



# Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

## Lowell Students Read



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers:

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 he or she can read. You can sign up online for an e-library card! <https://lowelllibrary.org/services/ecard/>

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 he or she read.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns their BINGO board and his/her name will be entered into a drawing to represent their school at the October School Committee Meeting.

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 2020

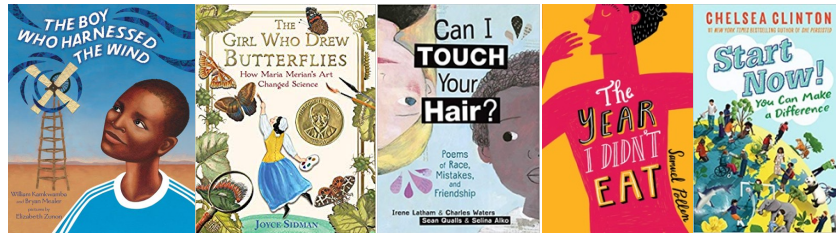
Students Entering Grades 5-8

May We Recommend...

Graphic Novels



Nonfiction & Poetry



Fantasy & Adventure



Realistic & Historical Fiction



**Here are some past favorites! You might also want to read other books by the authors on this list.**

<b><u>Author 's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Book Title</u></b>
Kwame Alexander	<i>Rebound</i>
Avi	<i>Something Upstairs</i>
Tony Abbott	<i>Firegirl</i>
Randa Abdel-Fattah	<i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i>
Cassie Beasley	<i>Tumble &amp; Blue</i>
Jennifer Bell	<i>The Crooked Sixpence</i>
Betsy Bird (ed)	<i>Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever</i>
Sage Blackwood	<i>Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded</i>
Emma Carroll	<i>In Darkling Wood</i>
Jack Cheng	<i>See You in the Cosmos</i>
Choi, Sook Nyui	<i>Year of Impossible Goodbyes</i>
Andrew Clements	<i>Janitor's Boy</i>
Barbara Cohen	<i>Thank You, Jackie Robinson</i>
Rachel Cohn	<i>Gingerbread</i>
Leslie Connor	<i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i>
Caroline Cooney	<i>Code Orange</i>
Sharon Creech	<i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i>
Sharon Flake	<i>The Skin I'm In</i>
Patrica Giff	<i>Eleven</i>
Carl Hiaasen	<i>Chomp!</i>
Will Hobbs	<i>Crossing the Wire</i>
Silas House	<i>Same Sun Here</i>
Ann Jaramillo	<i>La Linea</i>
Erin Entrada Kelly	<i>Hello, Universe</i>
Thannah Lai	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>
Dana Langer	<i>Siren Sisters</i>
Cynthia Lorde	<i>Rules</i>
Mike Lupica	<i>Travel Team</i>
Ann Martin	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i>
Walter Dean Myers	<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>
Jennifer Nelson	<i>False Prince</i>
Bill Nye	<i>At the Bottom of the World</i>
RJ Palaccio	<i>Augie and Me: Three Wonder Stories</i>
Jason Reynolds	<i>Ghost &amp; Track Series</i>
Louis Sachar	<i>Holes</i>
Ilyasah Shabazz	<i>Betty Before X</i>
Naomi Shihab Nye	<i>Habibi</i>
Neal Shusterman	<i>The Shadow Club</i>
Jerry Spinelli	<i>The Warden's Daughter</i>
Rebecca Stead	<i>Liar and Spy</i>
Janet Tashjian	<i>My Life as a Book</i>
Natasha Tarpley	<i>Harlem Charade</i>
Yoshiko Uchida	<i>A Jar of Dreams</i>
Dannette Vigilante	<i>The Trouble with Half a Moon</i>
Eric Walters	<i>Walking Home</i>
Rita Williams-Garcia	<i>Clayton Byrd Goes Underground</i>
Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Locomotion</i>

<b><u>Author's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Series</u></b>
Julia Alvarez	<i>Tia Lola</i>
Eoin Colfer	<i>Artemis Fowl</i>
Melissa de la Cruz	<i>Isle of the Lost</i>
Jack Gantos	<i>Joey Pigza</i>
Dan Gutman	<i>Baseball Card</i>
Margaret Peterson Haddix	<i>Shadow Children</i>
Anthony Horowitz	<i>Alex Rider</i>
James Howe	<i>Bunnacula</i>
Brandon Mull	<i>Fable Haven</i>
JK Rowling	<i>Harry Potter</i>

**Graphic Novels**

<b><u>Author's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Book Title</u></b>
Raina Telgemeier	<i>Sisters Drama  Ghosts/ Smile</i>
Jeff Smith	<i>Bone series</i>
Kazu Kibuishi	<i>Amulet series</i>
Svetlana Chmakova	<i>Awkward   Night School</i>
Ransom Riggs	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>
Jimmy Gownley	<i>The Dumbest Idea Ever!</i>
Jennifer Holm	<i>Sunny Series</i>
Shannon Hale	<i>Real Friends</i>
Ben Hatke	<i>Mighty Jack and the Goblin</i>
Victoria Jamieson	<i>All's Faire in Middle School</i>
Molly Ostertag	<i>The Witch Boy</i>
Jeremy Whitley	<i>Princeless</i>

**Non Fiction**

<b><u>Author's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Book Title</u></b>
Gail Herman	<i>Who Was Jackie Robinson</i>
Phillip Hoose	<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i>
Deborah Hopkinson	<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i>
Quang Nhuong Huynh	<i>The Land I Lost</i>
Peter Nelson	<i>Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis</i>
Gary Paulsen	<i>Guts</i>
Paul Walker	<i>Pride of Puerto Rico</i>
Roald Dahl	<i>Boy</i>
Deborah Kops	<i>The Great Molasses Flood</i>
Catherine Thimmesh	<i>Girls Think of Everything</i>

# My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:



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Where I will get books:

Borrow from the library

Read online

Trade books with friends

Buy at a bookstore

Buy Online

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where I will read:

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!**

## 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 Reading



Mark each space you complete. Can you get bingo? Can you fill the entire card?

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Read a graphic novel or comic book 	Read a magazine for kids	Read a chapter book	Read with a flashlight 	Read aloud to a family member
Listen to an audio book	Read to a sibling or friend	Read the instructions to a game. Then play it! 	Swap a book with a friend; read it	Read a book when it is raining outside 
Read for 20 minutes in a comfy chair 	Read a poem 	Read a nonfiction book	Read a book that is also a TV show or movie 	Got to the library and pick out 3 books to read
Read a story and tell someone about the main characters	Read a book with someone and take turns reading pages	Read a book with a 1-word title 	Read a book electronically	Read a book outside on a sunny day 
Read a book that has won an award 	Read a funny book	Read a book you love 	Read the first book in a series	Read a book based on a superhero 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.



## 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.

A colorful graphic titled "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD" with various writing genres represented by icons and text boxes. The genres include Creative Writing, Memoir, Mystery, GRAPHIC NOVELS, Informational Writing, Personal Narrative, Journaling, Historical Fiction, Science Fiction, and Poetry.

**Creative Writing**

**Memoir**

**Mystery**

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**

**Informational Writing**

**SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD**

**Personal Narrative**

**Journaling**

**Historical Fiction**

**Science Fiction**

**Poetry**