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Where can I find free books to read?

- [Free Children's Stories](#) (You don't need to click on "Start")
- [Oxford Owl](#) (Login: CA Reads1 Password: read)
- [Bedtime Short Stories](#)
- [Storyberries](#)
- [Sora](#) (Login to Clever to access)
- [Destiny ebook](#) (Click [HERE](#) for directions on how to borrow ebooks)
- [San Diego Public Library](#) (Login with library card and password)
- [San Diego County Library](#) (Libby - Login with phone number)

Where can I find free books to read? (cont)

- [National Geographic Kids](#)
(Login to Clever to access)
- [Newsela](#) (Login to Clever to access)
- [The New York Times](#) (Login to Clever to access)
- [Britannica](#) (Login to Clever to access)
- [Time for Kids](#) (click explore under student then select grade)
- [Project Gutenberg](#)
- [Benchmark Universe](#) (Login with student ID and password - same as Clever)
- [Classic Books](#)
- [Smithsonian Junior](#)

What is California Reads?

- In 2013, The [California Teachers Association](#) created the California Reads program in their efforts to promote reading year-round.
- A Doyle Elementary librarian originally adopted and ran the program. The Doyle PTA then assumed operation of the program in 2018 in an effort to continue to promote reading.
- This program is solely run by Doyle PTA, therefore all questions regarding the program should be directed to careads@doylepta.org and not school staff or faculty.
- The PTA's California Reads program is continuously evolving to meet the needs and interests of Doyle Elementary students.

How is California Reads different this year?

- “Unleash your imagination” is this year’s theme to highlight how reading can help us dream and explore.
- Reading Logs will be collected through Google Forms using the link: [Reading Logs](#)
- You record reading minutes, instead of listing books. This means all types of reading materials count for minutes!
- New recommendations on Bitmoji library where you will find useful links and weekly recommendations. Come and explore!

How do I submit my reading minutes?

- You can find the Reading Log in the California Reads [here](#)
- We recommend you turn in a reading log at least once a week to help keep track of your progress; however, there is no limit to how frequently or how many reading logs you may submit.
- You must fill in the following information for your minutes to be recorded/logged: name, student ID (Grades 1-5), email, grade, teacher, and minutes read.
- When filling out the reading log, use your official first name so we can find you in our system (no nicknames, please).

How do I reach the reading goal levels?

- There are 7 levels of reading goals.
- In order to advance through reading levels, log your reading minutes to meet your grade level reading goals.
 - **UTK & Kindergarten** - 90 minutes of reading per level.
 - **1st grade** - 120 minutes of reading per level
 - **2nd grade** - 150 minutes of reading per level
 - **3rd grade** - 180 minutes of reading per level
 - **4th grade** - 180 minutes of reading per level
 - **5th grade** - 180 minutes of reading per level

(20 mins/day = 140 minutes each week!)

What are my rewards?

- You receive a small physical prize when you reach levels 1, 3, 5, and 7 (distributed in the classroom Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Dec. 17, Jan. 7, Jan. 14).
- There is an option to earn a free one topping personal pizza from Pizza Hut* once per month when you reach levels 2, 4, and 6 (three pizza prizes total). You'll need your [parent/guardian's permission](#) and their email to participate.
- You receive a certificate for participating in the reading program, and a medal is awarded to those who complete all 7 levels.

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