



Recommended Money Reading List

Invest your time in reading & learning about money!

The Vermont State Treasurer's Office is pleased to bring you Reading is an Investment, a program for elementary-age children that promotes literacy and aims to teach Vermont youth about money and basic financial concepts. The program requires students to complete a free reading requirement and read three books from this list. Students track their progress through a reading log they can get from their school library or online at www.MoneyEd.Vermont.gov. Students have a parent or school representative sign the completed log and mail it to the State Treasurer's Office. All completed student logs are entered into a drawing. Students may win one of ten \$250 college savings plan accounts. If there's a book on this list that your elementary school does not have, be sure and check with your community library. Many libraries will allow you to request a title through interlibrary loan. This list contains more than 40 titles of books that explore themes related to money. Happy reading!

Title	Author	Recommended Age
A Basket of Bangles: How a Business Begins	Ginger Howard	5-10
A Chair for My Mother	Vera B. Williams	3-8
A Gift for Mama	Esther Hautzig	9-12
A New Coat for Anna	Harriet Ziefert	4-8
A Quarter from the Tooth Fairy	Caren Holtzman	4-8
Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday	Judith Viorst	4-8
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-9
Bunny Money	Rosemary Wells	4-8
Check It Out: The Book About Banking	Neale S. Godfrey	9-12
Chicken Sunday	Patricia Polacco	7-9
Doggone Lemonade Stand	Judy Bradbury	4-8
Follow the Money	Loreen Leedy	5-9
From Seashells to Smart Cards	Ernestine Giesecke	9-12
Give a Goat	Jan West Schrock	8-12
How Much? Visiting Markets Around the World	Ted Lewin	5-8
How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statute of Liberty	Nathan Zimelman	4-8

(over for more books)

A Message for Parents, Teachers, & Librarians:

The books on this list teach personal financial skills using a variety of direct and indirect approaches. While one book may directly illustrate how a child saves for an important purchase, another book may indirectly show the financial and personal benefits that result from building and following a budget. You play a key role in helping children make the connection between these stories and their individual lives. At the preschool level, children can be taught that money is a medium of exchange, the basic names and the value of simple currency, and how to save for small purchases. At the elementary school level, children can be taught how money is earned, how to make good choices with their money, and how basic financial tools like ATM cards, credit cards, and checking and savings accounts work. You can use these books to start conversations about these concepts. These stories can give you an opportunity to compare the experience of a character in one of these books to something similar that your family has experienced. The Treasurer's Office provides additional educational resources on our financial literacy web site. Check out www.MoneyEd.Vermont.gov. Questions? Call us at 1-800-642-3191.



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If You Made a Million	David Schwartz	5-8
Kermit the Hermit	Bill Peet	4-8
Kid Power	Susan Beth Pfeffer	9-12
Make Four Million Dollars by Next Thursday	Stephen Manes	9-12
Making Cents	Elizabeth Keeler Robinson	4-8
Max Malone Makes A Million	Charlotte Herman	7-10
Money (DK Eyewitness Books)	Joe Cribb	9-12
Money Madness	David Adler	4-8
Money Sense for Kids (Second Edition)	Hollis Page Harman	4-8
Money Trouble	Bill Cosby	4-8
One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Katie Milway	12+
Ox-cart Man	Donald Hall	9-12
Pigs Will Be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money	Amy Axelrod	5-10
Save, Spend or Donate? A Book About Managing Money	Nancy Lowen	4-8
Something Special for Me	Vera Williams	4-8
Tarantula Shoes	Tom Birdseye	9-12
The Berenstain Bears' Trouble With Money	Stan & Jan Berenstain	4-8
The Great Pet Sale	Mike Inkpen	3-6
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	10-12
The Penny Pot	Stuart Murphy	7+
The Table Where the Rich People Sit	Byrd Baylor	6-10
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	10-12
The Totally Awesome Money Book for Kids	Adriane G. Berg	10+
The Treasure	Uri Shulevitz	4-8
Ultimate Kids' Money Book	Neale S. Godfrey	9-11
You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime	Harriet Ziefert	4-8

NOTE: The recommended age for each book is meant to serve as a guideline. Even books with the same age range can vary widely by length and level of difficulty.

Eligibility Requirements

- Participants must be elementary-school age in Kindergarten through Grade 6, reside in Vermont, and must meet the program's reading requirements and deadline.
- Children who are eligible for the college savings plan account drawing may win only one prize per year. All prizes will be in the form of a \$250 Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan account--Vermont's official 529 college savings plan.
- Participants are responsible for any costs they incur in fulfilling the requirements of this program.

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