MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN
INVITES STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 TO PARTICIPATE IN

2023 KID'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
& MAYOR BROWN'S AWARDS CEREMONY FOR CHAMPION READERS

KID’S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONS: 
Read 5 or More Books + Upload 5 or More Written Book Summaries between now and August 4, 2023 
ALL CHAMPION READERS QUALIFY FOR EXCITING PRIZES AND RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN’S AWARDS CEREMONY FOR CHAMPION READERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023
10:00 am – Noon
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center • 153 Franklin Street

UPLOAD YOUR SUMMARIES HERE!
www.buffalony.gov/readingrules
OR SCAN THE QR CODE
Dear Student and Parent:

I’m pleased to announce that my Reading Rules! Kids Summer Reading Challenge is now underway. Once again, I will partner with the Buffalo Public Schools in an effort to maximize the reading potential of our youth and encourage their developmental success. Over 28,000 students have completed my Summer Reading Challenge since I established this program over twenty years ago and they have discovered that reading can be fun, exciting, and rewarding!

Participation in this year’s program is easy and is open to all children who attend any public, parochial, private or charter school entering grades K-12 in any school district. All of the instructions and necessary information are included in this brochure.

Each child who successfully participates in my Reading Rules! Kid’s Summer Reading Challenge will gain automatic entry into my deluxe raffle featuring great prizes donated by area businesses and cultural organizations, including Children’s Books, Teen Literature, Books, Academic Supplies, Educational Prizes, Laptops, Kindles, Bicycles, Gift Cards, and more.

I invite every Champion Reader to join me in person for an Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2023 (10:00 am – Noon) at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, located at 153 Franklin Street.

I encourage your child to start my Reading Challenge today and wish you and your family a safe, rewarding and Buffalo strong summer. For more information, please call 851-READ (7323) or log on to www.buffalony.gov/readingrules.

Sincerely,

Byron W. Brown • Mayor
GET STARTED TODAY!

COMPLETE THESE EASY STEPS AND START READING TODAY…

So, you can qualify to become a champion reader and receive a special invitation to attend Mayor Brown’s Reading Rules Awards Ceremony featuring prizes, breakfast, entertainment, and more!

STEP ONE
• Download the Reading Rules Brochure at www.buffalony.gov
• Select 5 or More Books per Student! Free Books and Free Online Resources for E-Books are available at www.buffalony.gov
• Free Book Giveaways will be announced in May on Mayor Brown’s Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram
• Free Book Giveaways will also be announced at buffalopal.com, PAL Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

STEP TWO
• READ 5 OR MORE BOOKS BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST 4, 2023.
• WRITE 5 OR MORE BOOK SUMMARIES BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST 4, 2023!
• PLEASE NOTE: 5 OR MORE BOOK SUMMARIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 4, 2023.

STEP THREE
• UPLOAD 5 OR MORE BOOK SUMMARIES BY THE DEADLINE OF AUGUST 4, 2023

STEP FOUR
• Receive a special ‘Congratulatory Message’ from Mayor Byron Brown on becoming an official Champion Reader!
• Every Champion Reader will receive an invitation to attend Mayor Brown’s in person Reading Rules Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 26th, 2023 (10:00 am - Noon) at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.
• Every Champion Reader will also be entered into a Raffle Prize Drawing, and receive a 2023 Reading Rules Diploma, a Reading Rules T-Shirt, Bonus Prizes, and Breakfast with their families.
2023 SUGGESTED READING LIST

