

Games, Podcasts and Reading: Winter Break(out) Activities



December 14, 2020

Agenda

Welcome

- Sarah Cann: Assistant Director of Instruction
- [Brief overview of the site](#)

Breakout Edus (3:00–3:30)

- Renee Ignoffo LRC Director Ferson Creek
- Lindy Lorenz LRC Director Norton Creek

How to Raise a Reader (3:30–4:00)

- Melissa Bradley LRC Director Davis Primary
- Karin Cranmer LRC Director Lincoln & Virtual School

Podcasts for Kids, Tweens & Teens (4:00–4:30)

- Kristin Kaye LRC Director Munhall
- Judy Dainko LRC Director Munhall

Wrap-up-Podcasts Dr. Cindy Ruesch: Director of Staff, Family and Student Services

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Resources for Students and Parents

Breakout EDU

Breakout EDU Overview

- What is a Breakout EDU?
 - **Breakout EDU** unlocks the love of learning through games! Hundreds of challenges on the **Breakout EDU** Platform require players to use collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking as they work together to solve a series of content-aligned puzzles in order to **Breakout!**

**CRITICAL
THINKERS**



BreakoutEDU #BREAKOUTEDU

Breakout EDU Overview

10 Reasons to Play BreakOutEdu

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1 It's fun for everyone!



2 It is adaptable to any subject area

MATH
SCIENCE
SOCIAL STUDIES
LANGUAGE ARTS
PHYSICS
EDUCATION
MUSIC
Drama
Visual Arts

3 It promotes collaboration and team-building



10 It's inquiry-based learning at it's best



9 It's student-centered



8 Students learn to work under pressure



7 It builds inference skills



4 It develops problem-solving & critical thinking skills



5 It enhances communication skills



6 It challenges players to persevere



Breakout EDU Overview

Breakout Kit VS. Digital Breakouts

Breakout EDU Kit-Based Games are games that are designed to be played with the **Breakout EDU Kit**. There are over 350 Free games on the site and Full Platform Access users have an additional 1400+ Content-Aligned games to choose from. **Breakout EDU Digital Games** are games that are created with the **Breakout EDU Platform**.

What comes in the Breakout EDU kit?



VS.



Breakout EDU In Action



Breakout EDU Overview

Let's try a Digital Breakout EDU!

Click on the Breakout EDU link [HERE](#).



Breakout EDU Overview

Let's take a look at a more challenging Digital Breakout EDU!
'Twas the Night Before Christmas



How to Raise a Reader

Growing a Reader

“If you want to raise a reader, be a reader.”

- Pamela Paul and Maria Russo, authors of *How to Raise a Reader*

Emerging Reader

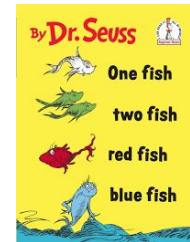
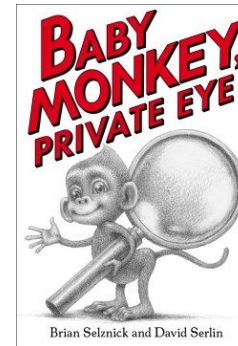
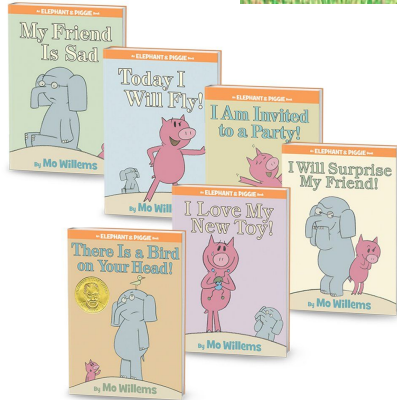
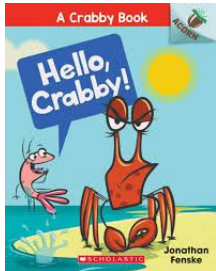
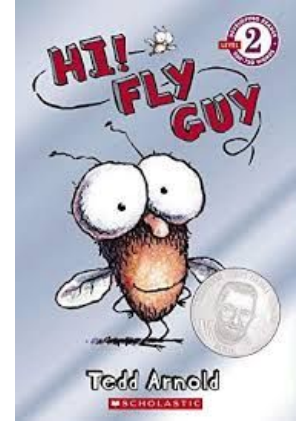
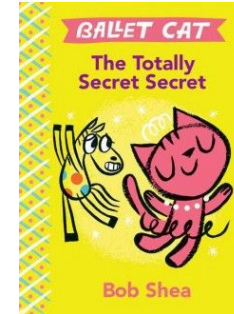
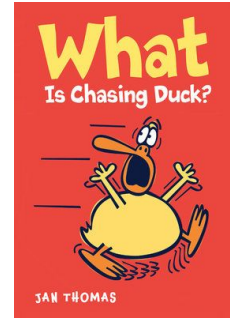
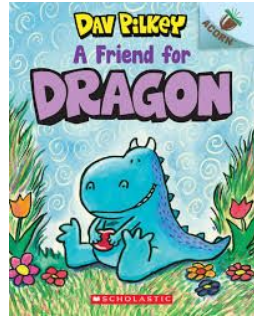
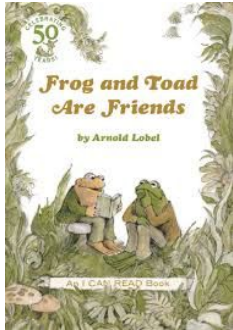
Lose the fear of “late”

