

Superintendent's Message

June 2013

Dear Parents and Students:

This booklet has been prepared to help you choose books to read during the summer months ahead. The books on the list are not an assignment that must be finished, but the beginning of a life long adventure in reading.

Reading is an important part of your education as it opens doors to all other subjects. We believe it is beneficial to all student learning and academic performance to read throughout the summer.

It is our expectation that you join in the fun and choose books from this booklet to enjoy reading and all the adventures it has to offer.

Lexile ratings, where available, accompany each of the selections. These ratings can be matched to the Lexile range indicated on your child's MAP report. You may also visit the website <http://www.lexile.com> and use the Lexile Framework for Reading to match your child's interests and Lexile ranges to find appropriate reading materials that are both interesting and accessible.

I would like to thank the reading teachers and librarians in the elementary schools for their efforts in putting this booklet together.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the faculty and staff of the Hicksville Public Schools, I offer best wishes for a happy, relaxing, and book-filled summer.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen K. Bright
Superintendent of Schools

A Note on Lexiles

Some of the selections in this year's reading list are accompanied by Lexile measures, also known simply as Lexiles. Lexiles are indicators of readability, of how easy or difficult it is to read a particular text, and are based on two factors: word frequency and sentence length. Lexiles increase with the level of reading skills required to comprehend the text; the higher the Lexile measure, the more difficult the text.

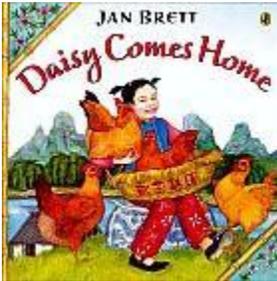
Lexile measures are calculated from a reading test or program. The Lexile measures shown in the chart at the end of this booklet correspond to the RIT scores that your child received on the Reading section of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test that your child took most recently in the spring.

You will note that the Lexile Measures are shown in ranges. The bottom of each range represents approximately 100 points below your child's actual Lexile measure; the upper part of the range is set at approximately 50 points above that measure. Books at the lower end of the range should be readily accessible to the reader, while those at the top of the range will be more challenging and will allow your child to stretch his or her skills.

You can find additional Lexile ratings for other books for your child using the book locator that can be found at <http://lexile.com>. The book locator will allow you to specify authors, areas of interest, and Lexile ranges to develop a list of books that are both interesting and accessible to your child. **Please, note: lexile.com does not screen for content or age-appropriateness of material: it only provides measures of readability.** You should, as always, assist your child in making appropriate choices for his or her reading material.

Also, parents should understand that while Lexiles are a helpful tool for helping children succeed at reading and improve their skills, they are just that – a tool. They are not a substitute for interest or enthusiasm, and children of all ages should be encouraged at times to just pick up a book that looks interesting, open the cover, and read.

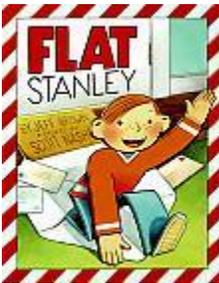
ADVENTURE



Brett, Jan

Daisy Comes Home

Daisy, an unhappy hen in China, floats down the river in a basket and has an adventure. (Lexile = 540)



Brown, Jeff

Flat Stanley

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages. (Lexile = 550)



Bulla, Clyde

Chalk Box Kid

Nine-year old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, but he creates a surprising garden in an unusual place. (Lexile = 270)



Dahl, Roald

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

There are only five lucky golden tickets into Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory, and poor, unassuming Charlie Bucket outlasts the selfish other four candidates to win the grand prize. (Lexile = 810)



Gannett, Ruth

My Father's Dragon

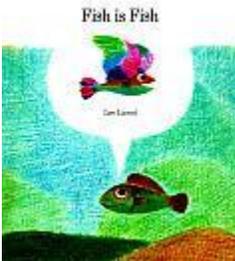
A young dragon badly needs to be rescued. (Lexile = 990)



Greene, Stephanie

Owen Foote, Frontiersman

Second-grader Owen Foote is looking forward to spending time with his friend Joseph in their tree fort until some bullies visiting his neighbor, Mrs. Gold, threaten to wreck the fort. (Lexile = 460)