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

1. Adams, Jennifer – I Am a Kindness Hero
2. Barnes, Derrick – I Am Every Good Thing
3. Brown, Margaret Wise – Buenas noches, Luna (Spanish)
4. Brown, Tameka Fryer – My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood
5. Carle, Eric – The Very Hungry Caterpillar
6. Cherry, Matthew A. – Hair Love
7. Choi, Yangsook – The Name Jar
8. Cocca-Leffler, Maryann – Rain Brings Frogs: A Little Book of Hope
9. Codell, Emmé Raji – It’s Time for Preschool!
10. Cooper, Floyd – Max and the Tag-Along Moon
11. Connolly, Gaia – Jabaari Jumps
12. Curtis, Jamie Lee – My Brave Year of Firsts: Tries, Sighs, & High Fives
13. Cyrus, Kurt – Billions of Bricks
14. Dale, Penny – Dinosaur Zoom!
15. Demos, Julia – Here and Now
16. Dewdney, Anna – Llama Llama and the Bully Goat
17. Ehret, Lois – Planting a Rainbow
18. Elya, Susan Middleton – Bebe Goes Shopping
19. Ferguson, Maureen – The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten
20. Ferguson, Fabian E. – Daddy’s Arms
21. Ferry, Beth – Stick and Stone
22. Guarino, Deborah – Is Your Mama a Llama?
23. Hall, Zoe – The Apple Pie Tree
24. Henkes, Kevin – Birds
25. Hughes, Langston – My People
26. Isadora, Rachel – I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)
27. Jackson, Richard – In Plain Sight
28. Johnson, Angela – Lottie Paris Lives Here
29. Keats, Ezra Jack – Un dia de nieve (Spanish)
30. Lindbergh, Reeve – Homer the Library Cat
31. Lindstrom, Carole – We Are Water Protectors
32. Litwin, Eric – Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons
33. Marley, Cedella – One Love
34. Marshall, Linda Elovitz – Kindergarten Is Cool!
35. Martin, Bill Jr. – Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
36. McGlaunfin, Conor – Sock on the Loose
37. Medina, Meg – Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away
38. Meltzer, Lynn – The Construction Crew
39. Milgrim, David – Eddie Gets Ready for School
40. Mora, Oge – Thank You, Omu!
41. Mora, Pat – Book Fiesta! (Bilingual Spanish-English)
42. Muhammad, Ibtihaj – The Proudest Blue
43. Murray, Alison – Hare and Tortoise
44. Pizzoli, Greg – Good Night Owl
45. Poydar, Nancy – Zip, Zip… Homework
46. Poydar, Nancy – The Bad-News Report Card
47. Pringle, Laurence – The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar
48. Prussian, Robert – First Grade Jitters
49. Ramsey, Calvin Alexander – Belle, The Last Mule at Gee’s Bend
50. Ray, Todd – The Thankful Book
51. Ringgold, Faith – Tar Beach
52. Ringgold, Faith – The Blackberry Patch
53. Rinkers, Sheri – One Chicken, Two Chickens
54. Shewan, George – Who Put the Cookies in the Cookie Jar?
55. Shwechuck, Pat – In Lucia’s Neighborhood
56. Sieve, Judy – Supposed You Meet a Dinosaur: A First Book of Manners
57. Stead, Philip C. – Bear Has a Story to Tell
58. Strapani, Iza – The Bear Went Over the Mountain
59. Wang, Andrea – Watercress
60. Weiss, George David & Thiele, Bob – What a Wonderful World
61. Wells, Rosemary – Yoko Learns to Read

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE

1. Alexander, Kwame – The Undefeated
5. Bridges, Ruby – Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story
6. Bryan, Ashley – Beautiful Blackbird
7. Child, Brenda J. – Bowwow Powwow
8. Clinton, Chelsea – She Persisted
9. Colos, Robert – The Story of Ruby Bridges
10. de la Peña, Matt – Last Stop on Market Street
11. Demi – The Empty Pot
13. Elgort, Chloë – More Than a Little
14. Elya, Susan Middleton – Little Roja Riding Hood
15. Elya, Susan Middleton – Rubia and the Three Osos
16. Frazee, Marla – A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever
17. Goldman, Mark – Max Meets the Mayor
18. González, Xelena – Where Wonder Grows
19. Harris, Teresa E. – Summer Jackson: Grown Up
20. Hatke, Ben – Little Robot (graphic novel)
21. Hoffman, Mary – Princess Grace
22. Hubbard, Rita Lorraine – The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read
23. Isadora, Rachel – The Princess and the Pea
24. Johnson, Dinah – Hair Dance!
25. Kenah, Katharine – The Best Chef in Second Grade
26. Kimmel, Eric A. – Anansi and the Talking Melon
27. Khorram, Adib – Seven Special Somethings: A Nowruz Story
28. Lee, Spike & Tonya Lewis – Giant Steps to Change the World
29. Levinson, Cynthia – The Youngest Marcher
30. Levy, Debbie – I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark
31. Lin, Grace – Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!
32. Liniers – Written and Drawn by Henrietta
33. Lara, Wil – The Frog in the Pond
34. Marshall, Linda Elovitz – Talia and the Rude Vegetables
35. Miller, Pat Zietlow – Be Kind
37. O’Connor, Jane – Nancy la elegante (Spanish)
38. Patalini, Margie – Gorgonzola: A Very Stinkysaurus
40. Patrick, Denise Lewis – A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr.
41. Paul, Miranda – Whose Hands Are These? A Community Helper Guessing Book
42. Pérez-Mercado, Mary Margaret – ¡Zas! (Spanish)
43. Perkins, Mitali – Home Is in Between
44. Pinkney, Andrea Davis – Fishing Day
45. Pinkney, Andrea Davis – The Red Pencil
46. Pizzoli, Greg – Good Night Owl
47. Poydar, Nancy – The Bad-News Report Card
48. Poydar, Nancy – Zip, Zip... Homework
49. Prussian, Robert – First Grade Jitters
50. Ramsey, Calvin Alexander – Belle, the Last Mule at Gee’s Bend
51. Ray, Todd – The Thankful Book
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54. Rosenstock, Barb – The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky’s Abstract Art
55. Scieszka, Jon – The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
56. Sedaka, Neil – Waking Up Is Hard to Do
THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE SERIES