- Children are developmentally ready to read at times
- Accentuate the positive – don’t let your child think you are disappointed in their reading journey
- Don’t try to be the teacher – focus on developing a love of reading and books. Don’t focus on the “level”
- Point out your mistakes when reading and normalize them
- Make reading social – talk about books
- Comprehension is key – there is more to reading than just decoding



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Recommendations for Emergent Readers



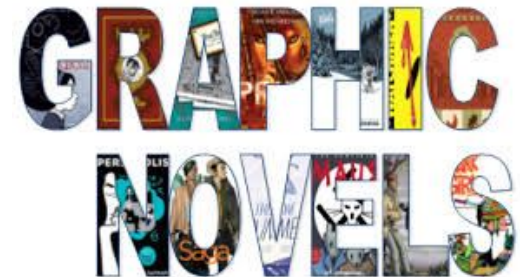
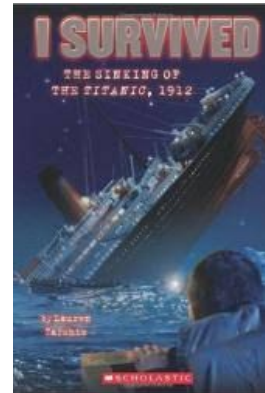
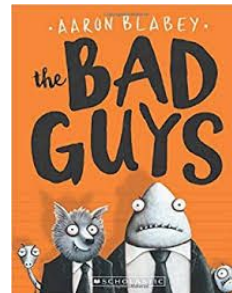
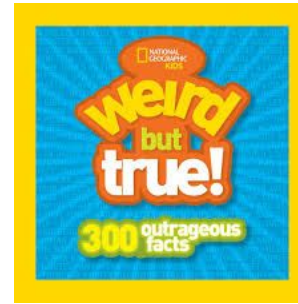
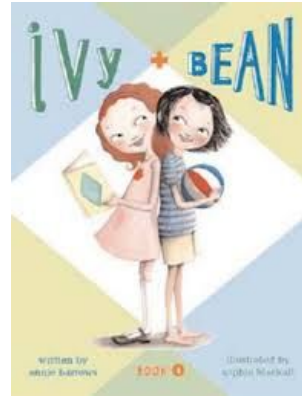
Independent Reader

Keep them reading!

- Find a series – familiarity of characters, storylines, and patterns
- Don't forget picture books – they aren't baby books
- Allow for familiar and comfort books – rereading a familiar text is great for fluency
- Audiobooks allow for deeper thinking about the book taking out the decoding
- Read together – read aloud and independently but together
- Talk about your own reading life – what you're reading and why
- Keep books with you like you would your phone



