

900-999 Lexiles and Reading Counts Points

This is a list of suggestions of books owned by the Elkhorn library. It's not every book in Reading Counts at 900-999. Most titles are appropriate for 3rd – 8th grade but some are intended for mature readers. Last updated August 2015.

Look for these in the PICTURE BOOK NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Never smile at a monkey by Steve Jenkins (EANIMALS 590 JEN)**
 - What's it all about? In this book you will find out what you should never ever do if you encounter one of these surprisingly dangerous animals from monkeys to octopi.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 2
- **Puffling patrol by Ted Lewin (EANIMALS BIRDS 598.33 LEW)**
 - What's it all about? Ted and Betsy Lewin detail the annual rescue of baby puffins by the children of Heimaey, the largest island in the Westman Islands off the coast of Iceland.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 3
- **Born to be giants by Lita Judge (EANIMALS DINOSAURS 567.9 JUD)**
 - What's it all about? How baby dinosaurs grew up to rule the world.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 2
- **Boy, were we wrong about dinosaurs by Kathleen Kudlinski (EANIMALS DINOSAURS 567.9 KUD)**
 - What's it all about? Examines what is known about dinosaur bones, behavior, and other characteristics and how different the facts often are from what scientists, from ancient China to the recent past, believed to be true.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 3
- **Marsupials by Nic Bishop (EANIMALS MAMMALS 599.2 BIS)**
 - What's it all about? Such animals as quolls and pademelons live on the continent of Australia, along with kangaroos, koalas, and many other marsupials. With breathtaking full-page images, including a double-gatefold spread, Bishop introduces the beauty and diversity of these amazing animals.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 4
- **Mr. Ferris and his wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis (ECOMMUNITY LONG AGO 921 FERRIS)**
 - What's it all about? When George Ferris designed a new attraction for the World's Fair, he remembered an idea from his childhood. Read about the invention and construction of the first Ferris wheel!
 - Genre: Nonfiction (History/Biography)
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 3

Look for these in the **Easy Readers**

- Deadliest Animals by Melissa Stewart (**ER 591.65 STE**)
 - What's it all about? Learn about some surprisingly deadly animals.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (Animals)
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 3

Look for these in the **Juvenile Nonfiction**

- Oh, yuck! The encyclopedia of everything nasty by Joy Masoff (**J 031.02 MAS**)
 - What's it all about? An alphabetical collection of articles about disgusting things, from acne, ants, and bacteria to worms, x-periments, and zits.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 6
- Oh my gods! By Megan Bryant (**J 292.13 BRY**)
 - What's it all about? A snappy encyclopedia of Greek mythology.
 - Genre: Mythology
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 6
- Hades Speaks by Vicky Alvear Shecter (**J 292.13 SHE**)
 - What's it all about? Hades, the Greek god of the dead, is waiting to take you on a tour of his kingdom in this riveting introduction to Greek mythology. Here you will learn about might gods, terrifying monsters, ancient rites, magic spells, and Furies with bloody talons that can tear a mortal to shreds.
 - Genre: Mythology
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 6
- Anubis Speaks by Vicky Alvear Shecter (**J 299.31 SHE**)
 - What's it all about? Introduces ancient Egypt as the god Anubis takes readers on a tour of the Land of the Dead, describes how the sun god, Ra, and he fight forces of chaos and destruction, and discusses mummies, major deities, and famous pharaohs.
 - Genre: Mythology
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 7
- Shutting out the sky by Deborah Hopkinson (**J 307.764 HOP**)
 - What's it all about? Photographs and text document the experiences of five individuals who came to live in the Lower East Side of New York City as children or young adults from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania at the turn of the twentieth century.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 6
- How to build your own country by Valerie Wyatt (**J 320.4 WYA**)
 - What's it all about? Did you know you can create your own country? There are small countries in the world with only a few people – what do you need to make your own?
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 4
- Marching for freedom: Walk together children and don't you grow weary by Elizabeth Partridge (**J 323.1196 PAR**)
 - What's it all about? Readers will witness in vivid detail the Civil Rights struggle in Selma, Alabama in the 1960's and how African Americans risked personal safety to secure their right to vote.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 5
- Sea lions in the Navy by Meish Goldish (**J 359 GOL**)
 - What's it all about? Explores how sea lions help the Navy, discusses why they are used to retrieve military equipment from the ocean, and describes their training.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 3
- Plastic, Ahoy! By Patricia Newman (**J 363.7394 NEW**)