1. Adler, David A. – Young Cam Jansen
2. Arnold, Tedd – Fly Guy
3. Brundidge, Sheletta – These Brundidge Babies
4. Cazet, Denys – Minnie and Moo
5. Chaconas, Dori – Cork & Fuzz
6. Clancy, Ben – Narwhal and Jelly (graphic novel)
7. Derting, Kimberly – Friends Love Science
8. DiCamillo, Kate – Raymie Nightingale
9. Ehlert, Frauke – Tawny Paws
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THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE

1. Applegate, Katherine – The One and Only Ivan
2. Barber, Tiki & Ronde – Goal Line
3. Clary, Julian – The Bolds
4. Cleary, Beverly – The Mouse and the Motorcycle
5. Clements, Andrew – Frindle
6. Coville, Bruce – My Teacher Is an Alien
7. Cronin, Doreen – The Trouble with Chickens: A J.J. Tully Mystery
8. Dahl, Roald – Fantastic Mr. Fox
9. Davies, Jacqueline – The Lemonade Crime
10. DiCamillo, Kate – Raymie Nightingale
11. Dutcher, Jim – A Friend for Lakota
12. Fitzhugh, Louise – Harriet the Spy
13. Gaiman, Neil – Fortunately, the Milk
14. Giovanni, Nikki – Rosa
15. Green, John Patrick – Investigators (graphic novel)
16. Gutman, Dan – Nighttime at the Book Fair
17. Hill, Laban Carrick – When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop
18. Jenkins, Steve – Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World
19. Lord, Bette – In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
20. Lowry, Lois – Bless This Mouse
21. Lucke, Deb – The Lunch Witch (graphic novel)
22. MacLachlan, Patricia – Sarah, Plain and Tall
23. McGehee, Alison – Firefly Hollow
24. McManus, Charlene Williams – Indian No More
25. Monjo, F. N. – The Drinking Gourd
26. Myers, Walter Dean – Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly
28. Paterson, Katherine – Bridge to Terabithia
29. Pomerantz, Charlotte – The Outside Dog
30. Robinet, Harriette Gilmour – Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule
31. Rockcliff, Mara – Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France
32. Rockwell, Thomas – How to Eat Fried Worms
33. San Souci, Robert D. – The Talking Eggs
34. Schroeder, Alan – Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman
35. Schwartz, Alvin – Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark
36. Scieszka, Jon – Math Curse
37. Silverstein, Shel – Where the Sidewalk Ends
38. Tonatiuh, Duncan – Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation
39. Ufanno, Bob – Buffalo From A to Z: Come Take a Tour With Me
40. Watson, Reneé – Ways to Make Sunshine
41. Weatherford, Carole Boston – Unspookable: The Tulsa Race Massacre
42. White, E.B. – Charlotte’s Web

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SERIES

1. Anderson, Laurie Halse – Chains
2. Angleberger, Tom – Fuzzy
3. Baskin, Nora Raleigh – The Summer Before Boys
FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SERIES

1. Alexander, Kwame – The Crossover
2. Alston, B.B. – Supernatural Investigations trilogy
3. Chanter, Scott – Three Thieves (graphic novel)
4. Cooper, Susan – The Dark is Rising
5. Cowell, Cressida – How to Train Your Dragon
6. Delaney, Joseph – The Last Apprentice
7. DiTerlizzi, Tony – The Search for WondLa
8. Grisham, John – Theodore Boone

9. Ignatow, Amy – The Popularity Papers
10. Iseryls, Inblai – Foxcraft
11. Keene, Carolyn – Nancy Drew
12. Kibushi, Kazu – Amulet (graphic novel)
13. Kinney, Jeff – Diary of a Wimpy Kid
15. Mass, Wendy – Willow Falls
16. Pastis, Stephan – Timmy Failure
17. Russell, Rachel Renée – Dork Diaries
18. Scieszka, Jon – Guys Read
19. Smith, Jeff – Bone (graphic novel)
20. Stewart, Trenton Lee – The Mysterious Benedict Society
21. Sutherland, Tui T. – Wings of Fire
22. Telgemeier, Raina – Smile (graphic novel)
23. Various – Rick Riordan Presents
24. Various – The 39 Clues
25. Wood, Maryrose – The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place

