



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

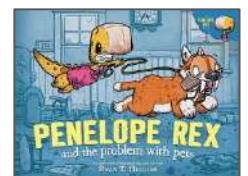
Monica Brown
Vashti Harrison
Christian Robinson
Drew Daywalt
Matt de la Pena
Susan Middleton Elya
Jonathan Fenske



Oge Mora
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Meg Medina
Yuyi Morales
Jacqueline Woodson
Joanna Ho

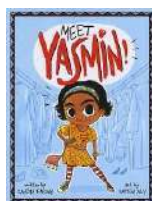
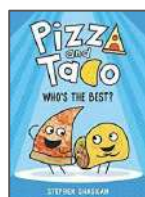


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Mo Willems
Mac Barnett
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Josh Funk

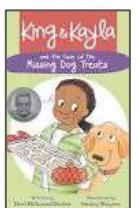


Favorite Series

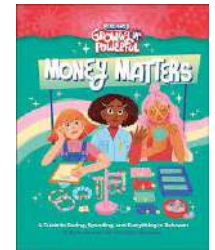
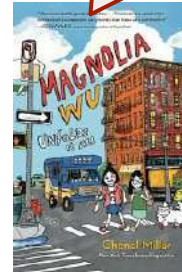
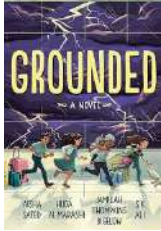
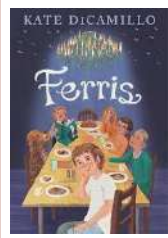
Pizza & Taco by Stephen Shaskan
Owly by Andy Runton
Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi
Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watts
Fly Guy (& Girl) by Tedd Arnold
King & Kayle by Dori Hillestad Butler
Pea, Bee, & Jay by Brian "Smitty" Smith



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

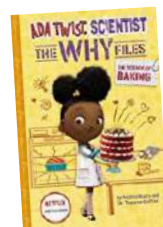
Jennifer L. Holm
Erin Entrada Kelly
Katherine Applegate
Dan Gemeinhart
Jonathan Fenske

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

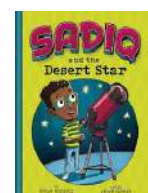
Fantasy & Adventure

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:











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

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Other _____

Where I will read:

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In my bedroom

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In the living room

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Outside

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In my car

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At the beach

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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

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

[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...

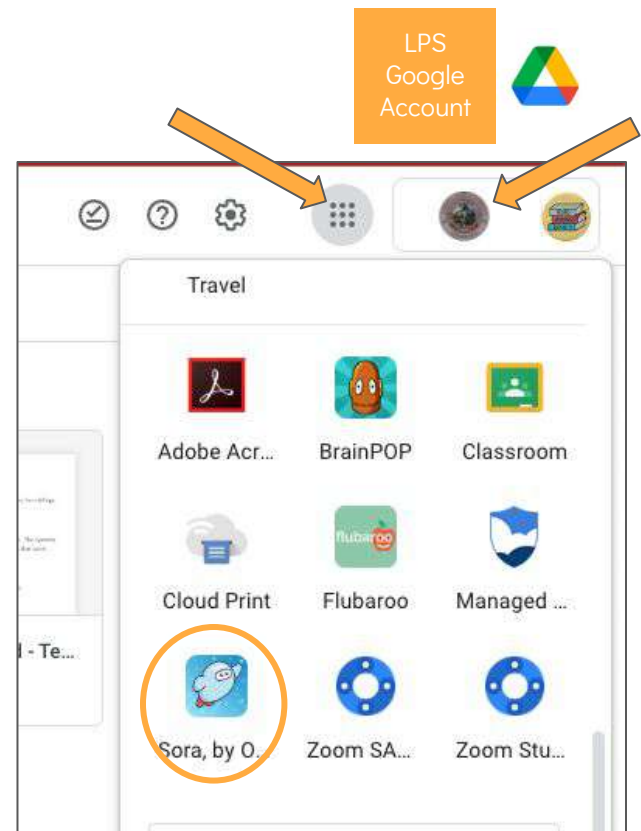
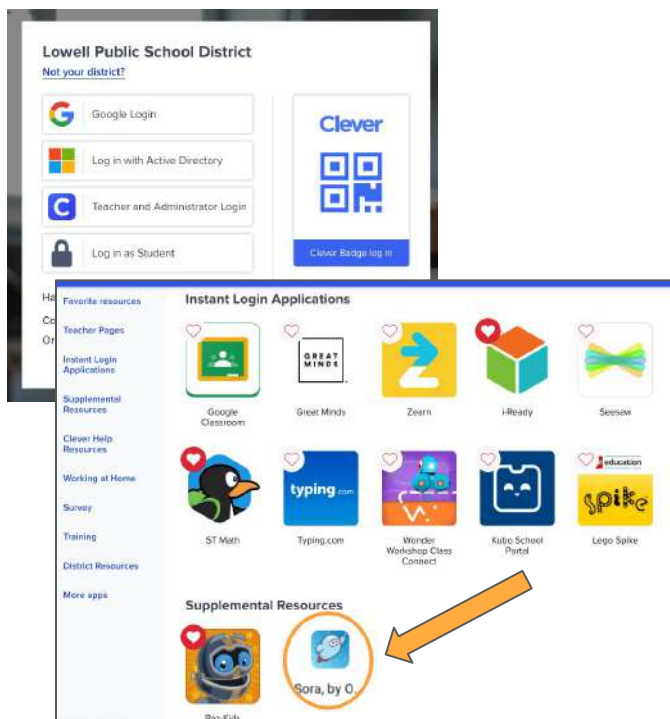


On Sora you'll find all the suggested books and many more - both ebooks and audiobooks!

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.



My Summer Reading Log

Remember if you want an easier way, enter all of your books online by [clicking here](#) each time you finish one. (You don't need to keep a paper copy!)

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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 center is a purple rectangle labeled "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD". Surrounding this are several colored boxes for different grade levels and writing topics:

- Kindergarten** (blue box):
 - How-To Writing (yellow box with a pencil icon)
 - How to write a TRUE story (yellow box with a story icon)
- Grade 1** (yellow box):
 - How Can I Teach My Readers? (yellow box)
 - Ways to Bring Stories to Life (yellow box)
- Grade 2** (pink box):
 - Nonfiction Writers (yellow box)
 - Crafting Powerful Small Moments (yellow box)
- Grade 3** (blue box):
 - How to Write a Persuasive Speech (yellow box with a speech bubble icon)
 - Crafting Powerful Stories (yellow box)
- Grade 4** (purple box):
 - Nonfiction Teaching Moves (yellow box)
 - How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story (yellow box with a story icon)
- Other Topics** (starburst shapes):
 - Letter Writing (green starburst)
 - Journaling (red starburst with a sun icon)
 - Graphic Novels (teal box)
 - Poetry (pink starburst with a beach scene icon)
- Process** (bottom):
 - REVISE (teal banner)
 - EDIT (pink banner)