Lionni, Leo

Fish is Fish

When his friend, the tadpole, becomes a frog and leaves the pond to explore the world, the little fish decides that maybe he doesn't have to remain in the pond either. (Lexile = 690)



Pinkwater, Daniel

Fat Men from Space

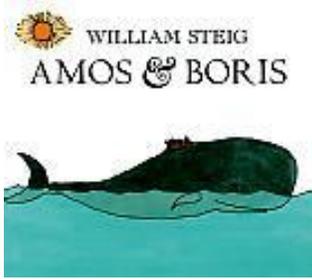
Spacemen are about to take the earth's supply of junk food. (Lexile = 810)



Scieszka, Jon

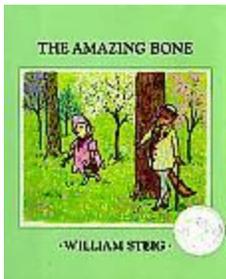
Time Warp Trio (series)

Scieszka's tongue-in-cheek humor sets the pace for his award-winning tales in this zany series in which our young heroes travel back in time. (Lexile = 590)



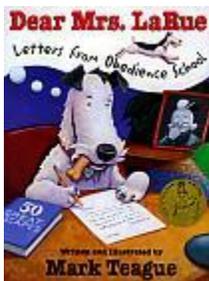
Steig, William
Amos and Boris

Befriended by a whale as he is drowning in the ocean, a mouse gets a chance to reciprocate years later in an equally unlikely situation. (Lexile = 810)



Steig, William
The Amazing Bone

On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers. (Lexile = 600)

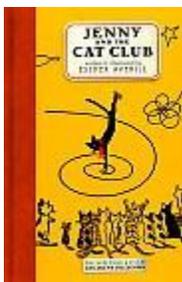


Teague, Mark

Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog, Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home. (Lexile = 500)

ANIMAL STORIES



Averill, Esther

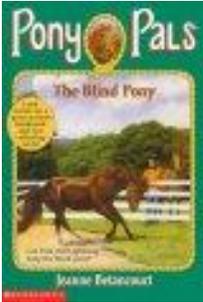
Jenny and the Cat Club Jenny Linsky is a shy black cat who wore a red scarf and once lived in New York with Captain Tinker. These adventures are based on stories collected from neighbors who knew and loved Jenny. (no Lexile available)



Baglio, Ben M.

Animal Ark (series)

Mandy Hope's parents are veterinarians, and she often helps them out in their clinic, which they call Animal Ark. You will love these warmhearted stories about animals. (Lexile ratings vary by specific title 460 - 810)



Betancourt, Jeanne

Pony Pals (series)

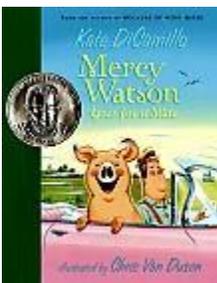
Young horse lovers will enjoy this early chapter book series featuring a group of young girls and their ponies. (no Lexile available)



Brett, Jan

Hedgie's Surprise

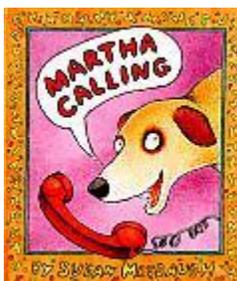
Hedgie, the hedgehog, helps Henny, the speckled hen, trick the Tomten who has been eating all of Henny's eggs for breakfast. (Lexile = 550)



DiCamillo, Kate

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (series) Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

(Lexile ratings vary by title but are in the 400's range)



Meddaugh, Susan

Martha Calling

Martha's alphabet soup goes to her brain and she becomes literate. (Lexile = 480)

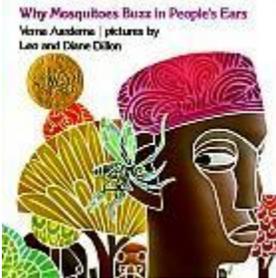


Stilton, Geronimo

Geronimo Stilton, Secret Agent (series)

Geronimo Stilton, editor of *The Rodent's Gazette*, goes on an investigative, underground adventure through New Mouse City to find a missing document. (Lexile = 450)

