Summer 2020

#LVReads is a summer reading program for all students from preschool through high school. The program’s main goal is to create confident and capable readers who find JOY in reading. #LVReads has no reports. No tests. No vocabulary lists. Just read!

The Research

**JUST 10-15 BOOKS!**
Elementary students who read only 10-15 books at home over the summer gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school.

**SUMMER SLIDE**
Students who do not read over Summer Break lose 2-3 months of reading achievement.

**HEALTHY AND HAPPY**
Students who read books report feeling healthier and happier!

**SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**
Reading promotes relaxation and sleep, helps with depression and increases social connections.

#LVReads is a summer reading program that promotes autonomy, independence, mindfulness, thoughtfulness, and empathy in alignment with our Student 360 initiative. Parents are encouraged to join in and model reading through participation in our Parent 360 Summer Series.

Sources: eric.ed.gov, scholar.harvard.edu, journals.sagepub.com, geediting.com
Beginning Readers
This category, which includes picture books, is for children who are non-readers or just beginning to read.

**Maybe**
by Kobi Yamada
Discusses the unbound potential everyone has and argues that everyone might be able to exceed their wildest dreams.

**Waiting is Not Easy!**
by Mo Willems
Required to wait for a special surprise from Piggie, an excited Gerald discovers that he has trouble being patient.

**I Like Myself!**
by Karen Beaumont
Although all people are made up of both good and bad qualities, this picture book emphasizes the importance of loving one's self for all the things that make them the unique being they are.

**How I Met my Monster**
by Amanda Noll
Five quirky little creatures vie to become Ethan's monster, charged with getting him into bed and keeping him there so that he falls asleep.

**Rude Cakes**
by Rowboat Watkins
A less-than-sweet cake that never says please or thank you gets its just desserts in a storybook about manners and bullying.

**Say Hello**
by Jack Foreman
Joining in a game of ball with the local kids, a little dog notices a lonely boy on the sidelines looking sad and so begins to wonder who will invite the boy to play with them.

**Read the Book, Lemmings!**
by Ame Dyckman
This book features an exasperated Arctic fox who tries to get his lemming charges to stop leaping off cliffs long enough to realize that cliff diving may not be as natural to them as they believe.

**How to Catch a Mermaid**
by Adam Wallace
Four children set out to capture a mermaid, but she manages to escape all of their traps.

**Did You Take the B From My -ook?**
by Beck Stanton
A first entry in a giggle-inducing, interactive series designed for reading aloud reveals what happens to a story when a powerful sneeze blows away the letter B, rendering the remaining text completely silly.

**The Box Turtle**
by Vanessa Roeder
Using a cardboard box as his home when he is born without a shell, Terrance the turtle enjoys the uniqueness of his home until another turtle's insensitive remarks make him question his differences.
Transitional Readers
This category is for students who are moving from primary books to early chapter books.

Saturday
by Oge Mora
A specially planned mother-and-daughter Saturday is upended by a series of disappointments that end in the daughter comforting her mother by saying that being together was the most important thing.

If I Built a School
by Chris Van Dusen
Imaginative Jack describes the kind of school he would build—one full of animals, with tubes to transport students directly to their classrooms, and library books that come alive.

Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet
by Curtis Manley
Discusses the concept of extrasolar, habitable planets and how those planets might be found.

My Papi Has a Motorcycle
by Isabel Quintero
When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her Papi on his motorcycle, she sees places she’s always known. She also sees a community that is changing.

Planting stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré
by Anika Denise
A portrait of New York City’s first Puerto Rican librarian describes how Pura Belpré moved to America in 1921 and became an influential writer and puppeteer who is celebrated for championing bilingual literature.

Going Down Home with Daddy
by Kelly Starling Lyons
Alan looks forward to the annual family reunion at the farm where Daddy grew up, but everyone is supposed to share something special and Alan worries about arriving with empty hands.

A Stone Sat Still
by Brendan Wenzel
This book shares environmental perspectives into concepts ranging from color and size to sensory experience and the passage of time.

Another
by Christian Robinson
This book invites children on a playful, imaginative journey into another world.

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Developing Readers
These selections are for growing readers who are building reading stamina.

Stef Soto, Taco Queen
by Jennifer Torres
Mexican-American middle schooler Stef Soto is always embarrassed about her family’s taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important parts of her life.

Appleblossom the Possum
by Holly Goldberg Sloan
A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

Inside Out & Back Again
by Thanhha Lai
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

The One and Only Bob
by Katherine Applegate
A sequel to the Newbery Medal-winning The One and Only Ivan finds Bob, helped by friends Ivan and Ruby, searching for his lost sister on a journey that is dangerously complicated by an approaching hurricane.

Wish
by Barbara O’Connor
Charlie Reese is sent to live with a family she barely knows, but with the help of a skinny stray dog who captures her heart and a neighbor boy named Howard, she learns what the real meaning of family may be.

Bink & Gollie: The Completely Marvelous Collection (Series)
by Kate DiCamillo
This is a set of books about the humorous adventures of Bink and Gollie, best friends who are complete opposites.

