



# Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

## Lowell Students Read



To all parents, 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 30 minutes every day or read with them.
- Visit the Pollard Library and make sure your child has a book they can read. If you don't have a library card already, you can [sign up online for an e-library card!](#)

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. Some authors write for both younger readers and older readers, so please be sure to read the back of the book or check out Goodreads or Amazon for reviews and suggested age ranges.
- Return to school prepared to participate in a discussion about a book that they read.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns a BINGO board will be awarded a certificate from 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 5-8

# Middle School Summer Reading List 2024

## For Students Entering Grades 5-8



We recommend...

### Graphic Novels



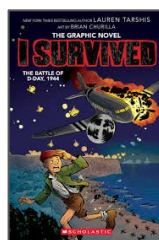
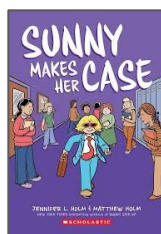
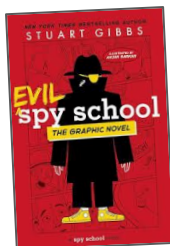
### Realistic & Historical Fiction



### Favorite series from past summers...

#### Graphic Novels & Comics

**Sunny Side Up** by Jennifer L. Holm  
**Spy School** by Stuart Gibbs & Anjan Sarkar  
**Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales** by Nathan Hale  
**Amulet** by Kazu Kibuishi  
**Science Comics** by various authors  
**I Survived** by Lauren Tarshis  
**Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova  
**Click** by Kayla Miller



#### and more...

**Middle School** by James Patterson  
**Track Series** by Jason Reynolds  
**Theodore Boone** by John Grisham  
**The Vanderbeekers** by Karina Yan Glaser  
**History Smashers** by Kate Messner

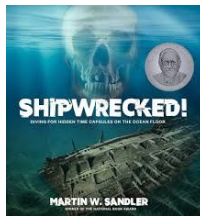
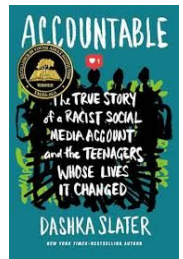
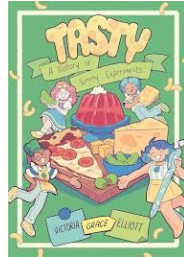
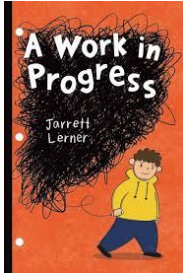
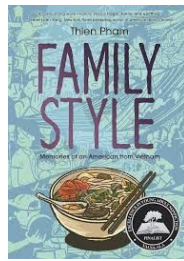
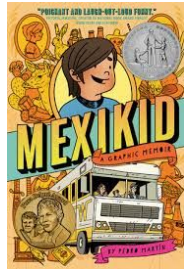
#### Fantasy & Sci-Fi

**The Uncommoners** by Jennifer Bell  
**Isle of the Lost** by Melissa de la Cruz  
**The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier  
**Nevermore** by Jessica Townsend  
**Tristan Strong** by Aaron Blabey  
**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

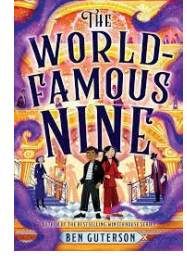
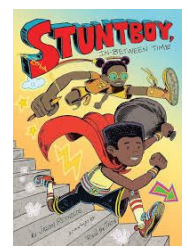
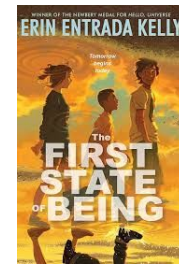




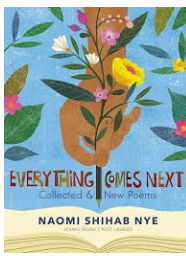
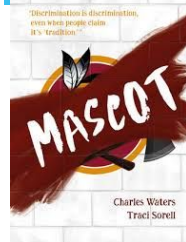
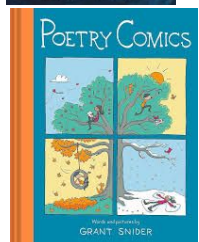
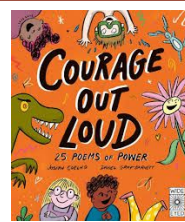
## Nonfiction & Memoir



## Fantasy & Adventure



## Poetry & Novels in Verse



Many of these authors and illustrators have other titles you might enjoy!