- What's it all about? A team of scientists explore the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, where millions of pieces of plastic have gathered, having drifted there from rivers, beaches, and ocean traffic all over the world.
- Genre: Nonfiction
- Lexile: 900; Points: 4
- Front porch tales and north country whoppers by Tomie DePaola (**J 398.2 DEP**)
 - What's it all about? A collection of folk tales, original stories, and jokes reflecting the regional humor of northern New England.
 - Genre: Folktales
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 4
- Parzival: The quest of the Grail Knight by Katherine Paterson (**J 398.22 PAT**)
 - What's it all about? A retelling of the Arthurian legend in which Parzival, unaware of his noble birth, comes of age through his quest for the Holy Grail.
 - Genre: Myth/Legend
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 5
- Practical guide to dragon-riding by Lisa Trumbauer (Sindri Suncatcher) (**J 398.2454 TRU**)
 - What's it all about? In this follow-up to A Practical Guide to Dragons, wizard's apprentice Sindri Suncatcher once again opens up his notebooks to share more wonders of dragonkind.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 5
- Island: A story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin (**J 508.886 CHI**)
 - What's it all about? Charles Darwin first visited the Galápagos Islands almost 200 years ago, only to discover a land filled with plants and animals that could not be found anywhere else on earth. How did they come to inhabit the island?
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 3
- Black hole is not a hole by Carolyn DeCristofano (**J 523.8 DEC**)
 - What's it all about? An examination of black holes that discusses what they are, what causes them, how they are discovered, and more.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (astronomy)
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 5
- Day-Glo Brothers by Chris Barton (**J 535.352 BAR**)
 - What's it all about? Joe Switzer wanted to be a magician while his brother Bob Switzer wanted to be a doctor. The brothers, though, became famous and successful for a different reason: Inventing Day-Glo colors.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 3
- Secrets of animal flight by Nic Bishop (**J 591.4 BIS**)
 - What's it all about? In text and photographs, presents birds, insects, bats, and other flying animals.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 4
- When lunch fights back by Rebecca Johnson (**J 591.47 JOH**)
 - What's it all about? Presents the various types of defenses mechanisms used by animals, including the bone spikes of the African hairy frog, the deadly poison of the blue-spotted N. taracua termite, and the hammer-like punch of the peacock mantis shrimp.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (animals)

- Lexile: 920; Points: 4
- North: The amazing story of Arctic migration by Nick Dowson (**J 591.568 DOW**)
 - What's it all about? Many people think of the Arctic as a barren, snowy desert but as the planet turns and the seasons change vast migrations of animals travel to the Arctic for the short summer.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 3
- Can we save the tiger by Martin Jenkins (**J 591.68 JEN**)
 - What's it all about? Beautifully illustrated, this book looks at a number of extinct and endangered animals.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 3
- Forest Explorer by Nic Bishop (**J 591.734 BIS**)
 - What's it all about? Depicts in detail several different deciduous forest habitats, with field notes about the insects and animals shown, as well as tips on how to explore a real forest. Includes full color photographs with lists of animals and plants to find.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 3
- Box jellyfish: Killer tentacles by Natalie Lunis (**J 593.53 LUN**)
 - What's it all about? Presents information on the box jellyfish, describing its physical characteristics, the danger posed by its tentacles, and the parts of world's oceans in which it is commonly found.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 3
- Blue-ringed octopus by Natalie Lunis (**J 594.56 LUN**)
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Afraid of the Water series, readers will learn about the very dangerous blue-ringed octopus and what to do if you are bitten by one.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 3
- Face to face with caterpillars by Darlyne Murawski (**J 595.78139 MUR**)
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn about a wide variety of caterpillars and the unique ways they defend themselves against predators.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 3
- Face to face with sharks by David Doubilet (**J 597.3 DOU**)
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn all about sharks including the very unusual varieties and their struggle to survive.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 4
- Case of the vanishing golden frogs by Sandra Markle (**J 597.87 MAR**)
 - What's it all about? Looks at the Panamanian golden frog, the national symbol of Panama, which has been vanishing due to a fungus infection, and follows a team of scientists working to save these frogs and protect frog populations worldwide.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 4
- Amazing water frogs by Meish Goldish (**J 597.89 GOL**)

