin disease that has killed more than 10 Somali giraffes in the far northeast of the country. The illness was first reported in May 2020, with six of the animals dying within the following five months. It eventually spreads to the mouth, where it interferes with the giraffes’ ability to eat.

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For later:

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