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NoveList K-8 Plus Overview Summer Reading 2016



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NoveList is for:



Readers

- Help finding the right books
- Reading recommendations, lists, and more
- Fresh content, including popular books and topics



Librarians

- Readers' advisory tools and guides
- Advanced searching and filtering to help readers find books



Teachers, parents, others who work with readers

- Find quick answers to meet demand
- Easy to use

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	NoveList Plus	NoveList	NoveList K-8 Plus	NoveList K-8
Fiction	●	●	●	●
Nonfiction	●		●	
Audiobooks	●			
Audience: Adults	●	●		
Audience: Kids	●	●	●	●





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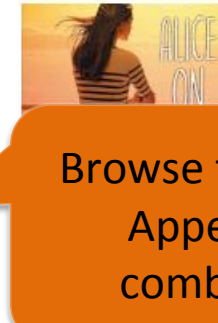
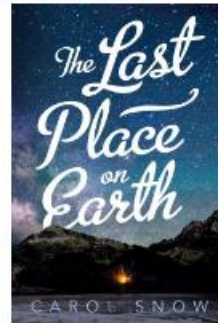
Recommended Reads

I'm in the mood for books that are...

Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Angst-filled and Witty World-building and Fast-paced Character-driven and Funny Plot-driven and Compelling

These snarky teens don't let the world get them down.



Browse for books by Appeal terms combinations.

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And find books by genre

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Sports Stories

Baseball

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Describe a book. Ex. Japan 1930 women


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Genre »

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Scary

Writing Style »

Subject »


Books Series Authors

Results: 1-12 of 12

Results for: baseball Funny

✓ Limiters set

1.



Read reviews on [goodreads](#)

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Baseball jokes (Jan 2014)


Collects jokes and humorous illustrations about different aspects of the game of baseball.

Series: [Laughing matters](#)

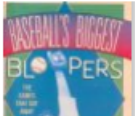
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Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

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2.



Read reviews on [goodreads](#)

★★★★★

11 reviews

Baseball's biggest bloopers: the games that got away (Oct 1999)


By: Gutman, Dan

Showcases some of baseball's worst moments with true stories of men like Fred Snodgrass, who dropped a fly ball in 1912, a


Lexile: 1000 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 6.2, AR Pts: 4

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

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3.



Baseball jokes and riddles (Jul 1996)



Advanced Search

- Appeal terms
- Award winners
- Number of pages
- Grade level/Lexile/Accelerated Reader
- Author's nationality/cultural identity



Advanced Search – Try It

- Sports
- Action-packed (appeal factor)
- Age 9-12
- Fiction



Advanced Search – Try It

- Sports fiction (Genre)
- Mysteries (Genre)
- Age 9-12



Appeal Factors for this Summer

- Action-packed
- Character-driven
- Amusing
- Feel-good
- Funny
- Gross
- Inspiring
- Silly
- Scary
- Ability diverse
- Courageous
- LGBTQIA diverse


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Results: 1-30 of 30

Sort by: Relevance Detailed 30 [Share](#) [Print](#) ?

Results for: sports

1.




All About Sports Fiction for Older Kids (May 2016)

Contributed By: [Sawyer, Linda Zeilstra](#)

Summary: While any book can have an athlete as a character, in sports fiction, athletics are an integral part of character development. Themes of sports fiction typically relate to issues of competition, teamwork, and individual effort.

Ages 9-12 Fiction

2.




Recent Sports Fiction for Summer Reading 2016 (Apr 2016)

Contributed By: [Clark, Craig](#)

Summary: This annotated list offers an exciting array of sports fiction, published within the last year (and a few forthcoming) that will appeal to a variety of middle grade and teen readers.

Teens Ages 9-12 Fiction

3.



Sports Stars (Feb 2016)


Contributed By: [Margolin, Nancy](#)

Summary: Amazing athletes, these men and women competed -- some recently, some long ago -- in a variety of sports.

Ages 0-8 Nonfiction



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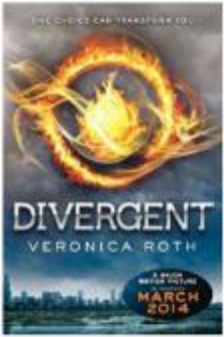
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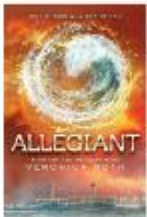
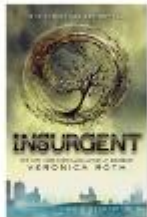

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Item info:	No copies currently available. Estimated wait undetermined.

Books in This Series







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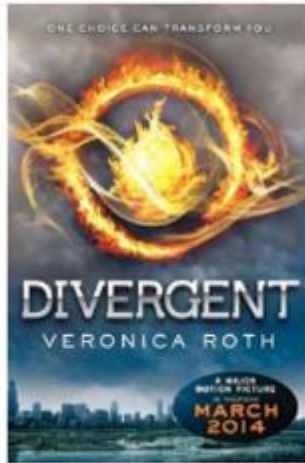
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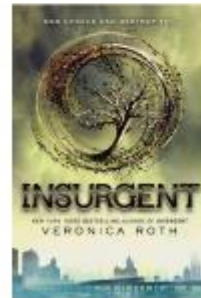
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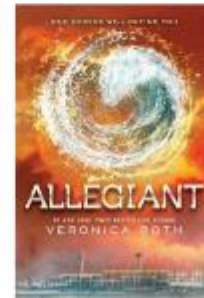
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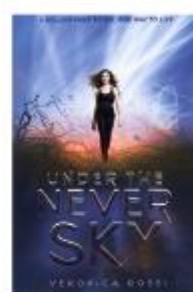
Series



Hunger Games trilogy
by Collins, Suzanne
Why?



Legend (Marie Lu)
by Lu, Marie, 1984-
Why?



Under the never sky trilogy
by Rossi, Veronica
Why?



Blood of Eden
by Kagawa, Julie
Why?



Quarantine
by Thomas, Lex
Why?



Dust chronicles
by McGowan, Maureen
Why?

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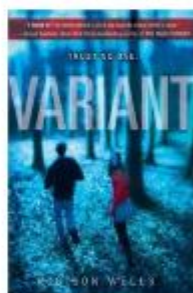
Titles



Matched
by Condie, Allyson Braithwaite
Why?



The knife of never letting go
by Ness, Patrick
Why?



Variant
by Wells, Robison E.
Why?



Enclave
by Aguirre, Ann
Why?



Delirium
by Oliver, Lauren
Why?



The Testing
Charbonneau, Joelle
Why?

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Authors

Collins, Suzanne
Both authors of gripping science fiction
for teens write stories populated with

Charbonneau, Joelle
Joelle Charbonneau and Veronica Roth
both write compelling, suspenseful science

Oliver, Lauren
Lauren Oliver and Veronica Roth write
intricately plotted, suspenseful science

Bacigalupi, Paolo
While Paolo Bacigalupi also writes for adults,
his science fiction novels for teens are similar

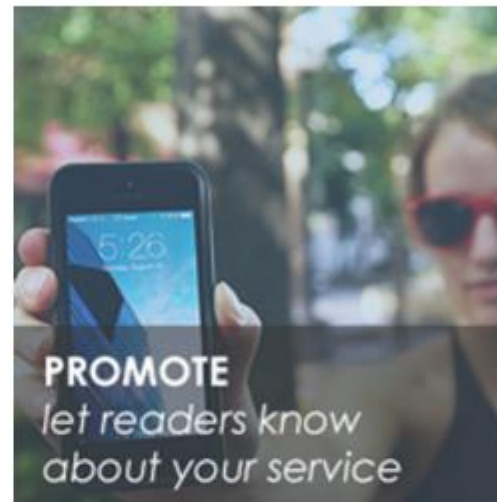
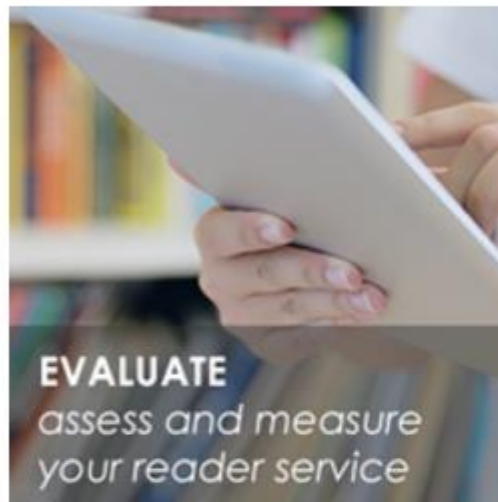
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April 2015

Books for Storytime

When to use:



Use appeal terms

Novelist's appeal terms can help identify content for creating a perfect storytime experience. A consider:

Big and bold or **colorful** - for large groups, use illustration terms to find art easily seen from :

Fast-paced - these books with increasing suspense sure to be storytime winners for wiggly group

Try **funny**, **silly**, or **noisy** for very young listeners **amusing** or **darkly humorous** for slightly older

Search **easy-to-understand** or **minimal text** for toddlers, or **witty** and **wordplay-filled** for older



Enter **AP Big and bold** (or another appeal term) in the main search box

Click **Search**

Especially for librarians

Look for qualities you want (and don't want) to your comfort level with storytime...

Keep (or avoid) appeal terms like **issue-oriented**, **sad**, **gross**, **detailed art**, **suspenseful**, or **noisy**

Include (or exclude) subject terms for **animal stories in rhyme**, or **cumulative tales**.

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April 2016

Finding Books that have Diverse Characters

When to use:



Search character appeal

Character appeal terms are a great way to search for kids and teen books where the personalities and characteristics of the individuals are really the focus of the story. See a full list in Novelist, but a few examples of character appeal terms include:

- Ability diverse
- Culturally diverse
- LGBTQIA diverse
- Religiously diverse



At the **Advanced Search**, enter **Culturally diverse** (or another diverse term) in the search box

Select **AP Appeal Factors** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Use the limiters on the left to narrow the results to the right audience level or to a genre.

Real-world examples

African American characters in Historical fiction:
SU African American AND GN Historical fiction

Books about characters with disabilities and friendship:
AP Ability diverse AND SU Friendship

Character-driven books about an interracial teenager:
AP Character-driven AND SU "Interracial teenage"

Search subject

While appeal terms focus on the sense of character, subject headings instead focus on where. Want character backgrounds? Use

EXAMPLES

Subject examples:
Americans, African Americans, Homosexuality, families, interest

Genre examples:
romances

Search subject codes, for example

All kinds

Our *All Kinds of Life* you with ready-made diversity of family



From the Record homepage, click

Select the **Teen**

Click the **All Kinds**

Click on a book

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Gentle Reads

When to use:



Use appeal terms

Novelist's appeal terms are useful for **readers of all ages** to help capture the "feel" of a book. Use them to narrow down a search, especially genre searches.

Examples of appeal terms to try when looking for clean reads: **Chaste**, **Feel-good**, **Funny**, **Heartwarming**, **Homespun**, **Inspirational**, **Quiet**, **Sweet**, and **Upbeat**.
Note: some terms only apply to specific audience levels.



Try combining a genre and appeal search!

On the **Advanced Search** page, enter a genre (try **Romance**) in the search box and select **Genre** from the drop-down

Enter an appeal term (try **Heartwarming**) in the next search box and select **AP Appeal Factor** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Avoid these terms

Search for gentle reads

Gentle Reads is a genre term that Novelist applies to books at the **adult reading level** that are characterized by no sex, no violence and little or no offensive language. These stories often occur in small towns, are upbeat, and may have an inspirational element.

Gentle Reads does not include Christian or religious fiction. Those subjects can be searched separately.



On the **Advanced Search** page, enter **Gentle Reads** in first search box

Select **GN Genre** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Just looking for mysteries? Use the left side of the Result List to limit to the **Cozy mysteries** genre.

Try the classics

Looking for more? Try the classics. Not all classics will

Librarians: Want a book that doesn't have violence, and bad

Readers: Are you looking for a romance book, but sure it's a "clean book"

Parents: Does your child want to read, but you'd like books that are "to

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Help Patrons Take Advantage of Your Collection When Holds Lists are Miles-Long



You know how the story goes: Stephen King releases a new thriller and suddenly the holds list is 75 deep and growing, or the next book in a popular series is already looking at 43 holds a month before its release. Maybe it's the latest book-to-movie blockbuster and your readers are scrambling to get their hands on the book before they see it in the big screen.

Besides ordering 50+ copies of every bestseller out there, what can you do to satisfy your patrons while they're waiting? [NoveList can help.](#)

From the Blog



Find Your Next Read with LibraryReads

by Shauna Griffin


As many of you (I hope!) are aware, LibraryReads is a wonderful organization that harnesses the power of word-of-mouth enthusiasm in the world of readers advisory. Well, now we'll be creating monthly NextReads newsletters in LibraryAware that will go straight to patron inboxes...[Read more](#)

Showing Romance Readers Some NoveList Love

by Lisa Schimmer


Meet Our 2015 Besties!

by Rebecca Honeycutt



RA Tips

So many genres, so little time



We all have favorite and not-so favorite genres (Historical fiction, yay! Hardboiled mysteries, not so much). But whether or not we like a particular type of story, we still need to help readers who do.

That's where NoveList's genre outlines come in. Each outline provides a basic grounding in a genre: What is it, what happens, why people like it, and more. Perfect for brushing up on your skills.

Keep an eye on your inbox, [Krista](#)

Get the RA conversation started


Our most recent genre outline is [Getting Up to Speed in Gentle Reads](#)

Find all of NoveList's adult genre outlines. Just paste the search below into the search box.

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Are there any genre or subgenre outlines that you would like to see in NoveList?

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What else is there?

RA Tips is just the beginning. There are several more groups for those who work with adult readers.

Beyond Genre: Resources for helping readers with tricky fiction outside easily defined genres.

Club Scene: How-tos, tips, and other resources for book club bests.

Diverse Reading: Showcase books that authentically reflect the experiences and interests of the kids and adults in your library.



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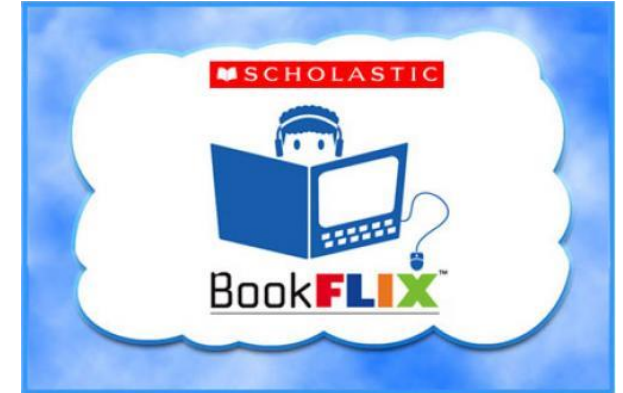
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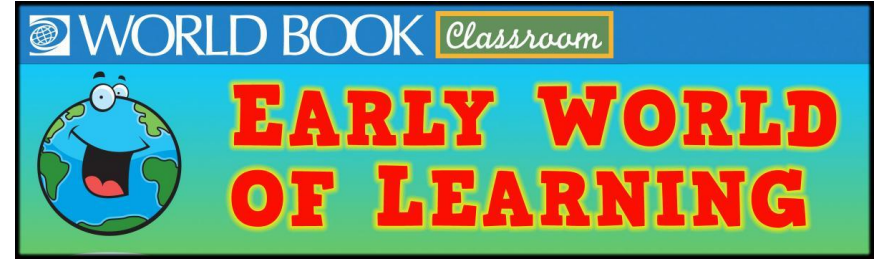
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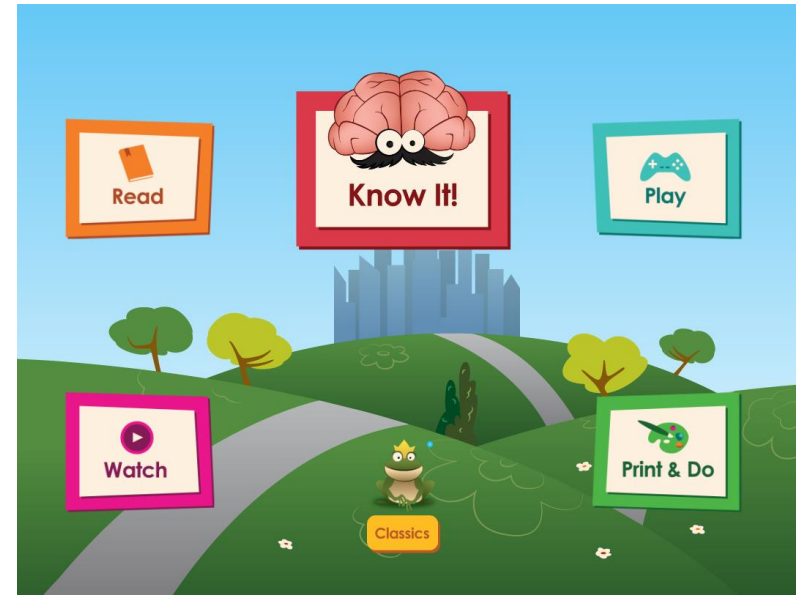
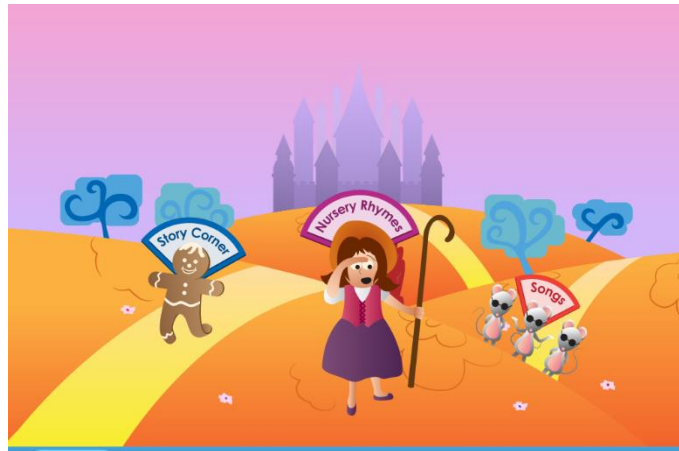


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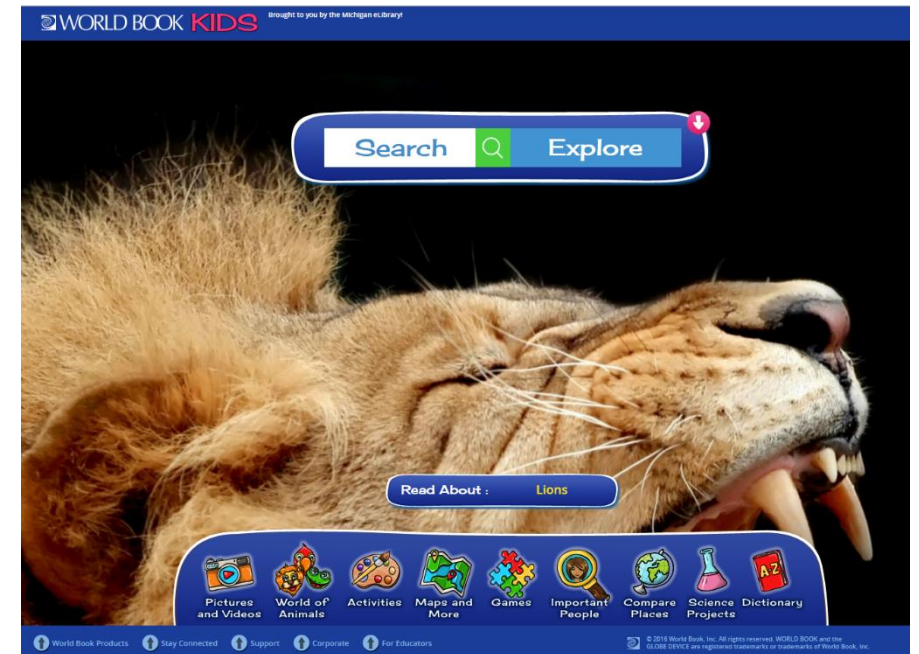
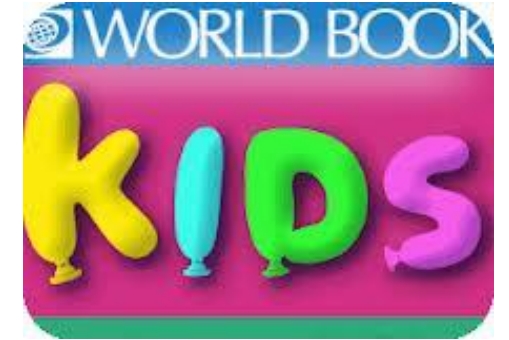
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Research tools for kids in elementary grades.

Kids can explore or search by topic

Offers read aloud on all topics



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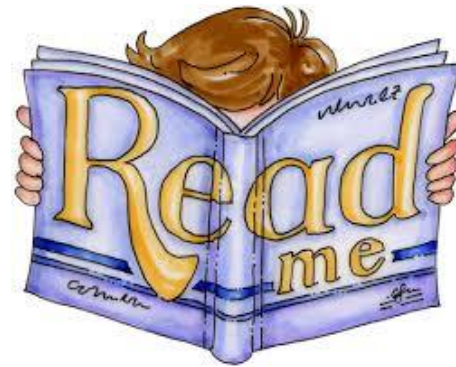
Has fun activities for students to practice learning
to read



Local libraries

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Many offer grade specific reading programs in the summer



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This webinar will be up there soon.

Questions concerning access to the databases can be directed to meldatabaseshelp@mcls.org

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