



## Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

# Lowell Students Read



To Families and Caregivers:

As partners in the education of our youth, I invite you to help your children extend their reading skills this summer.



Here's how you can help:

- Check that your child reads for 15-30 minutes every day or read with them.
- Visit the Pollard Library and make sure your child has a book he or she can read. If you don't already have a library card, you can sign up online for an e-library card or use their many resources!

Your child is expected to:

- Select and read titles from the attached list or **any books they want**. This list includes new titles and old favorites. They can also read online or listen to audiobooks.
- Return to school prepared to participate in a discussion about a book that they read.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns their BINGO board will be honored with a certificate at their school.

Log the books your child reads either on paper **OR** online. [Click here](#) to enter each book. This will create a list at their school of all the books your child read. Be sure to keep your log only on paper **OR** only online, not both!

We look forward to hearing about how much you read this summer!

Thank you,

Chief Academic Officer  
Summer Reading 2024

Students Entering Grades K-4

# Elementary Summer Reading List 2024

## For Students Entering Grades K-4



### May We Recommend To Read Together...



### Favorite Authors & Illustrators

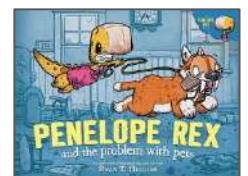
Monica Brown  
Vashti Harrison  
Christian Robinson  
Drew Daywalt  
Matt de la Pena  
Susan Middleton Elya  
Jonathan Fenske



Oge Mora  
Jory John  
Grace Lin  
Meg Medina  
Yuyi Morales  
Jacqueline Woodson  
Joanna Ho

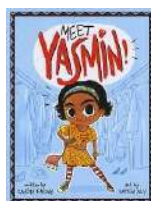
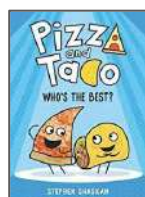


Raul the Third  
Bob Shea  
Ryan T. Higgins  
Mo Willems  
Mac Barnett  
Jason Chin  
Josh Funk

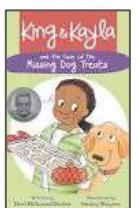


### Favorite Series

Pizza & Taco by Stephen Shaskan  
Owly by Andy Runton  
Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi  
Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watts  
Fly Guy (& Girl) by Tedd Arnold  
King & Kayle by Dori Hillestad Butler  
Pea, Bee, & Jay by Brian "Smitty" Smith

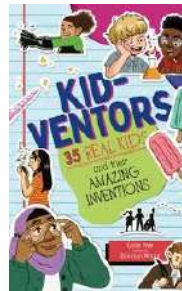
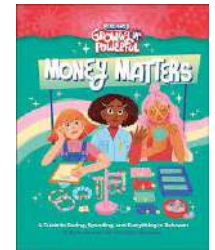
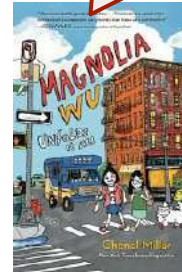
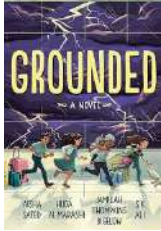
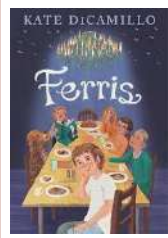


The Story of: Biography Series for New Readers  
National Geographic Kids  
Diary of a Pug by Kyla May  
Narwhal & Jelly by Ben Clanton  
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo





## May We Recommend for Older Readers



**All Reading Counts!**  
picture books, chapter books,  
audio books, fiction, nonfiction,  
graphic novels & comics!

## Favorite Authors & Illustrators for Older Readers

Kelly Yang  
Grace Lin  
Dan Santat  
Susan Tan  
Zetta Elliott

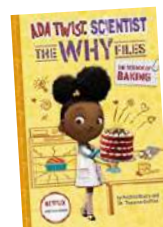
Jennifer L. Holm  
Erin Entrada Kelly  
Katherine Applegate  
Dan Gemeinhart  
Jonathan Fenske

LeUyen Pham  
Dav Pilkey  
Jarrett Lerner  
Stacy McAnulty  
Elana K. Arnold

## Favorite Series

### Graphic Novels & Comics

Science Comics  
Dogman by Dav Pilkey  
Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey  
Babysitters Little Sister by Ann M. Martin & Katy Farina  
Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland  
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis  
HiLo by Judd Winick  
Dragons in a Bag Zetta Elliott