FOLK & FAIRY TALES & FANTASY



Aardema, Verna

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

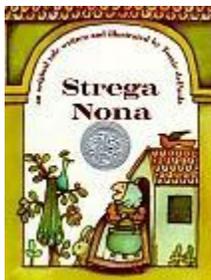
A mosquito's lie sets off a series of reactions in the jungle, in this West African folk tale. (Lexile = 770)



Aylesworth, Jim

The Tale of Tricky Fox: A New England Trickster Tale

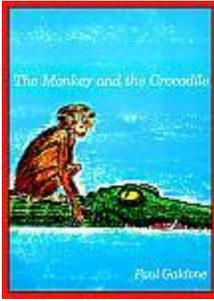
Tricky Fox uses his sack to trick everyone he meets into giving him more items of ever increasing value. (Lexile = 610)



dePaola, Tomie

Strega Nona

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works. (Lexile = 660)



Galdone, Paul

The Monkey and the Crocodile

A retelling of one of the Indian fables relating to the former births of the Buddha. As a monkey in this tale, he manages to outwit the crocodile who decides to capture him. (Lexile = 310)



Galdone, Paul

Rumpelstiltskin - And Others.

Paul Galdone's wonderful retelling of this classic tale. (no Lexile available)



Gall, Chris

Dinotrux

HONK! CRASH! BURP! CRUNCH! Look out, cavemen, or you'll be lunch! Millions of years ago, DINOTRUX ruled the earth. These mighty part-truck, part-dino demolition dynamos rumbled, plowed and bulldozed their way through the centuries. Chris Gall guides you on a safari through the wild world of these mechanical monsters of prehistoric times.

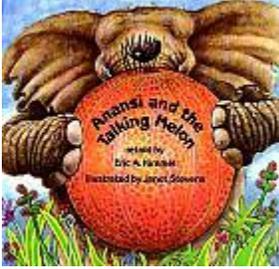
(Lexile = 310)



Kellogg, Steven

Paul Bunyan, A Tall Tale

This book recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures. (Lexile = 1030)



Kimmel, Eric

Anansi and the Talking Melon

Anansi, a clever spider, tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk. (Lexile = 340)



Martin, Rafe

The Brave Little Parrot

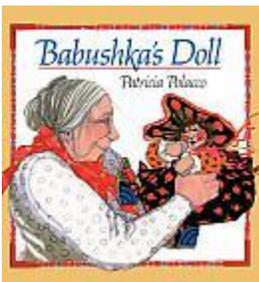
The brave little parrot does the thing that comes from its heart as it takes precious drops of water to the burning forest. As a result, things change in ways no one could imagine. (Lexile = 550)



McMullan, Kate

Dragon Slayer's Academy (series)

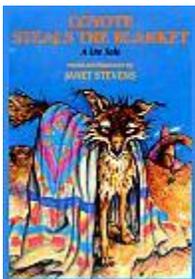
This series brings zany adventures from the days of yore when dragons were aplenty and dragon slayers like Wiglaf were ready and willing - but not always able! (Lexile = 500 - 630 depending on title)



Polacco, Patricia

Babushka's Doll

A little girl gets a doll that turns out to be twice as rambunctious as its owner. (Lexile = 360)

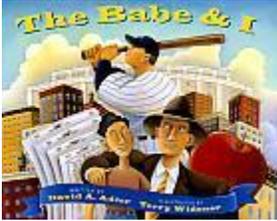


Stevens, Janet

Coyote Steals the Blanket: A Ute Tale

Coyote receives his comeuppance when he tries to take something that does not belong to him. (Lexile = 400)

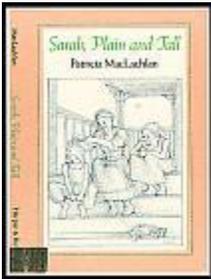
HISTORICAL FICTION



Adler, David A.

The Babe & I

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth. (Lexile = 330)



MacLachlan, Patricia

Sarah, Plain and Tall

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay. (Lexile = 560)

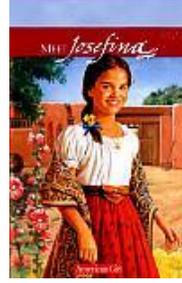


Osborne, Mary

Magic Tree House (series)

Jack and Annie travel through time in their Magic Tree House and live through history while experiencing suspense-filled adventures.