Recommendations for Independent Readers



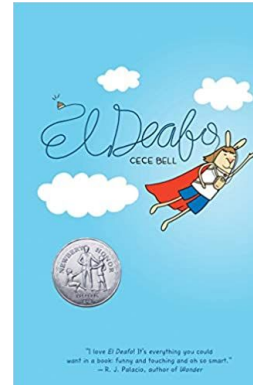
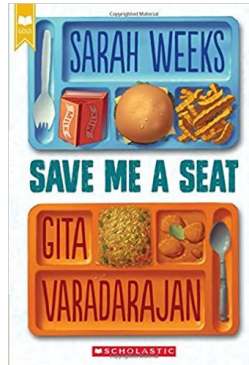
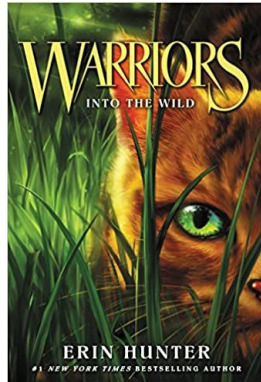
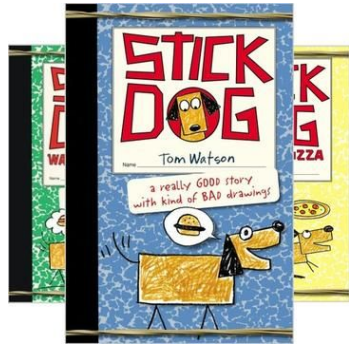
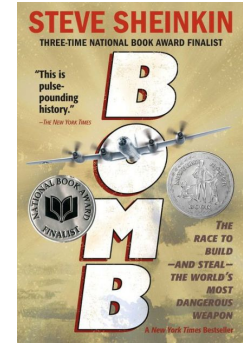
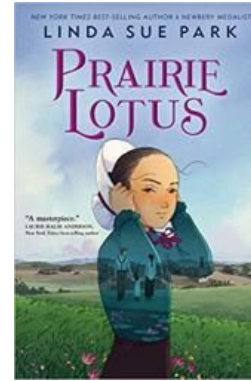
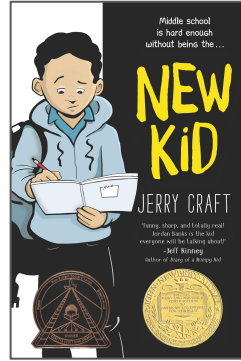
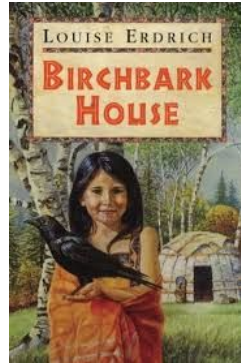
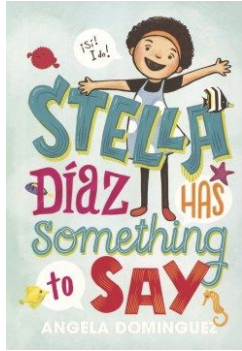
Middle Grades

Trust your reader!



- This is the time children really figure out their reading identities
- Allow for independence – suggest and provide options, but don't insist on any one title
- Let them read for fun
- Keep reading aloud, individually or as a family
- Use the Internet – help your child reach out their favorite author or find online fan communities
- Treat reading as its own reward, not a chore to complete

Middle Grades Recommendations



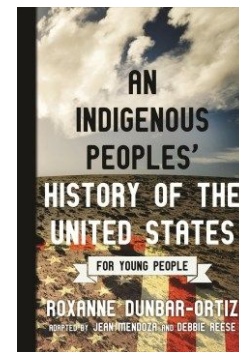
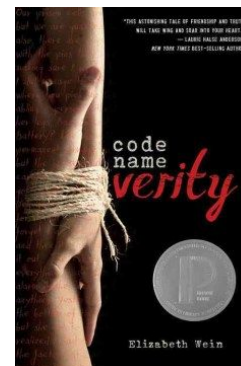
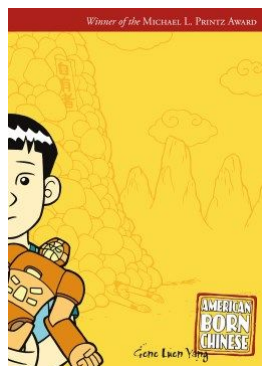
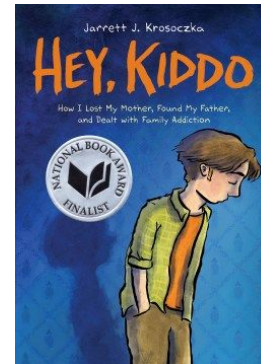
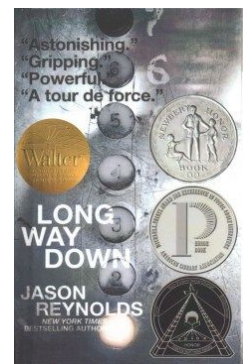
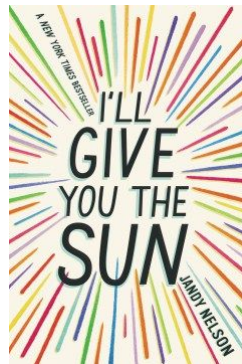
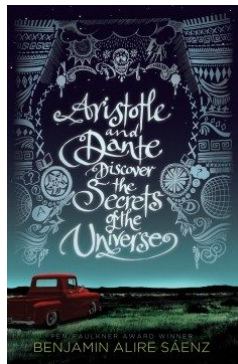
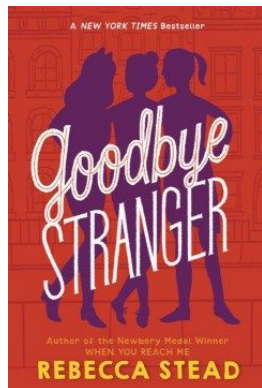
Young Adult