- What's it all about? Get ready to meet some of the most amazing frogs around. One kind is as long as a skateboard when it leaps. Another can lay up to 20,000 jelly-covered eggs at a time. Discover where they live, how they stay safe, and what kinds of changes they go through as they grow.
- Genre: Nonfiction
- Lexile: 910; Points: 3
- Frog scientist by Pamela Turner (**J 597.89 TUR**)
 - What's it all about? Tyrone Hayes works to discover the effects pesticides have on frogs and, in turn, us. He also talks about how he became a scientist.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 5
- Mysteries of the Komodo dragon by Marty Crump (**J 597.95 CRU**)
 - What's it all about? Describes how scientists tracked, studied, and saved the Komodo dragon and tells the true story of the world's deadliest lizard.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 4
- Snake scientist by Sy Montgomery (**J 597.96 MON**)
 - What's it all about? Discusses the work of Bob Mason and his efforts to study and protect snakes, particularly red-sided garter snakes. Includes pictures of giant, squirming masses of snakes!
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 3
- Crocodile safari by Jim Arnosky (**J 597.982 ARN**)
 - What's it all about? Two researchers count crocodiles in the Florida Everglades.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 2
- Face to face with penguins by Yva Momatiuk (**J 598.47 MOM**)
 - What's it all about? Follow two National Geographic explorers as they come face to face with king penguins on an expedition. Learn about different types of penguins, their habitats, and how they care for their young through informational text and beautiful photographs.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 3
- Kakapo Rescue: Saving The World's Strangest Parrot by Sy Montgomery (**J 598.71 MON**)
 - What's it all about? On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth. Originally this bird numbered in the millions before humans brought predators to the islands. Now on the isolated island refuge, a team of scientists is trying to restore the kakapo population.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 6
- How to scratch a wombat by Jackie French (**J 599.24 FRE**)
 - What's it all about? Wombats!
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 5
- Face to face with whales by Flip Nicklin (**J 599.5 NIC**)
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn about many whale species from the largest to the smallest and their struggle to survive.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 3

- **Face to face with manatees by Brian Skerry (J 599.55 SKE)**
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn about manatees including what they eat and why they are an endangered species.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 3
- **Emi and the rhino scientist by Mary Kay Carson (J 599.668 CAR)**
 - What's it all about? Meet the scientists working to breed rhinos in captivity at a zoo in Ohio. They have success when rhinos Emi and Ipuh become proud parents. Emi and Ipuh's calves will inspire anyone interested in endangered animals.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 6
- **Face to face with Cheetahs by Chris Johns (J 599.759 JOH)**
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn all about cheetahs including their amazing speed and surprising vulnerability to other land predators.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 3
- **Face to face with polar bears by Norbert Rosing (J 599.786 ROS)**
 - What's it all about? Readers will learn about polar bears from National Geographic's nature photographer Norbert Rosing in this Face To Face book.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 4
- **California Sea Lion: Fast and smart by Natalie Lunis (J 599.7975 LUN)**
 - What's it all about? Learn about the speedy California sea lion, including where it lives, how it hunts, and the special ways its body helps it reach its record-breaking speeds.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 3
- **Face to face with orangutans by Tim Laman (J 599.883 LAM)**
 - What's it all about? In this book from the Face to Face series, readers will learn all about orangutans, including their intelligence and threats to their rain forest habitat.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 4
- **Face to face with gorillas by Michael Nichols (J 599.884 NIC)**
 - What's it all about? Join a National Geographic explorer on his encounters with gorillas in Africa. Readers will learn about the lives of these great apes through firsthand accounts, scientific research, and photographs.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 3
- **Bomb: The race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon by Steve Sheinkin (J 623.451 SHE)**
 - What's it all about? The award-winning and thrilling story of the scientists who built the atom bomb, the spies who tried to steal it and the commandos who stopped the Nazis from building their own bomb.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (history)
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 15
- **Saving animals from oil spills by Stephen Person (J 636.08 PER)**
 - What's it all about? Meet the everyday heroes who have found ways to save animals from major oil spills. These brave men and women are able to rescue not only oiled pelicans, but also other seabirds as well as sea otters and sea turtles-- sometimes even risking their own lives as they rush in to help.