(Lexile ratings vary by specific title Lexile =230 - 590)



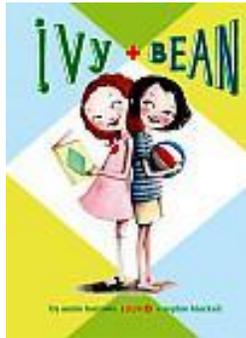
various authors

American Girl (series)

Meet the American Girls: There's Felicity, a spunky colonial girl; Kirsten, a pioneer girl; and Addy, a courageous girl of the Civil War. Or will your favorite be Josephina, Kit, Molly, Nelly, or Kaya? Go back in time for these great stories set in the past.

(Lexile ratings are in the 600's but vary by specific title)

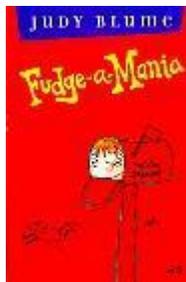
HUMOR & REALISTIC FICTION



Barrows, Annie

Ivy and Bean (series)

Ivy has just moved in across the street from Bean, who wants no part of her. She thinks Ivy looks dull, always with her nose in a book. Bean, on the other hand, is a spark plug, she's full of tricks. But the day Bean pulls a trick that goes wrong and Ivy comes to her rescue, they become friends. (Lexile ratings range from 440 - 580)

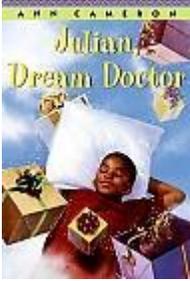


Blume, Judy

Fudge-A-Mania

Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother, Fudge.

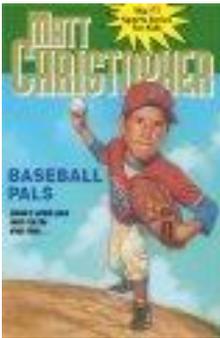
(Lexile = 490)



Cameron, Ann

Julian, Dream Doctor

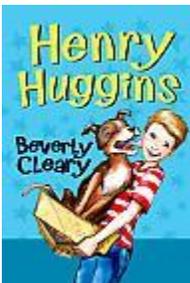
Julian and Huey try to find the perfect birthday gift for Dad with amusing results. (no Lexile available)



Christopher, Matt

Baseball Pals

Voted captain, Jimmie declares himself pitcher. But Paul is a better pitcher. After Paul leaves to pitch for another team, Jimmie's team starts losing. (Lexile = 420)



Cleary, Beverly

Henry Huggins

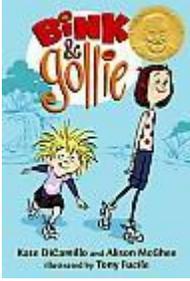
When Henry adopts Ribs, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow. (Lexile = 920)



Cleary, Beverly

Muggie Maggie

Third-graders have to use cursive writing and Maggie is afraid that she can't. (Lexile = 730)

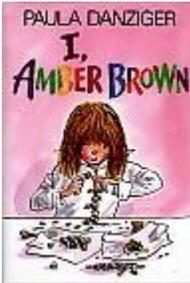


DiCamillo, Kate and Alison McGhee

Bink and Gollie

Two roller-skating best friends– one tiny, one tall—share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

(Lexile = 310)



Danziger, Paula

Amber Brown (series)

Girls love these easy to read chapter books in which third grade Amber Brown deals with real life's problems and challenges.

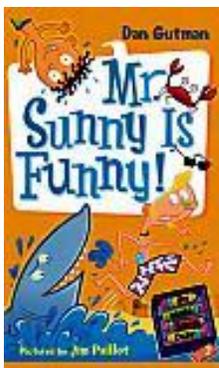
(Lexile range from 600 - 710)



Grandits, John

Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break if You Want to Survive the School Bus

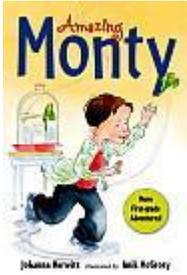
Before Kyle rides a school bus for the first time, his older brother gives him a list of rules he must follow but after breaking every single one the first day, Kyle discovers the rule his brother left out. (Lexile = 520)