### STEM & Mysteries

The Questioners by Andrea Beaty  
Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro  
Zach and Zoe Mysteries by Mike Lupica  
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

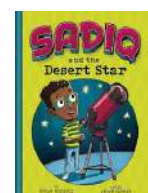
### Fantasy & Adventure

Dragon Masters by Tracey West  
The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer  
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier  
The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol by Andres Miedoso



### Realistic Fiction

Alvin Ho by Lenore Look  
Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner  
Sadiq by Siman Nuurali  
Trouble at Table Five by Tom Watson  
Jasmine Toguchi by Florence Michiko Florence



## My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:



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Where I will get books:

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Borrow from the library

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Read Online

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Trade books with friends

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Buy at a bookstore

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Buy Online

☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where I will read:

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In my bedroom

☐

In the living room

☐

Outside

☐

In my car

☐

At the beach

☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Log all of the books that you read. If you read 1 book, write it down. If you read 100, write them down. You can write them here. If you run out of room, add another piece of paper.

**OR**

Looking for an even easier way to log your books, do it online. [Click here](#) to enter your book titles online. Your school will keep a list of all of the books that you read.

Remember, you only need to log your books on paper or online. NOT BOTH!

**Happy Summer Reading!**





# Summer Reading BINGO

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|--|---|--|---|--|
| Have a<br>Reading<br>Party with<br>family  | Read for<br>→ 20 ←<br>minutes   | Read with<br>a <br>flashLight         | Read on<br> the<br>swings   | Read a<br>book with<br>a BLUE<br>cover   |
| Read to<br>your pet<br>(or stuffed<br>animal)<br> | Read out<br>LOUD<br>        | Read on a<br>rainy day<br>           | Read a<br>poem to<br>your<br>family   | Read a<br>book <br>you Love          |
| Read in<br>your<br>PJs<br>                        | Read a<br>book with<br>a GREEN<br>cover   | <br>FREE                            | Read under<br>a<br>tree  | Read a fairy<br>OR folk<br>tale  |
| Read a book<br>your parent<br>Loved as<br>a kid  | Read on a<br>road trip<br> | Read under<br>the stars<br>         | Read in a<br>blanket<br>fort  | Read in<br>your<br>swim<br>suit<br> |
| Read while<br>eating<br>ice<br>cream<br>          | Read a<br>book at<br>the Library  | Read a book<br>about<br>animals<br> | Read a<br>book with<br>a RED<br>cover   | Read an e-<br>book<br>              |

[Log your summer reading book titles here!](#)



## SUMMER READING PROJECT

Please show us how much you liked one or more of your summer reading books by making a project from the list below. You can also create your own project that you think up yourself! Share your completed book project or response with your teacher in the fall.

### KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE ONE



- ★ Describe the character \_\_\_\_\_ using key details from the text.
- ★ Draw or paint a picture of your favorite book character and write about it.
- ★ Draw or paint a picture about your favorite part of a book.

### FIRST GRADE TO SECOND GRADE



- ★ Describe what kind of character \_\_\_\_\_ is using key details from the text.
- ★ Create a colorful new cover for one of your books, showing some event from the book or something you learned from it.
- ★ Draw and write about the beginning, middle, and end of a book.

### SECOND GRADE TO THIRD GRADE



- ★ Describe how characters in the text respond to major events and challenges.
- ★ Create a small book poster using pictures you cut from magazines. Include pictures of the setting, important story words, and characters. Paste your pictures creatively on a poster board.
- ★ Write a poem about a book.
- ★ Make an interesting facts poster about a nonfiction book.

### THIRD GRADE TO FOURTH GRADE



- ★ Describe the characters in the text and explain how their actions relate to the events in the text.
- ★ Write a letter to a friend telling why he/she should read your book.
- ★ Write a list of five questions you would ask the main character of a book.
- ★ Write a song or rap about your favorite book.
- ★ Pretend you are a teacher. Make a quiz for the book you are reading.