- Genre: Nonfiction
- Lexile: 970; Points: 3
- We are the ship by Kadir Nelson (**J 796.357**)
 - What's it all about? Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 5
- Follow the trail by Jessica Loy (**J 796.54 LOY**)
 - What's it all about? A beginner's guide to camping and hiking, including what gear to bring, how to keep safe, and how to have fun.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 3
- Exploring the Titanic by Robert Ballard (**J 910.916 BAL**)
 - What's it all about? Describes the large luxury liner which sank in 1912 and the discovery and exploration of its underwater wreckage.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 5
- You wouldn't want to sail on the Titanic by David Stewart (**J 910.916 STE**)
 - What's it all about? Details of the "Titanic," from its planning to its tragic end, are given in this colorfully illustrated account. The reader has the point of view of the managing director of the "Titanic's" shipping company.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 3
- How they croaked by Georgia Bragg (**J 920 BRA**)
 - What's it all about? "The awful ends of the awfully famous" from the gruesome to the weirdly fascinating.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 8
- You wouldn't want to be an Assyrian soldier by Rupert Matthews (**J 935.05 MAT**)
 - What's it all about? What's it like to be an Assyrian soldier? Not fun!
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 3
- Barbarians! by Steven Kroll (**J 940.1 KRO**)
 - What's it all about? Learn about the many barbarian tribes that battled for territory and riches in Asia and Europe from the 4th to the 11th century including the Goths, Huns, Vikings, and Mongols.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (history)
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 4
- Baghdad Pups by Meish Goldish (**J 956.7 GOL**)
 - What's it all about? Stories of the dogs befriended by soldiers in Iraq and the struggle to give them good homes.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 3
- You wouldn't want to be a Mayan Soothsayer by Rupert Matthews (**J 972.81 MAT**)
 - What's it all about? Step into the shoes of a Mayan soothsayer's son and learn about the Mayan culture and religion of ancient Mexico and Central America.

- Genre: Nonfiction
- Lexile: 930; Points: 3
- **We were there too! By Phillip Hoose (J 973.083 HOO)**
 - What's it all about? Biographies of dozens of young people who made a mark in American history, including explorers, planters, spies, cowpunchers, sweatshop workers, and civil rights workers.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 21
- **You wouldn't want to sail on the Mayflower by Peter Cook (J 973.2 COO)**
 - What's it all about? What was it like to be a passenger on the "Mayflower" and settle in the colony of Plymouth? This "You Wouldn't Want To..." book puts readers in the place of a young Pilgrim making the perilous journey from England, and shows the harsh conditions and duties of each settler in lively illustrations and memorable details.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 3
- **Let it begin here! By Don Brown (J 973.3311 BRO)**
 - What's it all about? Provides an informative look at the events that lead up to this important day in history when American heroes took a stand against an oppressive monarch in order gain the freedom they deserved in the new land they worked hard to build.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 3
- **He has shot the President! By Don Brown (J 973.7092 BRO)**
 - What's it all about? On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln planned to enjoy a play at Ford's Theater. But a group of Confederate sympathizers, including John Wilkes Booth, had other plans. This action-filled book describes the plot to assassinate the president and the manhunt that followed the shooting.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (History)
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 4
- **Which way to the Wild West? By Steve Sheinkin (J 978 SHE)**
 - What's it all about? This action-packed book is a wild ride through the U.S. settlement of the American West. Readers will learn about Native Americans, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, gold-seekers, cowboys, and Chinese workers who helped build the nation's first transcontinental railway.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 13
- **How to get rich in the California Gold Rush by Tod Olson (J 979.4 OLS)**
 - What's it all about? A personal account of the California Gold Rush from the point-of-view of the fictitious Thomas Hartley.
 - Genre: History
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 4
- **The notorious Benedict Arnold: A true story of adventure, heroism and bravery by Steve Sheinkin (JB ARNOLD)**
 - What's it all about? The complicated history of Benedict Arnold from war hero to traitor.
 - Genre: Biography, History
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 14
- **Great and only Barnum by Candace Fleming (JB BARNUM)**
 - What's it all about? Biography of P.T. Barnum, showman and founder of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Readers can visit Barnum's American Museum; meet Tom Thumb, the miniature man (only 39 in. tall) and his tinier bride (32 in.); experience the thrill Barnum must have felt when, at age 60, he joined the circus; and discover Barnum's legacy.