Gutman, Dan

Mr. Sunny is funny! (My Weird School Daze Series)

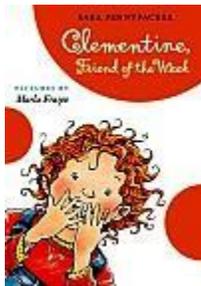
A.J.'s family rented a beach house for the summer, and you'll never guess in a million hundred years who rented the house next door. Well, you have to read the book to find out. So nah-nah-nah boo-boo on you!* *Okay, okay, it's Andrea and her family. And she has a monster crush on Mr. Sunny, the hunky (but weird) lifeguard. Ooooh! When are they gonna get married? (Lexile ratings range from 470 -610)



Hurwitz, Johanna

Amazing Monty

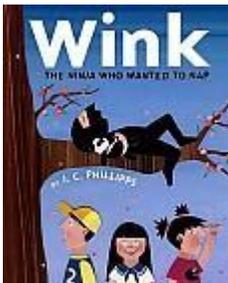
First grader Montgomery Gerald Morris enjoys an exciting year as his class acquires a pair of parakeets as pets, he loses his first tooth, and he becomes a big brother. (Lexile = 600)



Pennypacker, Sara

Clementine: Friend of the Week (series)

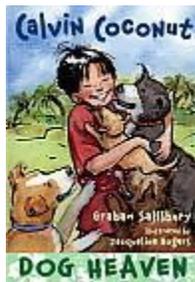
With her kitten, Moisturizer, missing and having fought with her best friend, Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine finds it hard to concentrate on doing her best as here classmate's Friend of the Week. (Lexile = 670)



Phillipps, Julie C.

Wink: The Ninja Who Wanted to Nap

Wink loves being the most famous ninja in Japan but when he needs a nap his fans will not leave him alone, and so he seeks guidance from his former teacher, Master Zutsu. (Lexile=580)

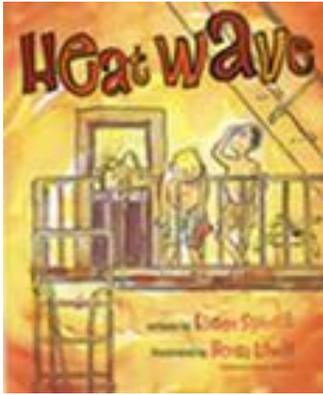


Salisbury, Graham

Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven

When his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants, fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog. (Lexile = 390)

Spinelli, Eileen



Heat wave

The mercury is climbing in Lumberville, and the folks are doing everything they can to keep cool. Officer McGinnis spends the day in a cold bath, Lottie Mims does her housework in her bathing suit, and Abigail and Ralphie Blue sell ice cubes. When the temperature refuses to relent, the entire community seeks solace by the river—where everyone dreams of cool relief. A cast of quirky characters and lots of playful details from two celebrated picture-book talents make this heat wave look like fun!

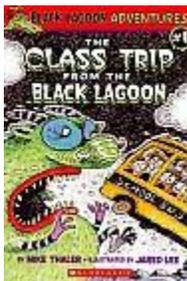
(Lexile = 610)



Stine, R. L.

It's the First Day of School – Forever!

Everything goes wrong for eleven-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything is repeated exactly the same way. (Lexile = 400)



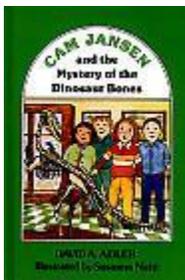
Thaler, Mike

The class trip from the Black Lagoon (Series)

The students must deal with a scary bus driver named Mr. Fenderbender, mosquitoes as large as Dracula, and their mean teacher, Mrs. Green, on their class trip to the Black Lagoon.