# Summer reading is easy with...

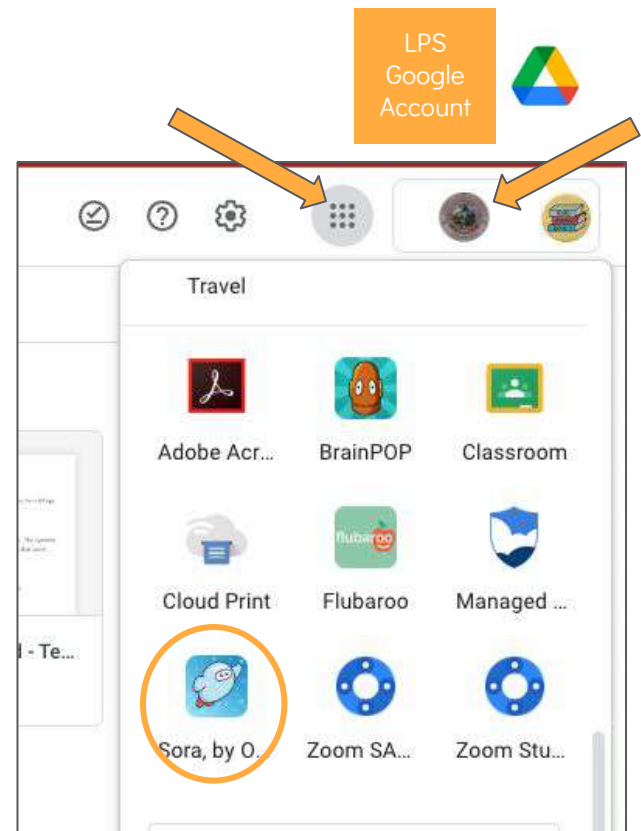
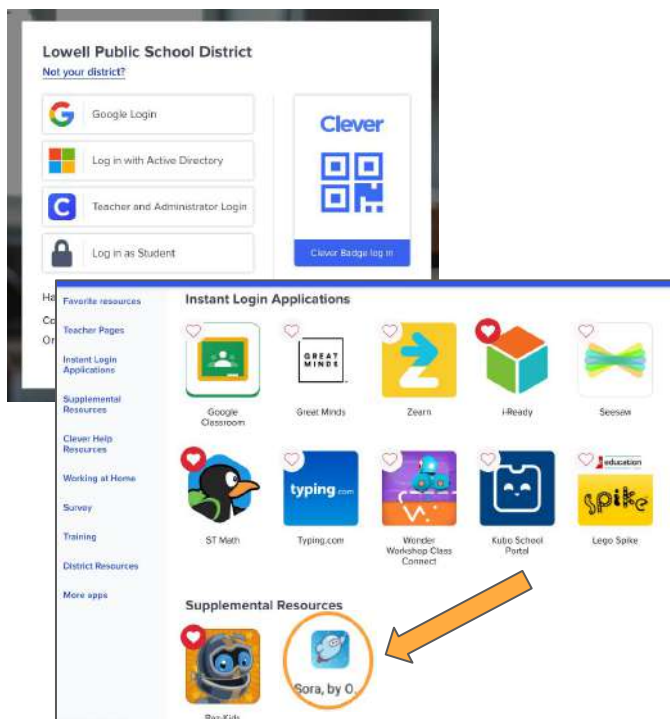


On Sora you'll find all the suggested books and many more - both ebooks and audiobooks!

You can also access hundreds of comics and graphic novels - no holds and no waiting!



All Lowell students have access to Sora.  
Login using Clever or through your LPS Google Account.







## Lowell Public Schools Summer Writing



Want to keep growing as a writer? Over the summer, revisit writing that you already tried during the school year, try out a new kind of writing, or push yourself and try writing something in the next grade level. You can write anything you want!

[Click here](#) to access the Summer Writing Choice Board with video tutorials for each choice.

The Summer Writing Choice Board is a colorful graphic with an orange background. At the top, three rounded rectangles represent grade levels: Kindergarten (blue), Grade 1 (yellow), and Grade 2 (pink). Each contains two writing prompts. Below these, a central purple rectangle reads "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD". To the left, a green starburst says "Letter Writing". To the right, a teal rectangle says "Graphic Novels". Below the center, two more rounded rectangles represent Grade 3 (blue) and Grade 4 (purple), each with two prompts. At the bottom, a teal banner says "REVISE" and a pink banner says "EDIT". On the far left, a red "Journaling" banner is next to a sun illustration. On the far right, a pink "Poetry" starburst is next to a beach scene illustration.

**Kindergarten**

- How-To Writing
- How to write a TRUE story

**Grade 1**

- How Can I Teach My Readers?
- Ways to Bring Stories to Life

**Grade 2**

- Nonfiction Writers
- Crafting Powerful Small Moments

**Letter Writing**

**SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD**

**Graphic Novels**

**Journaling**

**Grade 3**

- How to Write a Persuasive Speech
- Crafting Powerful Stories

**Grade 4**

- Nonfiction Teaching Moves
- How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story

**Poetry**

**REVISE**

**EDIT**