- Genre: Biography
- Lexile: 980; Points: 9
- Music was it: Young Leonard Bernstein by Susan Goldman Rubin (**JB BERNSTEIN**)
 - What's it all about? A biography of famous composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein.
 - Genre: Biography
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 7
- Sir Charlie Chaplin, the funniest man in the world by Sid Fleischman (**JB CHAPLIN**)
 - What's it all about? A biography of the famous silent film actor.
 - Genre: Biography
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 10
- Amelia Lost by Candace Fleming (**JB EARHART**)
 - What's it all about? The best biography of Amelia Earhart. Includes new information, photographs, and more.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (biography)
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 10
- Abracadabra Kid by Sid Fleischman (**JB FLEISCHMAN**)
 - What's it all about? The autobiography of the Newbery award-winning children's author who set out from childhood to be a magician.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (autobiography)
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 9
- Temple Grandin by Sy Montgomery (**JB GRANDIN**)
 - What's it all about? An authorized portrait about Grandin's life with autism and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities describes how she overcame key disabilities through education and the support of her mother.
 - Genre: Biography
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 8
- Escape! The story of the great Houdini by Sid Fleischman (**JB HOUDINI**)
 - What's it all about? A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926. Profiling his early years, personal life, and great accomplishments in show business, the story of the famous magician, Harry Houdini, comes to life through a review of his greatest tricks and most amazing feats, complete with index, photos, and author's notes.
 - Genre: Biography
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 10
- Babe conquers the world by Rich Wallace (**JB Zaharias**)
 - What's it all about? Traces the world record-setting athlete's early childhood ambitions through her courageous final battle with cancer, covering such topics as her achievements at the 1932 Olympics and her later dominance in professional golf.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (biography)
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 10

Look for these in the **Juvenile Fiction**

- **Serial Garden: The complete Armitage family stories by Joan Aiken (J AIK)**
 - What's it all about? Meet the Armitages, where magic is an everyday occurrence (at least if the day is Monday) and unicorns, magic wishes, and witch's spells happen all the time.
 - Genre: Fantasy, Short stories
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 24
- **Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater (J ATW)**
 - What's it all about? An ordinary house painter dreams of Antarctica and is thrilled when an explorer sends him a real, live penguin. One penguin multiplies to more and soon his family is going into show business with their troupe of penguins.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 5
- **Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie (J BAR)**
 - What's it all about? The classic story of the boy who wouldn't grow up.
 - Genre: Classic
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 11
- **Tumtum and Nutmeg: Adventures beyond Nutmouse Hall by Emily Bearn (J BEA)**
 - What's it all about? Mice Tumtum and Nutmeg find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent-minded inventor father.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 15
- **Gathering of days by Joan Blos (J BLO)**
 - What's it all about? The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 8
- **River at Green Knowe by L. M. Boston (J BOS)**
 - What's it all about? Ping, Ida, and Oskar spend a magical summer exploring the world of Green Knowe.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 10
- **Gideon the cutpurse by Linda Buckley-Archer (J BUC)**
 - What's it all about? Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse.
 - Genre: Historical fiction, Fantasy
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 24
- **Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett (J BUR)**
 - What's it all about? Sara is wealthy, popular and has a wonderful imagination. She's the little princess of her English boarding school until her father dies and all her money is gone. Her fairytale life is gone, but she never ceases to hope and dream.
 - Genre: Classic, Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 14
- **Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (J BUR)**

- What's it all about? Mary, a spoilt and lonely girl, goes to live with uncle in a mysterious house. She discovers a secret garden and gradually learns to make friends and change herself.
- Genre: Classic
- Lexile: 970; Points: 18
- Enormous egg by Oliver Butterworth (**J BUT**)
 - What's it all about? When Nate Twitchell discovers that one of his family's hens has laid the biggest egg he has ever seen, he is determined to see it hatch. But when it does nobody is prepared for what comes out!
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 8
- Doc Wilde and the frogs of doom by Tim Byrd (**J BYR**)
 - What's it all about? Part Indiana Jones, part crazy alien science fiction adventure. Brian, Wren, and their father, Doc Wilde, risk their lives in a South American rainforest as they seek the eldest member of their famous family of adventurers, Grandpa, amidst a throng of alien frogs.
 - Genre: Adventure, Science Fiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 8
- Wonderful flight to the Mushroom Planet by Eleanor Cameron (**J CAM**)
 - What's it all about? A mystery man inspires two boys to build a space ship which takes them to the planet of Basidium to help the Mushroom people. First in a series.
 - Genre: Science fiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points; 10
- Dark hills divide by Patrick Carman (**J CAR**)
 - What's it all about? When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall. First in the Land of Elyon series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 14
- Planet Tad by Tim Carvell (**J CAR**)
 - What's it all about? Twelve-year-old Tad navigates a year filled with girl problems, school antics, and the worst summer job in history, all told in the form of hilarious, illustrated blog entries.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 9
- Brain finds a leg by Martin Chatterton (**J CHA**)
 - What's it all about? In Farrago Bay, Australia, thirteen-year-old Sheldon is recruited by a new student, Theo Brain, to help investigate a murder, which is tied not only to bizarre animal behavior but also to a diabolical plot to alter human intelligence.
 - Genre: Mystery
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 13
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary (**J CLE**)
 - What's it all about? In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 5
- Emily's runaway imagination by Beverly Cleary (**J CLE**)
 - What's it all about? Emily decides that what the town of Pitchfork needs is a library, and comes up with a plan to make it happen.