(Lexile ratings range from 380 – 670)

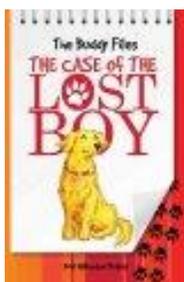
MYSTERY



Adler, David

Cam Jansen (series)

In this series, fifth-grader Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries. Written in beginning chapter book format, these popular easy to read mysteries are great fun. (Lexile ratings range from 320 - 560)



Butler, Dori Hillestad

The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy

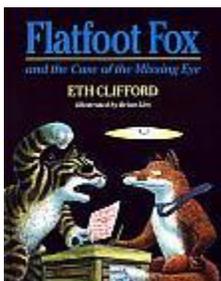
While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy, the dog, is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy. (Lexile = 450)



Chabon, Michael

The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man

Awesome man can get angry and needs a time out so to speak. And that he ends up being a little boy himself is just wonderful. (Lexile=600)



Clifford, Eth

Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Eye

Detective Fox uncovers the thief who stole Fat Cat's glass eye. (Lexile = 300)



Preller, James

Jigsaw Jones Mystery (Series)

Puzzle-crazy Jigsaw Jones searches for clues and pieces them together to solve the mystery. Line-art brings additional humor and warmth to these chapter-books. (Lexiles range from 280 - 610, by title)



Roy, Ron

A - Z Mysteries (series)

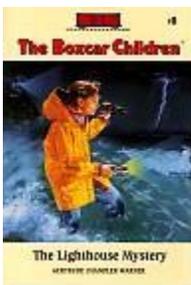
In this popular series, third-grader Dink Duncan and his detective friends investigate mysterious happenings. (Lexiles range from 410 - 600, by title)



Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman.

Nate the Great (series)

After a generous breakfast of pancakes, Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solving the mystery, and finding the culprits. (Lexile ratings from 130 - 480, vary by title)

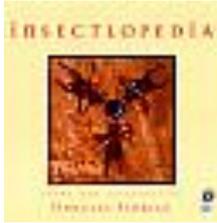


Warner, Gertrude Chandler

Boxcar Children (series)

Orphans Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny find an old red boxcar and make it into their home. Reluctant readers become enthusiastic readers when they encounter these exciting mysteries with simple vocabulary and sentence structure. (Lexile ratings from 340 - 700, vary by title)

POETRY



Florian, Douglas

Insectlopedia: Poems and Paintings

This compilation presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and daddy longlegs. (Lexile = NP)



Florian, Douglas

Mammalabilia

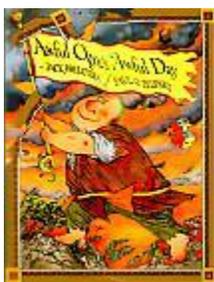
A collection of humorous poems about mammals such as the tiger, gorilla, and rhebok. (Lexile = NP)



Prelutsky, Jack

New Kid on the Block: Poems

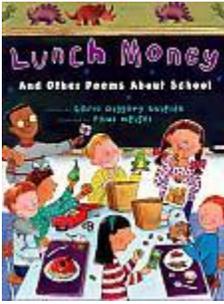
Presents humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloopers. (Lexile = NP)



Prelutsky, Jack

Awful Ogre's Awful Day

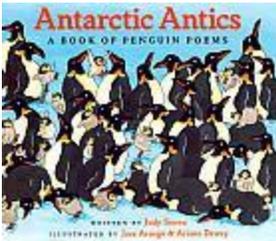
In a series of poems, Awful Ogre rises, grooms himself, dances, and pens a letter as he goes through various activities as the day passes. (Lexile = NP)



Shields, Carol Diggory

Lunch Money and Other Poems About School

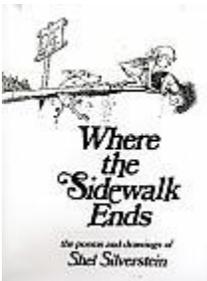
A collection of twenty-four humorous poems about school.
(Lexile = NP)



Sierra, Judy

Antarctic Antics: a Book of Penguin Poems

A collection of poems celebrating the habits and habitats of Emperor penguins. (Lexile = NP)

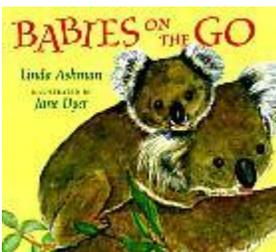


Silverstein, Shel

Where the Sidewalk Ends

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings. (Lexile = N

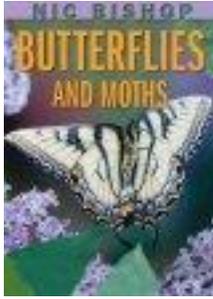
NON-FICTION



Ashman, Linda

Babies on the Go

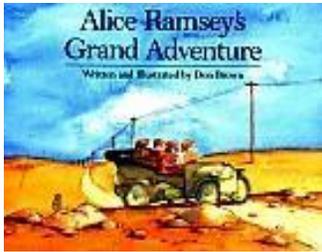
Illustrations and rhyming text show how different animals carry their babies when they are on the move.
(no Lexile available)



