



## 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

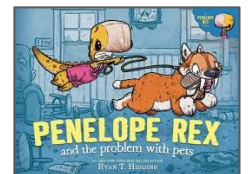
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Christian Robinson  
Drew Daywalt  
Matt de la Pena  
Susan Middleton Elya  
Jonathan Fenske



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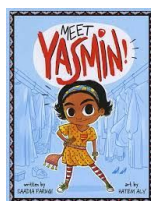


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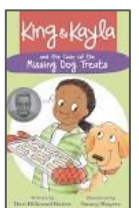
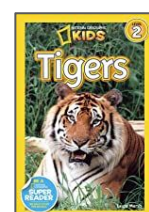


### Favorite Series

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

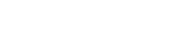
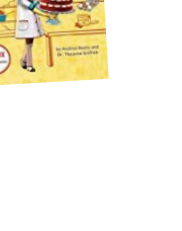
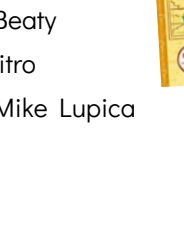
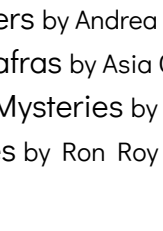
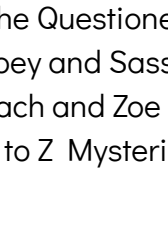
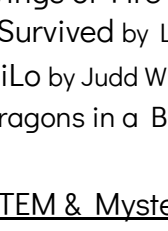
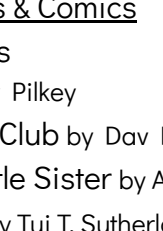
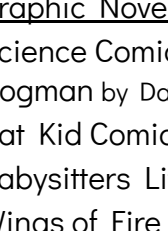
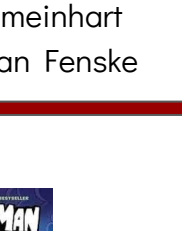
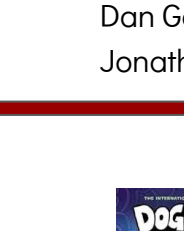
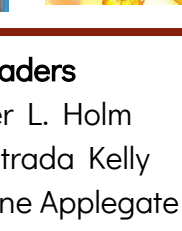
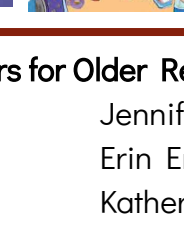
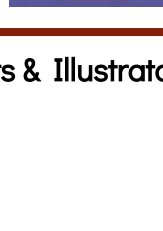
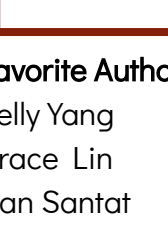
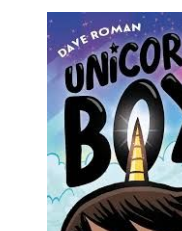
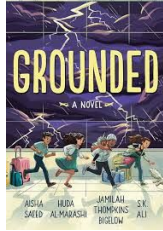
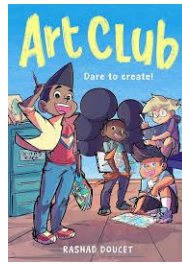
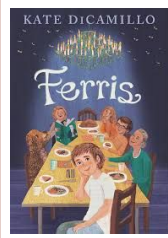


The Story of: Biography Series for New Readers  
National Geographic Kids  
Diary of a Pug by Kyla May  
Narwhal & Jelly by Ben Clanton  
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo





## May We Recommend for Older Readers



## 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

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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...