- Genre: Fiction
- Lexile: 910; Points: 8
- **The Map Trap by Andrew Clements (J CLE)**
 - What's it all about? Alton is obsessed with maps. He's drawn maps of everything, from the stinkiest smells in the cafeteria to his teacher's brain. But when someone steals his maps, he needs to get them back – fast – before his teacher finds them!
 - Genre: Realistic Fiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 7
- **Rissa Bartholomew's Declaration of Independence by Lynda Comerford (J COM)**
 - What's it all about? Having told off all of her old friends at her eleventh birthday party, Rissa starts middle school determined to make new friends while being herself, not simply being part of a "herd."
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 12
- **Dark is rising by Susan Cooper (J COO)**
 - What's it all about? On the Midwinter Day that is his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers a special gift - he is the last of the Old Ones, immortals dedicated to keeping the world from domination by the forces of evil, the Dark. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 19
- **How to train your dragon by Cressida Cowell (J COW)**
 - What's it all about? Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon. First in a series.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 8
- **Absolutely normal chaos by Sharon Creech (J CRE)**
 - What's it all about? Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 8
- **Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (J CUR)**
 - What's it all about? Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father-- the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 12
- **Across the wide and lonesome prairie by Kristiana Gregory (J DEA)**
 - What's it all about? In her diary, thirteen-year-old Hattie chronicles her family's arduous 1847 journey from Missouri to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. Part of the Dear America series.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 8
- **Door in the wall by Marguerite De Angeli (J DEA)**
 - What's it all about? A crippled boy in fourteenth-century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the King. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 7

- **Girl who chased away sorrow by Ann Turner (J DEA)**
 - What's it all about? Sarah Nita and Kaibah are forced to leave their home and travel to the Place of the Soldiers. Separated from their parents, the girls find the strength to survive the Long Walk with the help of their father's clan, the Bitter Water People. Dear America series.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 8
- **Kind of friends we used to be by Frances O'Roark Dowell (J DOW)**
 - What's it all about? Twelve-year-olds Kate and Marylin, friends since preschool, draw further apart as Marylin becomes involved in student government and cheerleading, while Kate wants to play guitar and write songs, and both develop unlikely friendships with other girls and boys.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 10
- **Birchbark house by Louise Erdrich (J ERD)**
 - What's it all about? Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 11
- **Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes (J EST)**
 - What's it all about? The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 13
- **Slave dancer by Paula Fox (J FOX)**
 - What's it all about? Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 10
- **Igraine the brave by Cornelia Funke (J FUN)**
 - What's it all about? The daughter of two magicians, Igraine wants to be a knight, and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 10
- **My father's dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett (J GAN)**
 - What's it all about? A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. (Included in Three Tales of My Father's Dragon)
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 3
- **Dead end in Norvelt by Jack Gantos (J GAN)**
 - What's it all about? In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies,

underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. Newbery award winner. First in a series.

- Genre: Historical fiction
- Lexile: 920; Points: 18
- **Joey Pigza swallowed the key by Jack Gantos (J GAN)**
 - What's it all about? To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired. First in a series.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 9
- **Old Yeller by Fred Gipson (J GIP)**
 - What's it all about? A classic tale of a boy's love for his dog. Yes, it has a tragic end.
 - Genre: Classic, Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 8
- **Tunnels by Roderick Gordon (J GOR)**
 - What's it all about? When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 27
- **Guys Read: True Stories (J GUY)**
 - What's it all about? Read about thrilling survival stories, true stories from history, science, and more.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 10
- **33 Minutes by Todd Hasak-Lowy (J HAS)**
 - What's it all about? An epic lunch period leads to a fateful showdown as small, skinny seventh-grader Sam's former best friend--now a popular athlete--promises to beat him up at recess in exactly thirty-three minutes.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile 970; Points: 10
- **George and the big bang by Lucy Hawking (J HAW)**
 - What's it all about? George tries to escape a host of problems by going to Switzerland to help his friend Annie's father, Eric, run an experiment exploring the origins of the universe, but faces saboteurs and a mysterious message from George's old nemesis, Reaper, there. Includes scientific essays exploring the latest theories on the origin of the universe.
 - Genre: Science fiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 14
- **Ghost canoe by Will Hobbs (J HOB)**
 - What's it all about? Fourteen-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a treasure-hunter appears.
 - Genre: Adventure
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 10
- **Our only May Amelia by Jennifer Holm (J HOL)**
 - What's it all about? As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