Bishop, Nic

Butterflies and Moths

Full color photographs and illustrations describe the physical characteristics, behaviors, habits, and life cycle of butterflies and moths. (Lexile = 890)



Brown, Don

Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure

Describes the difficulties faced by the first woman to make a cross-country journey from New York to San Francisco by automobile in 1909. (Lexile = 560))



Chandra, Deborah

George Washington's Teeth

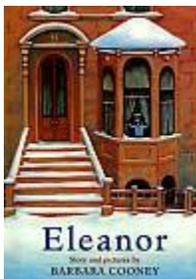
Did our first president wear wooden dentures? In this amusing book, the record is set straight with wit, verve, and a generous amount of sympathy for poor Washington and his dental woes. (no Lexile available)



Chin, Jason

Redwoods

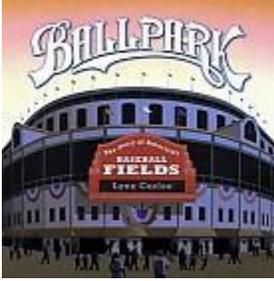
While reading a book about redwood trees on the subway, a young boy travels as he learns, all the way to the forests of California. (Lexile = 1100)



Cooney, Barbara

Eleanor

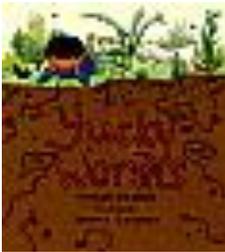
Presents the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, who married a president of the United States and became a great humanitarian. (Lexile = 810)



Curlee, Lynn

Ballpark

Baseball fans all have favorite ballparks that are tied to the legend, lore, and mystique of the game. This history of ballparks shows how the concept of ballparks developed, why each one is unique, and how ballparks are inseparable from the game itself. (Lexile = 1140)



French, Vivian

Yucky Worms

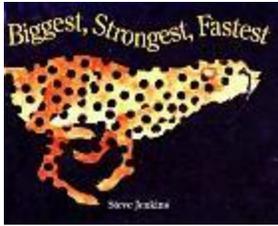
Kids will burrow right into this book about the industrious and danger-filled life of the delightfully yucky earthworm. Who would want to be friends with a wiggly, slimy worm? (Lexile = 620)



Gerstein, Mordicai

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

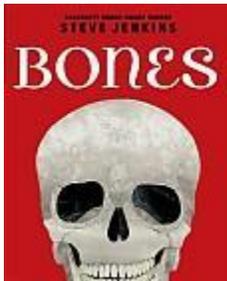
Here's a joyful true story of the World Trade Center from a time of innocence before 9/11. In 1974, a French trapeze artist, Philippe Petit, walked a tightrope suspended between the towers before they were completed. (Lexile = 480)



Jenkins, Steve

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest

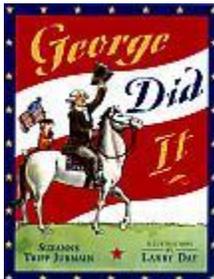
This book presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age. (Lexile = 840)



Jenkins, Steve

Bones: Skeletons and How They Work

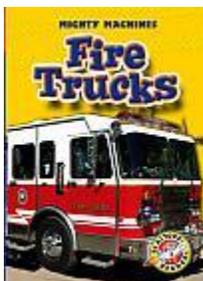
Explores the details of human and animal bones, comparing the differences between the skeletal structures of various species, with several gatefolds that display the skeletons of many creatures. (no Lexile available)



Jurmain, Suzanne

George Did It

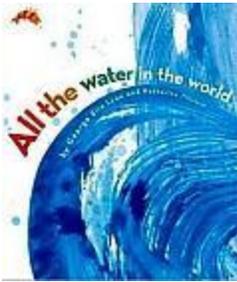
Presents a look at the life of President George Washington, in simple text with illustrations, providing a humorous account of how he tried to avoid taking on the role after serving in the U.S. military during The Revolution. (Lexile = 760)