## More Recommended Authors & Graphic Novelists

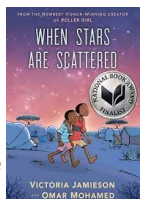
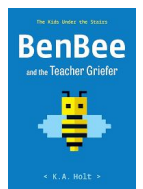
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Aisha Saeed  
Nic Stone  
Sharon Draper  
Dusti Bowling  
Jacqueline Woodson  
Mike Lupica  
Raina Telgemeier  
Saadia Faruqi



Kelly Yang  
Daniel Nayeri  
Jason Reynolds  
Ann Braden  
Rick Riordan  
Ellen Oh  
Dan Santat  
Neil Gaiman  
Renee Watson



K.A. Holt  
Nikki Grimes  
Victoria Jamieson  
Jasmine Warga  
Jen Petro-Roy  
Gene Luen Yang  
Meg Medina  
Celia C. Perez  
Ashley Herring Blake



# My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:



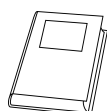
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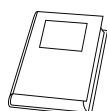
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Where I will get books:

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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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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**

Fill up your sheet with summer reading fun and see if you can hit **BINGO** before school is back in session.

<p>Read a poem from a book of poetry. Then practice writing your own!</p>	<p>Go camping under the stars (or in a living room pillow fort) and read your favorite spooky story. Remember to bring a flashlight!</p> 	<p>Research a topic that interests you and read an article about it -- parents, feel free to lend a hand!</p>	<p>Listen to an audio book on your next summer road trip.</p>	<p>Choose a book from the Pollard Summer Reading List and give it a read!</p> 
<p>Read aloud to a younger sibling or relative!</p>	<p>Explore a joke book and then try a joke out on your family and friends.</p>	<p>From Pete the Cat to Clifford, try reading to your furry friend -- stuffed animals work too!</p> 	<p>Swap! Exchange favorite summer reads with your bestie!</p>	<p>Judge a book by its cover and see if you like the story inside!</p>
<p>Who's hungry? Read a recipe then make a meal!</p> 	<p>Read a book published the year you were born!</p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p> 	<p>Read a book your parents read as kids. Bonus if you read it together!</p>	<p>Read a book that's been turned into a movie then have a screening after you've finished!</p> 
<p>Pick up a book with over 150 pages (you don't have to finish it!).</p>	<p>Love family game night? Read board game directions then get playing.</p>	<p>Start a new series!</p>	<p>School's out! Find a book with <b>Summer</b> in the title and give it a read.</p> 	<p>Read a book you rented from the public library.</p>
<p>Write a story then read it aloud to your parents.</p> 	<p>Read outside in the summer sun.</p> 	<p>Read a book by an author you've never read before.</p>	<p>Read non-fiction (a biography, memoir, article, newspaper, etc.).</p>	<p>Reread a favorite picture book.</p>

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

# Book Talks

Talking about books is a way to spark your classmates' and teachers' interest and introduce them to new texts that they might otherwise miss. Think of a book talk as a brief commercial for your book. Jot down a few notes to remind you of the essential points you want to make. A book talk will take only a few minutes. You might want to think about the following things when deciding what to talk about in your Book Talk.