SEVENTH EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADE

1. Ahdieh, Renée – A Thousand Beginnings and Endings: 15 Retellings of Asian Myths and Legends
2. Alexie, Sherman – The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
3. Anderson, Carol – We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide
5. Braller, Max – The Last Kids on Earth
6. Brown, Don – In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers: The Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Weeks, Months, and Years after the 9/11 Attacks (graphic novel)
7. Bruchac, Joseph – The Heart of a Chief
8. Callender, Kacen – King and the Dragonflies
9. Chmakova, Svetlana – Crush (graphic novel)
10. Colfer, Eoin – Illegal (graphic novel)
12. Cornwell, Betty – The Forest Queen
13. Craft, Jerry – Class Act (graphic novel)
14. Craft, Jerry – New Kid (graphic novel)
15. Creech, Sharon – The Wanderer
17. Farmer, Nancy – The House of the Scorpion
18. Gephart, Donna – Lily and Dunkin
19. Grimes, Nikki – Bronx Masquerade
20. Heidicker, Christian McKay – Scary Stories for Young Foxes
22. Hendrix, John – The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler
23. L’Engle, Madeleine – A Wrinkle in Time
24. Little Badger, Darcie – A Snake Falls to Earth
25. Meyer, Marissa – Gilded
26. Myers, Walter Dean – Monster
27. Nayeri, Daniel – Everything Sad Is Untrue
28. Pérez, Celia C. – The First Rule of Punk
29. Potter, Ellen – Slob
30. Power, Rory – Wilder Girls
31. Reynolds, Jason – Miles Morales: Spider-Man
32. Saeed, Aisha – Amal Unbound
33. Sepetys, Ruta – I Must Betray You
34. Soostornvatt, Christina – A Wish in the Dark
35. Spiegelman, Art – Maus: A Survivor’s Tale
36. Stahl, Margaret – Black Widow: Forever Red
37. Stone, Tanya Lee – Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels, America’s First Black Paratroopers
38. Tan, Shaun – The Arrival (graphic novel)
YOUNG ADULT (7-12TH GRADE) SERIES

1. Adeyemi, Tomi – Legacy of Orisha
2. Aveyard, Victoria – Red Queen
3. Barnes, Jennifer Lynn – The Inheritance Games
4. Barnes, Jennifer Lynn – The Naturals
5. Black, Holly – The Folk of the Air
6. Cashore, Kristin – Graceling Realm
7. Clayton, Dhonielle – The Belles
8. Collins, Suzanne – The Hunger Games
10. Draper, Sharon M. – Hazelwood High
11. Draper, Sharon M. – Jericho
12. Evans, Richard Paul – Michael Vey
13. Forna, Naima – The Gilded Ones
14. Ireland, Justin – Dread Nation
15. Johnson, Maureen – Truly Devious
17. Kirtzer, Naomi – CatNet
18. Lu, Marie – Warcross
19. Marr, Melissa – Wicked Lovely
20. Meyer, Marissa – The Lunar Chronicles
21. Older, Daniel José – Shadowshaper Cypher
22. Osman, Alice – Heartstopper (graphic novel)
23. Patterson, James – Maximum Ride
24. Rowell, Rainbow – Simon Snow
25. Sanderson, Brandon – Skyward
26. Shusterman, Neal – Arc of a Scythe
27. Stevenson, Noelle – Lumberjanes (graphic novel)
28. Tahir, Sabaa – An Ember in the Ashes
29. Various – DC Icons
30. Vaughan, Brian K. – Runaways (graphic novel)
31. Woodfolk, Ashley – Flyy Girls
32. Young, Suzanne – The Program

YOUNG ADULT GRADES 10-12

1. Acevedo, Elizabeth – The Poet X
2. Acevedo, Elizabeth – With the Fire on High
3. Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi – We Should All Be Feminists
4. Ahmed, Samira – Love, Hate & Other Filters
5. Alexander, Kwame – Flight
6. Alexis, Sherman – Flight
7. Alvarez, Julia – In the Time of Butterflies
8. Anderson, Laurie Halse – Speak
10. Asher, Jay – Thirteen Reasons Why
13. Bardugo, Leigh – Six of Crows duology
14. Berry, Julie – Lovely War
15. Booth, Coe – Tyrell
16. Bouley, Angeline – Firekeeper’s Daughter
17. Brown, Daniel James – The Boys in the Boat
18. Cronn-Mills, Kirstin – Beautiful Music for Ugly Children
19. de la Peña, Matt – The Living
21. Felder, M.J. – Soul of a Knight: The Knight’s Birth
22. Flake, Sharon G. – Who Am I Without Him?
23. Fukuda, Andrew – This Light Between Us
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