Lindeen, Mary

Fire trucks

Contains photographs and information about fire trucks, discussing the work they do, and looking at the different parts of a fire truck. (Lexile=450)

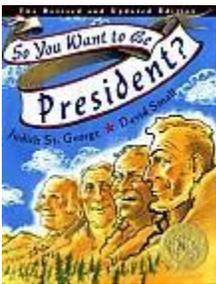


Lyon, George Ella

All the Water in the World

A lyrical, illustrated look at the water cycle, showing how water rises to the clouds and is rained back down again to be used by plants, people, and every living thing.

(Lexile=520)

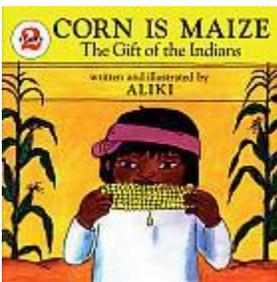


St. George, Judith

So You Want to be President?

This amusing and informative book presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents. (Lexile = 730)

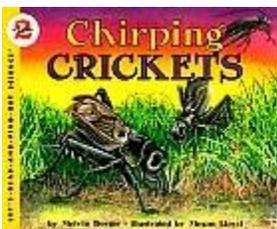
SCIENCE



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Corn is Maize: the Gift of the Indians

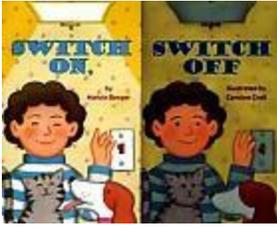
Part of the *Let's Read and Find Out* science books series, this book is a simple description of how corn was discovered and used by the Indians and how it came to be an important food throughout the world. (Lexile = 570)



Berger, Melvin

Chirping Crickets

Part of the *Let's Read and Find Out* science books series, this book describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and life cycle of crickets while placing particular emphasis on how they chirp. (Lexile = 590)



Berger, Mervin

Switch On, Switch Off

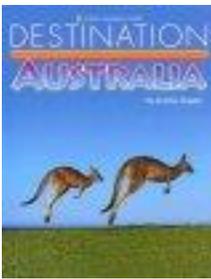
From anatomy to zoology, this series is any child's best introduction to how the world works. (Lexile = 460)



Bishop, Nic

Butterflies

Butterflies are an endless source of fascination, especially when looked at VERY close up. With breathtaking full-page images and simple, engaging text, Bishop introduces young readers to the beauty and diversity of these amazing insects. (Lexile=550)



Grupper, Jonathan

Destination - Australia

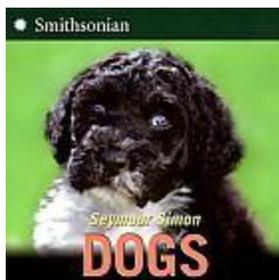
Describes the characteristics of some of Australia's unusual animals, including the kangaroo, wombat, Perentie lizard, echidna, and lyrebird. (Lexile = 680)



Simon, Seymour

Cats

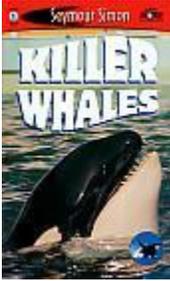
Discusses the history, physical characteristics, behavior, and various breeds of cats, and provides basic information on caring for one as a pet. (Lexile=880)



Simon, Seymour

Dogs

Provides a basic introduction to the physical characteristics and behavior of dogs. (Lexile=870)



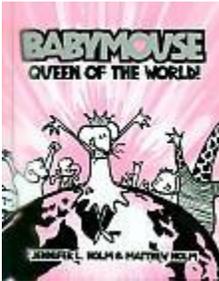
Simon, Seymour

Killer Whales

The early-reader *See More Readers* series brings together Seymour Simon's excellent reputation as former teacher and author of over 200 science books for children, along with amazing photos, all in an easy-to-read format.

(Lexile = 570)

GRAPHIC NOVELS



Holm, Jennifer L.

Babymouse1. Queen of the World! (Series)

An imaginative, sassy mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

(no Lexile available)