Exploring the real world

- Before you ban the book, have a conversation
- Use reviews to guide you – Goodreads or Common Sense Media
- Acknowledge all reading without condescension – websites, comics, magazines, fanfiction, etc.
- Don't worry if they take a reading "break"
- Let your child have access to your own bookshelf
- Keep talking about reading (theirs and yours)
- Read YA yourself!



Young Adult Recommendations



Book Recommendations and Access

- **Brightly** - readbrightly.com - Recommendations for all ages
- **Common Sense Media** - commonsensemedia.org - Book lists and reviews to help determine what is appropriate for your child
- **Goodreads** - goodreads.com - An online reading community. Find lists and recommendations for all readers (including adults!)
- **Award Lists**
 - American Library Association - <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia>
 - Illinois Reader's Choice Awards - www.aisled.org/

Get access to ebooks and other reading materials by going to the [Reading and Research](#) section of our D303 Remote Learning Site.

Podcasts - For Kids, Tweens & Teens



Podcasts are a fun (and often educational) way to engage kids, tweens, teens and adults -- without the screen.

Podcasts:

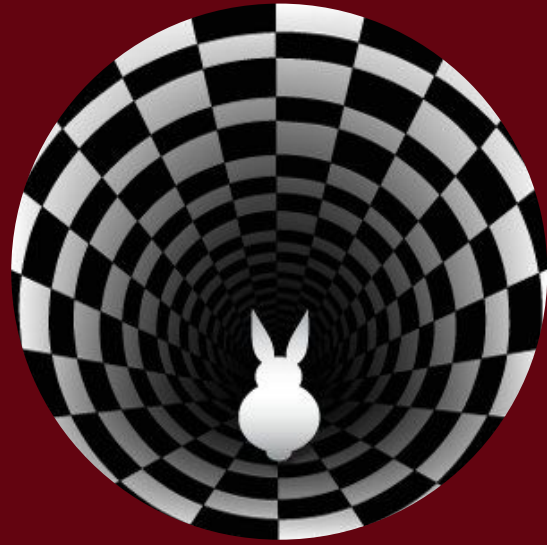
- Entertain
- Inform
- Draw listeners into a world of imagination & information.
- Hone listening skills

Podcast

Themes

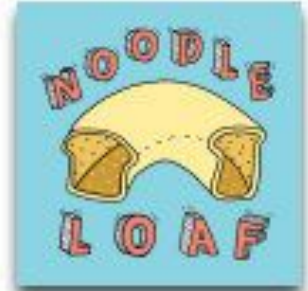
- Cultural & Current Events
- Debates
- Guest Speakers
- Interviews
- Radio Shows
- Special Announcements
- Tours and Field Guides

Caution



Rabbit Hole Ahead!

Podcasts for Younger (& Older) Ears



Podcasts for Tweens



Podcasts for Teens



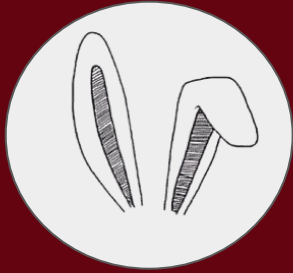
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Creating your own podcasts

- First, Learn About Podcasting
- Then, Plan Your Podcast
 - Choose a topic
 - Plan the story – research, script, draft
 - Brainstorm sounds
- Finally, Produce your Podcast
 - Practice Recording & Interviewing
 - Record
 - Edit/Produce
 - Upload to a host



Thank You!