

2025 Teacher's Guide

Read Me
FIRST!

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

kids
read now

Reading Successes Delivered

Each of your students in
the program will receive

FREE BOOKS
over the summer...
to keep forever!

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

- ☒ This Teacher's Guide
- ☒ Book Selection Forms
- ☒ Parent Enrollment Letter
- ☒ Links to the Training Site and Parent Portal

All available titles are
online for selection.
Have a look!



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

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).

After each student has chosen their books:

- If your students selected books using the book selection form, you can go to portal.kidsreadnow.org and use the QUICK ADD feature to enter students' selections online in a matter of minutes!
- 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.

THE ONLINE WISH LIST INCLUDES:

- Over **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**, **Multicultural**, **Award Winning Book or Author**, **Student Favorites**, **Emotional Literacy**, and **Read To Me** books.
- Easy selection with **Color-coded AR levels**

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

Use the online
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.



Multicultural

These books feature characters of 2+ cultures.



Award Winner

These books and/or authors have won awards.



Student Favorite

These are books students enjoy the most!



Emotional Literacy

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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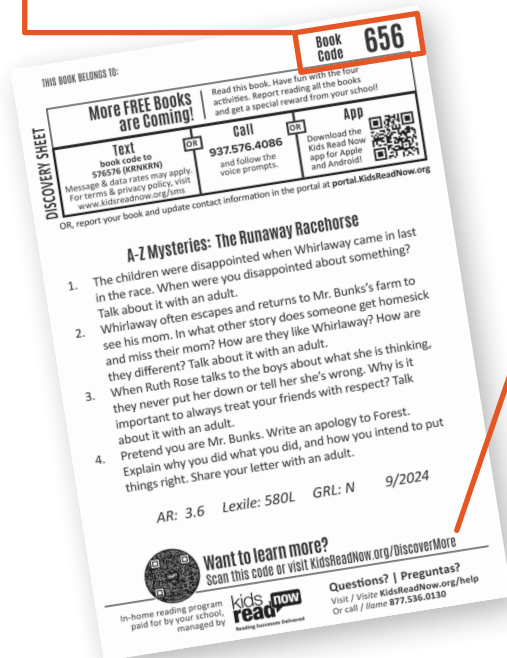
DISCOVERY SHEETS

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 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.

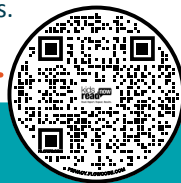
TIP:

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.



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 view their book selections.



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, 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!

Each student enrolled in our Comprehensive program who reports all of their books will receive a special program completion certificate and prize to congratulate them on their accomplishments!



KRN GETS RESULTS

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

ON AVERAGE WE FIND THAT:

- Students in the summer program increased their reading levels by 2-4 months. Over the life of the K-5 program that equates to 1-2 grade levels!
- Students who participated previously in Kids Read Now reading programs scored almost 2 months higher than their counterparts in fall testing.

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, where your students become authors and illustrators of their own stories!



Parents say their students read more after participating in KRN!