Summer Reading for Kids 2019

These books have been selected by VSLA (Vermont School Library Association) and are recommended for summer reading for children and young adults. For more recommendations, see your school or public librarian.

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Vermont Red Clover Award Books: The Red Clover Award promotes the enjoyment and discussion of the best of children’s literature picture books. 2019-2020 Master list available at: tinyurl.com/redcloveraward2019

Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award: The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award is given annually for excellence in children’s literature targeted for readers grades 4-8. 2019-2020 Master list available at: tinyurl.com/dcfaward2019

Martinez-Neual, Neal. Alma and How She Got Her Name. Candlewick Press. There is a sense of wonder and freedom in learning about how things come to be. Alma’s story reminds us of our connection to the natural world and how tiny the smallest things can be. "Since the beginning of time..." So begins the true story of Alma, the seed who discovered the power to make him the same as the other boys?!

Respicio, Mae. The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World’s Coral Reefs: The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation. Chronicle Books. Fox and Chick are unlikely friends, but now they are on a mission to save the planet. Fox wants to fly. See Tweet fly. Fly, Tweet, fly. Pip wants to fly with secret drawings has gone missing...