My Weird School Goes to the Museum (Series)
by Dan Gutman
A.J. and Andrea go on a class trip to the museum, where their guide has been warned about their possible misbehavior.

Who was Anne Frank? (Series)
by Ann Abramson
Looks closely at Anne Frank’s life before the secret annex, what life was like in hiding from the Nazis, and the legacy of her diary.

A to Z Mysteries: The Invisible Island (Series)
by Ron Roy
Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose set out to have a picnic on Squaw Island and find a hundred-dollar bill in the sand, but when they return the next day, the entire island has vanished.

Ballpark Mysteries Super Special: The World Series Curse (Series)
by David A. Kelly
Rooting for the Cubs during an exciting game against the Red Sox, young fans Mike and Kate investigate the work of a saboteur who is damaging the sports equipment and stirring up rumors.
Independent Readers

These selections are for stronger readers who can easily tackle a 150+ page book and successfully digest the content.

**Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes**  
by Roshani Chokshi  
Sent on a mission to rescue the twin Pandava sisters, 14-year-old Aru Shah and her friends struggle to determine which of the twins is false and which is destined to utter a prophecy that could prevent war.

**The Goldfish Boy**  
by Lisa Thompson  
Obsessive-compulsive teenager Matthew Corbin passes the day observing and writing down his neighbors’ doings from his window—but when a toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving it.

**Snow Lane**  
by Josephine Angelini  
In 1985 Massachusetts, fifth-grader Annie wants to shape her own future but as the youngest of nine, she is held back by her hand-me-down clothing, a crippling case of dyslexia, and a dark family secret.

**Shouting at the Rain**  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
Delsie loves tracking the weather, living with her grandmother, and the support of friends and neighbors, but misses having a “regular family,” especially after her best friend outgrows her.

**Beverly, Right Here**  
by Kate DiCamillo  
Resolved to leave her home for good, young runaway Beverly is determined not to depend on anyone else, but as she settles in her new home and job, she forms connections with the people around her that alter her perspectives.

**The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane**  
by Kate O’Shaughnessy  
Experiencing her world through the evocative sounds she collects, 11-year-old Maybelle becomes convinced that a new radio DJ is her absent father before entering a singing contest that the DJ will be judging in Nashville.

**A Night Divided**  
by Jennifer A Nielsen  
When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, Gerta sees her father and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

**Philippa Fisher and the Fairy Godsister**  
by Liz Kessler  
When Philippa learns that the new girl at school, Daisy, is her reluctant fairy godsister, Philippa tries to use her customary three wishes constructively.

**The Boys who Challenged Hitler**  
by Phillip M. Hoose  
Presents the story of a group of Danish boys who formed a resistance organization against the Nazi occupation of their country.

**Free Lunch**  
by Rex Ogle  
A sixth grader from an economically disadvantaged family struggles in a new school where he is forced to endure humiliation over his secondhand clothing and public requests for free lunch.

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Young Adults

This category of books is for experienced high school readers who possess the maturity to tackle young adult and politically sensitive issues. Parents are encouraged to review these titles. Consideration should be given to difficulty, subject matter and content.

Four Dead Queens
by Astrid Scholte
Keralie is the best pickpocket in all of the kingdoms of Quadara, but when she steals a “comm disk” and realizes a royal murder plot is afoot, she must learn who to trust and fast.

The Fountains of Silence
by Ruta Sepetys
Drawn back to his mother’s homeland, the photographer son of an oil tycoon bonds with a girl who raises his awareness about the lingering shadows of the Spanish Civil War.

The Astonishing Color of After
by Emily X. R. Pan
After her mother’s suicide, grief-stricken Leigh Sanders travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she never met, determined to find her mother who she believes turned into a bird.

I Am Not your Perfect Mexican Daughter
by Erika L. Sánchez
After the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

Crying Laughing
by Lance Rubin
Fearing her comedic ambitions are over after a disastrous stand-up set at her own bat mitzvah, Winnie is invited to join her school’s improv troupe before her efforts are shaped by epically bad dates, frustrating performances and a parent’s failing.

What If It’s Us
by Becky Albertalli
This story is about two very different boys who cannot decide if the universe is pushing them together or pulling them apart.

Frankly in Love
by David Yoon
Torn between his love for his white girlfriend and his sense of duty to the matchmaking parents who made hard sacrifices to move to the United States, a Korean American teen looks for solutions along with a friend who has a similar problem.

172 Hours on the Moon: A Novel
by Johan Harstad
In 2019, Mia, Antoine, and Midori are selected by lottery to join astronauts on a NASA mission to the moon base, DARLAH 2, while in a Florida nursing home, a former astronaut struggles to warn someone of the danger there.

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes
by Suzanne Collins
A prequel set in the world of Panem 64 years before the events of The Hunger Games begins on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth Hunger Games.

The Disasters
by M. K. England
Nax and a handful of other space Academy washouts are the only surviving pilots after the school is hijacked, but in order to spread the truth about the attack, Nax and his fellow failures must execute a dangerous heist.

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