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March 2021 - [Celebrate Reading](#)

Read Across America Day is celebrated in schools and libraries across the country this week on March 2nd by taking time out of the day to read stories with children.

Over the last several years, the program has shifted its focus to inclusive stories so that kids can see themselves reflected in a book. Even though March 2nd is the big day of celebration, Read Across America is a year-round program sponsored by the National Education Association to promote a nation of diverse readers. Each month a theme is chosen and the website features a book for elementary, intermediate, and high school related to the theme. Explore the table below to discover some amazing titles.

August 2020	Empower Student Voice
September 2020	Foster Inclusiveness
October 2020	Activate Young Citizens
November 2020	Celebrate Indigenous Peoples
December 2020	Explore Identity
January 2021	Explore Families and History
February 2021	Practice Empathy
March 2021	Cultivate Compassion
April 2021	Inspire Stewardship
May 2021	Develop Passion and Perseverance
June 2021	Promote Respect
July 2021	Build Community

[Accessing Books for Beloit students during Distance Learning and beyond](#)

Distance Learning has limited access to School libraries, but we still want students to have access to books and reading. Our selection of online eBooks and audiobooks has increased since last March giving students more choices.





[Tumblebooks](#) - A resource for grades 4K - 5. The collection has over 1,400 titles including animated picture books, eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, and more. There are several titles in Spanish. Tumblebooks can be accessed directly with the link above, and there is an app on all Elementary and Intermediate student iPads.

[Sora](#) - The Sora app is the home to our main eBook and audiobook collection. Currently, there are more than 3,500 titles available. Enjoy a book anywhere, eBooks and audiobooks can be accessed through the link or the SORA app available for all devices. The app is also pre-loaded on all student iPads.

Don't forget you can also visit the [Beloit Public Library](#)

The Beloit Public Library is open from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Friday through Saturday. Don't have a library card? Click [here](#) to learn more. The Library also provides many [online resources](#) including eBooks and audiobooks that can be borrowed online.

Finding the right book

Do you need help getting your student interested in reading? When students say they don't like to read or they don't like books, they just haven't found the right book YET. The resources listed below can be used to help find books to read by topic, reading level, or recommendations. They are also great for avid readers who need to find that next great book or for someone looking for a book with a specific theme or topic.

[CCBC](#) - The Cooperative Children's Book Center at UW Madison reviews nearly 4,000 books every year for children and teens and compiles the best titles. [CCBC Booklists](#) are lists organized around a variety of themes and topics. The [Recommended Book Search](#) is a great way to discover new books. It can be searched by title, author or subject and will only bring back books that have been reviewed and recommended.

[NovelList K- 8](#) or for older students and adults [Novellist](#) – A fiction recommendation resource that provides many lists by topic that can be browsed or a general search. Each title also lists Read-Alikes (other books you may enjoy if you liked this one). This resource is provided to all Wisconsin Residents through BadgerLink.

[TeachingBooks.net](#) - Includes thousands of resources to help connect you to books, including author interviews and read-aloud excerpts of many of the books. The student section has resources to help students find a book they might be interested in reading. This resource is provided to all Wisconsin Residents through BadgerLink.

Happy Reading!!!

