

SUMMER READING

Grades 3-5

All students are strongly encouraged to read at least 30 minutes a day over the summer months. Not only does consistent reading help with student achievement in Language Arts and other subject areas, but there are a wide variety of social-emotional benefits as well.

I look forward to hearing about all the amazing books that were read over the summer when school resumes in August. Please be prepared to share some of your favorites!

THE BENEFITS OF READING

ACCORDING TO EDUCATORS...

Top academic benefits:

89% | Builds reading comprehension

88% | Builds academic vocabulary

88% | Builds reading fluency

Top social-emotional benefits:

83% | Helps students understand people that are different than them

81% | Helps students develop empathy

81% | Helps students see themselves in characters and stories

ACCORDING TO PARENTS AND KIDS...



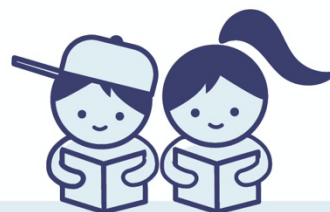
say there have been times when a book helped them/their child get through a difficult time



say they believe that characters in books can help their child develop the kinds of qualities they value and want to see

74% OF KIDS SAY

that reading fiction and nonfiction helps them understand the world



In addition to reading, I suggest participating in the Louisville Free Public Library Summer Reading Program and signing up for a Cultural Pass. The

Cultural Pass offers young people ages 0-21 and their families in the Louisville area access to participate in arts and cultural activities provided by over 50 venues, free of charge, from June 1-August 6, 2023. The Cultural Pass is designed to inspire, explore, and discover new experiences in our community. Experiences like these can be great opportunities for learning and personal growth. They can even inspire students to write creative stories or journal about their adventures.

More information can be found at <https://www.lfpl.org/summerreading/>

Below I am providing lists as a starting point for choosing books to read over the summer. I urge you to utilize your local Free Public Library to locate books of interest.

GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5
Stella Diaz has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee Engineer by Jackson Pearce STAT: Standing Tall and Talented: Home Court by Amar'e Stoudemire One-Third Nerd by Gennifer Choldenko Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo Hamster Princess Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes The Toad: The Disgusting Critters Series by Elise Gravel Rocket to the Moon: Big Ideas That Changed the World by Don Brown Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere by Elise Gravel Dolphin Rescue (Animal Planet Adventures #1) by Catherine Nichols Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome by Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg	Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai Katarina Ballerina by Tiler Peck and Kyle Harris The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg The Magical Reality of Nadia by Bassem Youssef and Catherine R. Daly The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett and Jory John Phoebe and Her Unicorn by Dana Simpson Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood Escape This Book Tombs of Egypt by Bill Doyle Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park Gross As A Snot Otter: The World of Weird Animals by Jess Keating From an Idea to Nike: How Marketing Made Nike a Global Success by Lowey Bundy Sichol Beavers: The Superpower Field Guides by Rachel Poliquin The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome by Jonathan W. Stokes	A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee Cub by Cynthia L. Copeland Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte Roll with It by Jamie Sumner Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros Restart by Gordon Korman No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen New Kid by Jerry Craft Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly A Whale of the Wild by Rosanne Parry The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome by Jonathan Stokes Nonfiction Accidental Archeologists by Sarah Albee Two Truths and a Lie by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life by James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai The Last Day of Summer by Lamar Giles Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling