

2024 Teacher's Guide

Read Me FIRST!

kids read now

Reading Successes Delivered

Your school has paid for a reading program managed by...

Each of your students in the program will receive **FREE BOOKS** over the summer... to keep forever!

WHAT IS KIDS READ NOW (KRN)?

Kids Read Now manages summer reading programs for hundreds of schools all across the country. KRN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to eliminate the summer reading slide for PK-5 students.

HOW TO SELECT BOOKS WITH YOUR STUDENTS

1. Use the online Wish List...

to select books in one step! Work with each student to visit portal.kidsreadnow.org to enter their own book selections.

- Students can enter the class/teacher code, browse the online Wish List, and select their books with a single click.
- The online Wish List can be filtered by level and genre. It also displays book covers and provides a blurb about the book. We even include a few sample pages for you and the student to gauge reading level and interest prior to selection.
- Have the student write down their book selections on the Book Selection Form (which will be sent home afterward).

Or...

2. Use the printed Wish List,

Help each student select books according to their reading ability and interests, then make note of their selections on the one-page Book Selection Form.

After each student has chosen their books:

- If your students selected books from the printed Wish List, you can go to portal.kidsreadnow.org and use the QUICK ADD feature to enter students' selections online in a matter of minutes!
- Keep the printed Wish Lists in the classroom for future reference or to be used by students who were absent that day.
- Whether your students used the printed Wish List or chose their books online, **we encourage the students to take the Book Selection Form home to share with their parents.**
- Parents will receive a postcard to visit portal.kidsreadnow.org where they will be able to see the books their student selected as well as have the opportunity to update their contact information and delivery address.

Kids Read Now has sent your school forms to use when selecting books:

- This Teacher's Guide
- Wish List Booklets
- Book Selection Forms

Dozens of additional titles are available for selection online. **Have a look!**



THE WISH LIST INCLUDES:

- A detailed description of the Kids Read Now program.
- **150+ descriptions and images of each title offered.**
- AR, Lexile, and GR Levels (when available).
- Icons to indicate **Bilingual, part of a Series/Collection, Fiction/Nonfiction, Multiethnic, Award Winning Book or Author, Student Favorites, Social Emotional Learning, and Read To Me** books.
- **Color-coded AR levels** for easy selection.

	0.0 - 1.0 K - 1st
	1.1 - 2.0 1st - 2nd
	2.1 - 3.0 2nd - 3rd
	3.1 - 4.0 3rd - 4th
	4.1 - 5.0 4th - 5th
	5.1 + 5th - 6th

Use the online/printed Wish Lists to help students self-select books they can and will love to read.

- Bilingual**
These books are written in English and Spanish.
- Series**
These books are part of a series or collection.
- Fiction/Nonfiction**
This marks the genre of a book.
- Multiethnic**
These books feature characters of 2+ ethnicities.
- Award Winner**
These books and/or authors have won awards.
- Student Favorite**
These are books students enjoy the most!
- Social Emotional Learning**
These books demonstrate skills such as managing emotions, showing empathy, and appreciating diversity.
- Read To Me**
These books are picture books where the reading level of the book may exceed what the child can read.

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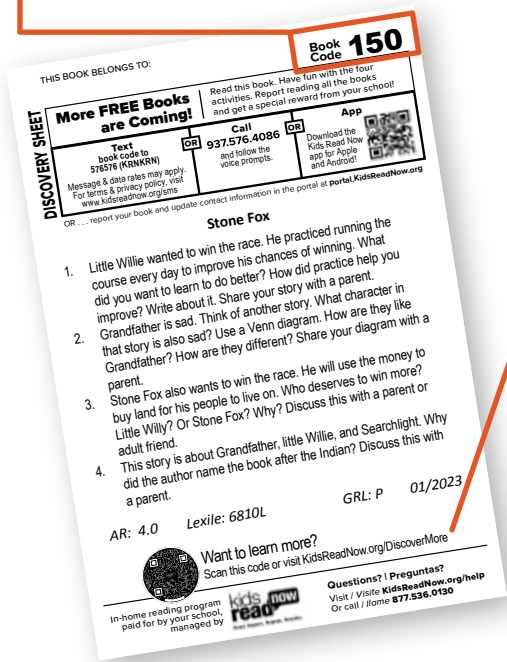
DISCOVERY SHEETS

Every book has a Discovery Sheet on the inside front cover. This sheet contains 4 activities designed to build reading comprehension.

- The Discovery Sheet also contains a unique **3-digit book code** and instructions for guardians on how to report that a book has been read.
- All self-selected books are mailed to students' homes. If they are part of our comprehensive program and report all book codes, they will get a prize and a certificate!
- Kids Read Now sends weekly reminders to parents to report books.

TIP:

Download a Discovery Sheet from our website and point out the book code to your students. This way, they will be more familiar with the process when they go home for the summer.



KRN SHOWS RESULTS

Students who participate in Kids Read Now gain reading skills over summer! This means less re-teaching in the fall!

ON AVERAGE WE FIND THAT:

- For each book a student read, they increased their reading score by 0.1 months of schooling.
- Students who participated previously in KRN scored about 1.4 months higher than their counterparts in fall testing.

Parents say their students read more after participating in KRN!

CONTACT FORM

Please encourage parents to visit portal.kidsreadnow.org to update their contact information and delivery address.

You and your students can also scan this QR code to be taken to book selection online.



Multilingual App

Download the Kids Read Now App for easy access to your students' reading lists and reporting.

FAMILY READING EVENT

- Your school may host a Family Reading Event before summer break either in person or online.
- If the school has an in person event, students and their families may receive their first book during the event.
- If an event is planned, you and your Building Coordinator should make a plan to distribute books to students who are unable to attend the Family Reading Event.



DISCOVER MORE!

Many KRN books have additional activities available. Discover complementary books, topics, videos and more at KidsReadNow.org/DiscoverMore

PRIZES!

We kick off the program with a fun book selection bracelet as a reminder to read over the summer. PLUS, each student reporting all of their books will receive a special program completion certificate and prize to congratulate them on their accomplishments!



EVERY CHILD'S AN AUTHOR

MyStories

Because reading affects writing and writing affects reading, encouraging students to write will help improve their reading skills. To this end, our Comprehensive program includes MyStories, a special book of creative illustrations students can use to write their own stories!