**You will be responsible to talk about one of the books you've read during the summer with your classmates when you return to school.**

Talk about the title and the author. (*What would be another good title for this text? Explain.*)

Show the cover and some of the illustrations. (*What information does the reader get?*)

Read aloud the lead or a particularly interesting or exciting part of the text. (*Explain author's craft in this part of the text. Explain how this part of the text affects the reader's understanding.*)

Connect the book to your life or the lives of students in general. (*What did you learn about life or yourself from this book?*)

Pose questions. (*If you could ask the author one question, what would it be and why?*)

Tell about the plot or about one character. (*What is one character's main problem in the story? How did that character resolve his/her problem?*)

Share your own response to the book. (*Would you recommend the book? Explain why or why not.*)

## How to Give a Book Talk

(adapted from Guiding Readers and Writers , Fountas & Pinnell, 2001)

- ❖ Look at everyone in your group or class.
- ❖ Speak loudly so all can hear.
- ❖ Talk about the characters, the problem in the story, or some interesting information.
- ❖ Read a small part of the book to interest the readers.
- ❖ Create interest in other readers.



# Summer reading is easy with...

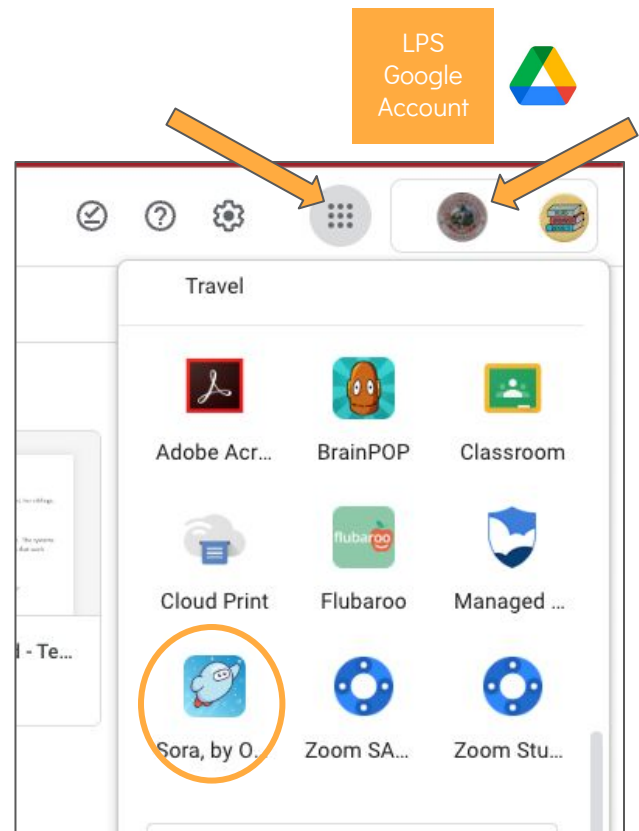
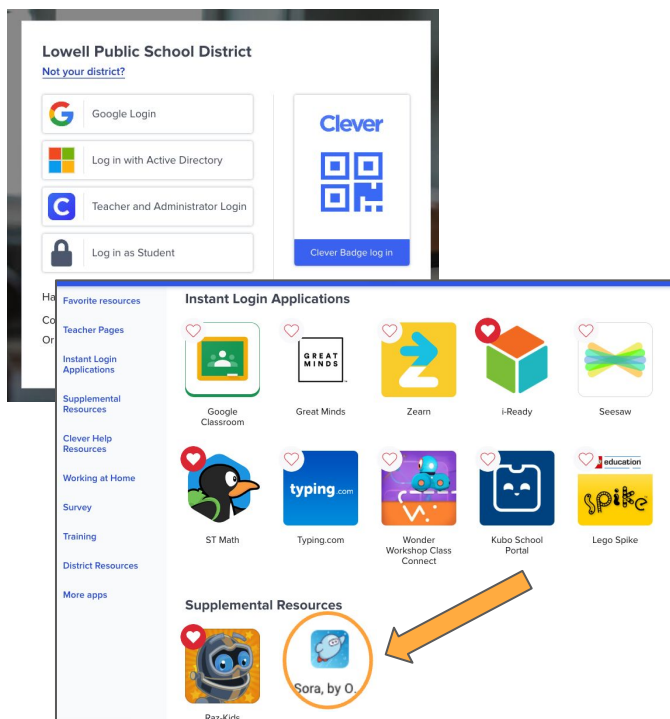


On Sora you'll find all the suggested books and many more - both ebooks and audiobooks!

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. If parts of the writing seem too tricky right now, try what you can. You can write anything you want!

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

