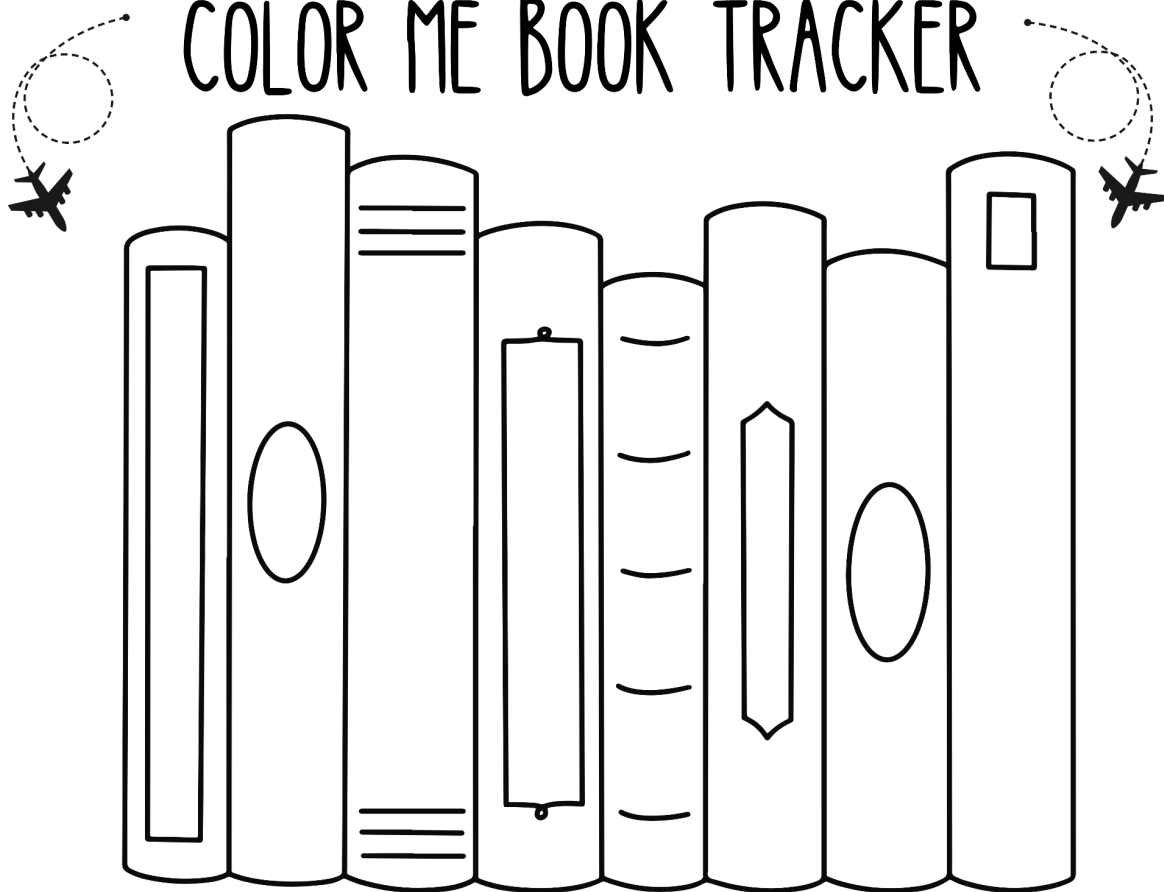




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WORLD TRAVELER



PLACES VISITED




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Welcome to the “Read Around the World” Summer Reading Program!

Brought to families across the globe by the Military Homeschoolers Association and United Through Reading

Dear Family,

Welcome aboard the *Read Around the World* adventure! 

We are thrilled to have you join us for a summer full of storytelling, exploration, and connection—where your child’s passport is a book, and each page turns into a new destination.

This special program is made possible by a powerful partnership between the **Military Homeschoolers Association (MHA)** and **United Through Reading (UTR)**—two organizations committed to supporting families through literacy and meaningful connection.

What’s Included in Your Journey?

- **Read, Record, Receive**
- A **Reading Passport** to track stories and countries explored
- Access to **printable map, passport, book tracker, and certificate**
- The opportunity to **record and share reading videos** using the UTR app
- A downloadable **certificate of completion** to celebrate your child’s achievements

How It Works

1. **Sign up through the UTR app** and become eligible to receive free books.
2. Choose books by age group (4–7, 8–12, 13–15, 16–18).
3. Use the materials in this welcome packet to guide your reading adventures.
4. Record reading moments and share them with loved ones through United Through Reading.
5. Celebrate the end of your summer journey with a virtual event and fun surprises!

Who Can Participate?

This program is open to **all readers**—no matter where you're located or how you educate. Whether you're homeschooling, traditionally schooling, or somewhere in between, this summer reading journey is designed for every child and every family who wants to read, explore, and grow together.