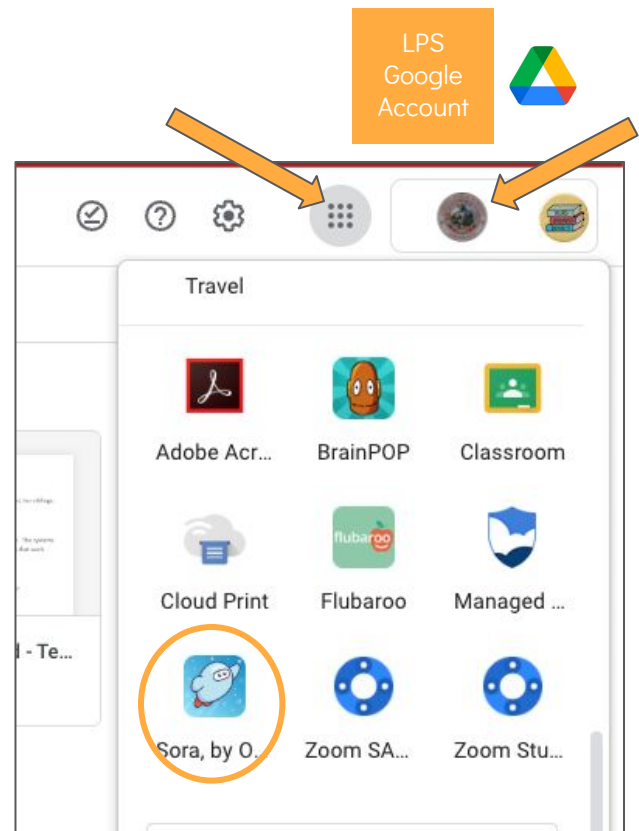
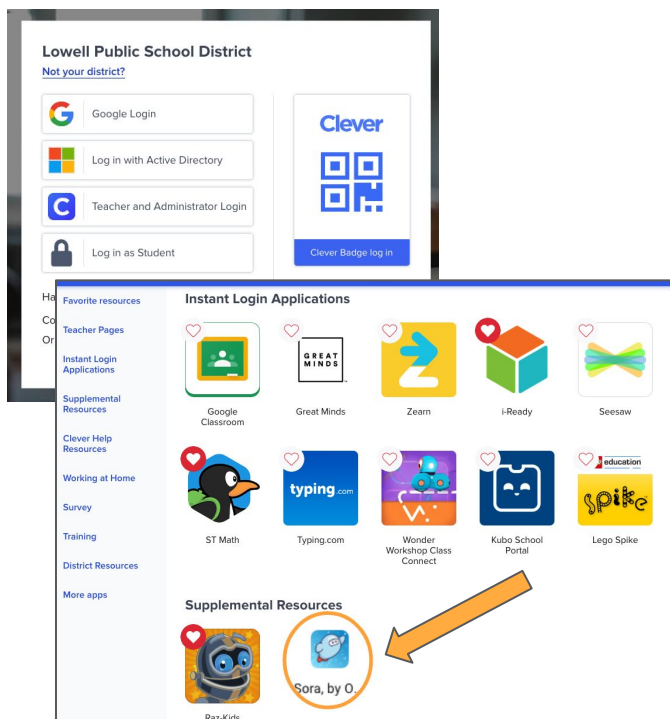


On Sora you'll find all the suggested books and many more - both ebooks and audiobooks!

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 graphic is a vibrant orange background featuring a central purple rectangle with the text "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD". Surrounding this are several colored boxes and starburst shapes, each containing a writing prompt or topic. The prompts are organized by grade level:

- Kindergarten** (blue box):
  - How-To Writing (with a pencil icon)
  - How to write a TRUE story (with a star icon)
- Grade 1** (yellow box):
  - How Can I Teach My Readers? (with a book icon)
  - Ways to Bring Stories to Life (with a speech bubble icon)
- Grade 2** (pink box):
  - Nonfiction Writers (with a book icon)
  - Crafting Powerful Small Moments (with a star icon)
- Grade 3** (light blue box):
  - How to Write a Persuasive Speech (with a speech bubble icon)
  - Crafting Powerful Stories (with a star icon)
- Grade 4** (purple box):
  - Nonfiction Teaching Moves (with a book icon)
  - How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story (with a pencil icon)

Other topics and decorative elements include:

- Letter Writing** (green starburst)
- Journaling** (red box with a sun icon)
- Graphic Novels** (teal box)
- Poetry** (pink starburst with a beach scene illustration)
- REVISE** (blue banner)
- EDIT** (pink banner)