

Recommended Money Reading List: 2012-2013 school term



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 library or online at www.MoneyEd.Vermont.gov. Students must have an adult sign the log before mailing 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 school library does not have, be sure to check with your public library. Many libraries will allow you to request a title through interlibrary loan. This list contains more than 70 titles of books that explore themes related to money. Happy reading!

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.



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Title	Author	Rec. 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
All About Your Money	Dan Fitzgibbon	Pre-K
Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier	4-9
Berenstain Bears' Trouble With Money	Stan & Jan Berenstain	4-8
Bunny Money	Rosemary Wells	4-8
Buy My Hats!	Dave Horowitz	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
Great Pet Sale	Mike Inkpen	3-6
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
If You Made a Million	David Schwartz	5-8
Isabel's Car Wash	Sheila Bair	5-9
Kermit the Hermit	Bill Peet	4-8
Jelly Beans for Sale	Bruce McMillan	4-8
Jenny Found a Penny	Trudy Harris	4-6
Kid Power	Susan Beth Pfeffer	9-12
Kids Guide to Money Cents	Keltie Thomas	9-12
Lawn Boy	Gary Paulsen	9-12
Lemonade in Winter	Emily Jenkins	3-7
Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	10-12
Lemons and Lemonade	Nancy Loewen	4-8
Little Croc's Purse	Lizzie Finlay	5-8
Lucky Beans	Becky Birtha	5-12
Make Four Million Dollars by Next Thursday	Stephen Manes	9-12

Invest your time in reading & learning about money!

Title	Author	Rec. Age
Making Cents	Elizabeth Keeler Robinson	4-8
Max Malone Makes A Million	Charlotte Herman	7-10
Max's Bunny Business	Rosemary Wells	4-8
Miss Fox's Class Earns a Fieldtrip	Eileen Spinelli	5-7
Money (DK Eyewitness Books)	Joe Cribb	9-12
Money Madness	David Adler	4-8
Money Math with Sebastian Pig & Friends at the Farmer's Market	Jill Anderson	4-8
Money Sense for Kids (2nd Edition)	Hollis Page Harman	4-8
Money Trouble	Bill Cosby	4-8
Money We'll Save	Brock Cole	4-9
Monster Musical Chairs	Stuart Murphy	3-5
My Rows and Piles of Coins	Tololwa M. Mollel	8-10
One Grain of Rice	Demi	9-12
One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Katie Milway	12+
Ox-cart Man	Donald Hall	9-12
Penny Pot	Stuart Murphy	7+
Pigs Will Be Pigs: Fun with Math & Money	Amy Axelrod	5-10
Pickle Patch Bathtub	Frances Kennedy	6-10
Pitching in for Eubie	Jerdine Nolen	5-8
Rickshaw Girl	Mitali Perkins	9-12
Rock, Brock, & the Savings Shock	Sheila Bair	8-10
Round and Round the Money Goes	Melvin & Gilda Berger	4-8
Sam & the Lucky Money	Karen Chinn	4-8
Save, Spend or Donate? A Book About Managing Money	Nancy Lowen	4-8
Show Me the Money: How to Make Cents of Economics	Alvin Hall	12+
Something Special for Me	Vera Williams	4-8
Start Saving Henry	Nancy Carlson	5-7
Stock Market Pie	J.M. Seymour	10-12
Table Where the Rich People Sit	Byrd Baylor	6-10
Tarantula Shoes	Tom Birdseye	9-12
Tia Isa Wants a Car	Meg Medina	5-8
Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	10-12
Totally Awesome Money Book for Kids (The) Treasure	Adriane G. Berg Uri Shulevitz	10+ 4-8
Year that Money Grew on Trees	Aaron Hawkins	10+
Ultimate Kids' Money Book	Neale S. Godfrey	9-11
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Margaree Mitchell	4-8
What Can You Do With Money?	Jennifer Larson	6-8
You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime	Harriet Ziefert	4-8
Your Allowance	Margaret Hall	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.

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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.