We can't wait to see where you and your readers travel this summer. From ancient Egypt to bustling Tokyo, from the savannahs of Kenya to the castles of Europe—get ready to read, record, and roam the world through books!

With excitement and gratitude,

The Military Homeschoolers Association & United Through Reading

READING AROUND THE WORLD

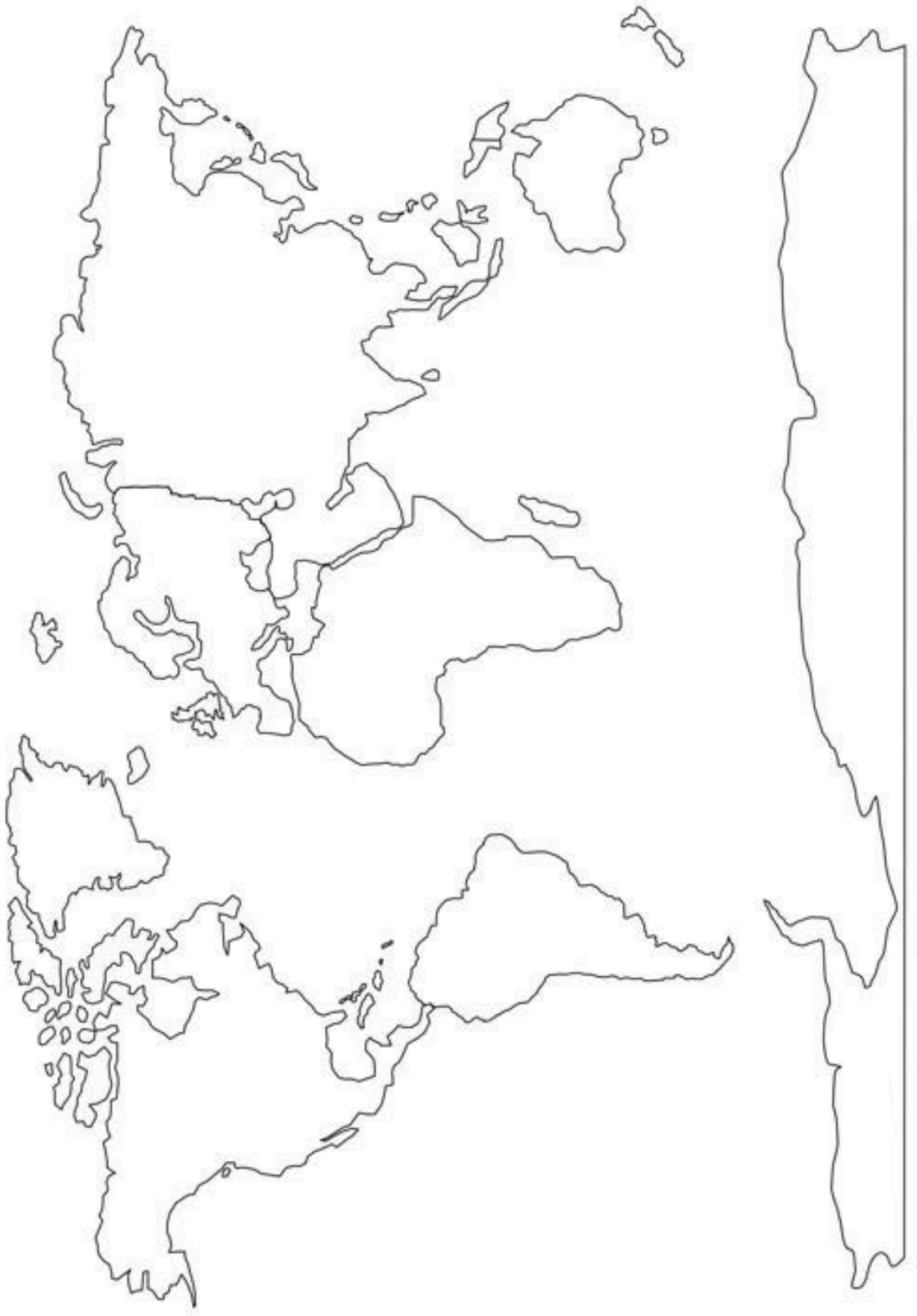
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Through your curiosity, imagination, and dedication to learning, you have traveled the globe through books—exploring new cultures, discovering faraway places, and sharing the joy of reading with others.

JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 10TH



World Map



READ AROUND THE WORLD BOOK LIST

Grouped by age and global region

Ages 4–7 (Picture Books & Early Readers)

Africa

- Mama Panya's Pancakes – Mary and Rich Chamberlin (Kenya)
- Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain – Verna Aardema (Kenya)

Asia

- Bee-Bim Bop! – Linda Sue Park (Korea)
- Grandpa's Garden – Stella Fry (Vietnamese family themes)

Europe

- The Snowy Day – Ezra Jack Keats (urban U.S. with global reach)
- Katie in London – James Mayhew (England)

South America

- Waiting for the Biblioburro – Monica Brown (Colombia)
- Maria Had a Little Llama / María tenía una llamita – Angela Dominguez (Peru)

Australia/Oceania

- Why I Love Australia – Bronwyn Bancroft (Aboriginal art and culture)
- Somewhere in Australia – Marcello Pennacchio

North America

- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story – Kevin Noble Maillard (U.S. Native American)
- Islandborn – Junot Díaz (Dominican Republic heritage in the U.S.)

Ages 8–12 (Middle Grade Readers)

Africa

- The Red Pencil – Andrea Davis Pinkney (Sudan)
- Akissi: Tales of Mischief – Marguerite Abouet (Ivory Coast)

Asia

- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Grace Lin (China)
- Inside Out and Back Again – Thanhha Lai (Vietnam)

Europe

- The Family Under the Bridge – Natalie Savage Carlson (France)
- Heidi – Johanna Spyri (Switzerland)

South America

- Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson (Amazon Rainforest)
- Love and Roast Chicken: A Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains – Barbara Knutson

Australia/Oceania

- My Place – Nadia Wheatley (Australia)
- Blueback – Tim Winton (Australia)

North America

- Esperanza Rising – Pam Muñoz Ryan (Mexico/U.S.)
- The Birchbark House – Louise Erdrich (Ojibwe tribe, U.S.)

Ages 13–15 (Young Teen)

Africa

- Now Is the Time for Running – Michael Williams (Zimbabwe/South Africa)
- A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park (South Sudan)

Asia

- The Night Diary – Veera Hiranandani (India/Pakistan Partition)
- Tiger Boy – Mitali Perkins (Bangladesh)

Europe

- The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (England)
- Number the Stars – Lois Lowry (Denmark)

South America

- The Dreamer – Pam Muñoz Ryan (Chile, Pablo Neruda)
- City of the Beasts – Isabel Allende (Amazon/Andes)

Australia/Oceania

- Nanberry: Black Brother White – Jackie French (Australia)
- Once a Shepherd – Glenda Millard (Australia, WWI)

North America

- Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson (U.S.)
- El Deafo – Cece Bell (U.S.)

Ages 16–18 (Older Teen / YA)

Africa

- Home Is Not a Country – Safia Elhillo (Sudan/U.S.)
- American Street – Ibi Zoboi (Haiti/U.S.)

Asia

- Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi (Iran)
- Clap When You Land – Elizabeth Acevedo (Dominican Republic/U.S.)

Europe

- The Book Thief – Markus Zusak (Germany)
- Between Shades of Gray – Ruta Sepetys (Lithuania/Siberia)

South America

- The House of the Spirits – Isabel Allende (Chile)
- Infamous – Elana K. Arnold (Mexico/U.S. border themes)

Australia/Oceania

- Tomorrow, When the War Began – John Marsden (Australia)
- The Whole of My World – Nicole Hayes (Australia)

North America

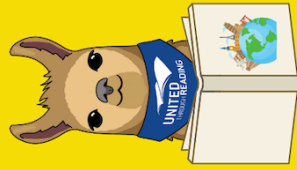
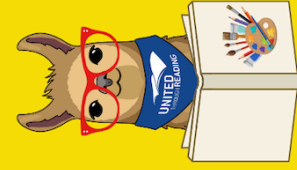
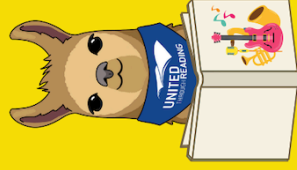
- I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter – Erika L. Sánchez (Mexico/U.S.)
- Code Talker – Joseph Bruchac (Navajo, WWII)

United Through Reading keeps military families reading-ready, no matter the distance. Families stay connected through storytime video recordings. These stories ease the stress of time apart due to military duty, maintain positive emotional connections, and promote early childhood literacy. Service members and veterans can record a story in person at hundreds of Story Station recording locations worldwide or 24/7 on their mobile devices with the free and secure storytime app. Families who make story recordings are eligible for books to help cultivate a love of reading! Since 1989, over 3.7 million military family members have benefited from the program. Learn more and start making recordings at unitedthroughreading.org.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



The Literacy **ADVENTURE**



Back to School Reading Challenge

- ☐ Read a book where the characters go on an adventure
 - ☐ Read a book from your school library
- ☐ Watch a Storytime Recording on the UTR App
 - ☐ Read during a car or bus ride
 - ☐ Read a graphic novel or comic
- ☐ Read a book that takes place in autumn



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