- Genre: Historical fiction
- Lexile: 900; Points: 12
- Everything on a waffle by Polly Horvath (**J HOR**)
 - What's it all about? Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 10
- Misfits by James Howe (**J HOW**)
 - What's it all about? Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 11
- Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson (**J IBB**)
 - What's it all about? At first Tally doesn't want to go to the boarding school called Delderton. But she soon discovers that it is a wonderful place where freedom and self expression are valued. Tally organizes a ragtag dance troupe so the school can participate in an international folk dancing festival in Bergania in the summer of 1939. There she befriends Karil, the crown prince, who would love nothing more than to have ordinary friends and attend a school like Delderton. When Karil's father is assassinated, it is up to Tally and her friends to help Karil escape the Nazis and the bleak future he has inherited.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 23
- Lucy Rose: big on plans by Katy Kelly (**J KEL**)
 - What's it all about? Lucy Rose records in her diary her special summer plans--to make a keychain for her mother, to help decorate the living room, to prevent her parents' divorce, to vanquish some squirrels, and to enjoy a ninth birthday adventure with her father. First in a series.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 7
- Akhenaten adventure by Philip Kerr (**J KER**)
 - What's it all about? When twins Philippa and John discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 21
- Mouse called Wolf by Dick King-Smith (**J KIN**)
 - What's it all about? A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 4
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (**J KIN**)
 - What's it all about? Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship. First in a series.
 - Genre: Funny stories

- Lexile: 950; Points: 7
- **Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard (J KJE)**
 - What's it all about? A boy and an Irish setter wander over wilderness trails, hunt together, and fight for their lives against a killer bear. Spoiler: The dog does NOT die.
 - Genre: Animal stories
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 12
- **Mysterious edge of the heroic world by E. L. Konigsburg (J KON)**
 - What's it all about? Amedeo moves to a new town with a dream. He wants to discover something and he wants a friend to share his search.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 13
- **Great Wheel by Robert Lawson (J LAW)**
 - What's it all about? Eighteen-year-old Conn leaves Ireland and sails to America, where he helps build the first Ferris wheel for the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 9
- **Lion, the witch and the wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (J LEW)**
 - What's it all about? Four children step through a wardrobe and into a country of magic and danger where they will play an important role in freeing the land of Narnia from the evil White Witch. First in a series.
 - Genre: Classic fantasy
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 9
- **Game changers by Mike Lupica (J LUP)**
 - What's it all about? When the coach's son, Shawn O'Brien, is chosen to play quarterback, eleven-year-old Ben McBain is not surprised--but when he tries to be a good teammate and help Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fiction, Sports
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 13
- **Fantasy League by Mike Lupica (J LUP)**
 - What's it all about? 12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host, who plays Charlie's fantasy picks for all of Los Angeles to hear.
 - Genre: Realistic Fiction (Sports)
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 17
- **Million-dollar throw by Mike Lupica (J LUP)**
 - What's it all about? Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.
 - Genre: Sports stories
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 14
- **100 days, 99 nights by Alan Madison (J MAD)**
 - What's it all about? Seven-year-old Esme becomes the boss of Saturdays when her father goes on his tour of duty and leaves his family behind in Virginia.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction

- Lexile: 970; Points: 7
- The Voyage of Lucy P. Simmons by Barbara Mariconda (**J MAR**)
 - What's it all about? After the drowning deaths of her parents in 1906 Maine, Lucy, aided by her magical house and a mysterious woman named Marni, works hard to try to keep her parents' estate from ending up in the hands of her greedy uncle Victor. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy; Historical Fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 11
- Ten good and bad things about my life (so far) by Ann M. Martin (**J MAR**)
 - What's it all about? Pearl writes an essay about her complicated summer during which her father lost his job, her sister was her junior camp counselor, and she had an explosive fight with James Brubaker the Third.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 15
- Death-defying Pepper Roux by Geraldine McCaughrean (**J MCC**)
 - What's it all about? Having been raised believing he will die before he reaches the age of fourteen, Pepper Roux runs away on his fourteenth birthday in an attempt to elude his fate, assumes another identity, and continues to try to outrun death, no matter the consequences.
 - Genre: Adventure
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 16
- Peter Pan in Scarlet by Geraldine McCaughrean (**J MCC**)
 - What's it all about? In the 1930s, all is not well. Nightmares are leaking out of Neverland. Fearing for Peter Pan's life, Wendy and the Lost Boys go back to Neverland -- with the help of the fairy Fireflyer -- only to discover their worst nightmares coming true!
 - Genre: Classic retelling, Fantasy
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 15
- Moorchild by Eloise Jarvis McGraw (**J MCG**)
 - What's it all about? Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 12
- Wildwood by Colin Meloy (**J MEL**)
 - What's it all about? When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest in the middle of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 27
- Owls in the family by Farley Mowat (**J MOW**)
 - What's it all about? The hilarious stories of two owls named Wol and Weeps who live with a family in Canada.
 - Genre: Funny stories, Autobiography
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 6
- Faith, Hope, and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (**J NAY**)
 - What's it all about? During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.
 - Genre: Fiction

- Lexile: 900; Points: 15
- **Agony of Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (J NAY)**
 - What's it all about? Eleven-year-old, motherless Alice decides she needs a gorgeous role model who does everything right; and when placed in homely Mrs. Plotkin's class she is greatly disappointed until she discovers it's what people are inside that counts. First in a series.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 7
- **Beetles, Lightly Toasted by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (J NAY)**
 - What's it all about? Andy's entering the fifth-grade essay contest stirs his imagination to creative heights as he competes with his know-it-all cousin by making recipes with some unusual food sources and testing them on unaware friends and family.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 7
- **Five children and It by E. Nesbit (J NES)**
 - What's it all about? Five children discover a magical fairy that can grant wishes, but nothing happens the way they expect. The sand fairy is a grumpy, odd creature and their wishes cause more problems than they can possibly imagine!
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 12
- **Railway children by E. Nesbit (J NES)**
 - What's it all about? When their father is sent away, three London children move to the country where they keep busy preventing accidents on the nearby railway, making many new friends, and learning about themselves.
 - Genre: Classic, Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 6
- **Nim's island by Wendy Orr (J ORR)**
 - What's it all about? Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help. First in a series.
 - Genre: Adventure
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 7
- **Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (J PAR)**
 - What's it all about? Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 10
- **Dogsong by Gary Paulsen (J PAU)**
 - What's it all about? Something is bothering Russel Susskit. He hates waking up to the sound of his father's coughing, the smell of diesel oil, the noise of snow machines starting up. Only Oogruk, the shaman who owns the last team of dogs in the village, understands Russel's longing for the old ways and the songs that celebrated them. A 14-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1,400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains, seeking his own "song" of himself.
 - Genre: Adventure
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 8

- Legend of Bass Reeves by Gary Paulsen (**J PAU**)
 - What's it all about? Fact is mixed with fiction in this telling of the story of African American hero Bass Reeves, the United States' most successful federal marshal.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 11
- Liar, Liar by Gary Paulsen (**J PAU**)
 - What's it all about? Kevin is very good at lying and it makes life easier...or so he thinks. But when he starts lying to impress the girl of his dreams things spiral out of control. First in a series.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 6
- The ghost belonged to me by Richard Peck (**J PEC**)
 - What's it all about? In 1913 in the Midwest a quartet of characters share adventures from exploding steamboats to "exorcizing" a ghost.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 9
- Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson (**J ROB**)
 - What's it all about? Everyone is sure the annual Christmas pageant will be ruined when the awful Herdman kids decide they want to be involved, but they might just save the day and show everyone the true meaning of Christmas.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 5
- Max Quigley: Technically not a bully by James Roy (**J ROY**)
 - What's it all about? After playing a prank on one of his "geeky" classmates, sixth-grader Max Quigley's punishment is to be tutored by him.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 9
- Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile by Kristiana Gregory (**J ROY**)
 - What's it all about? While her father is in hiding after attempts on his life, twelve-year-old Cleopatra records in her diary how she fears for her own safety and hopes to survive to become Queen of Egypt some day. Part of the Royal Diaries series.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 8
- Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (**J RYL**)
 - What's it all about? After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living. Newbery Award winner.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 5
- Alien Feast by Michael Simmons (**J SIM**)
 - What's it all about? In 2017, human-eating aliens have kidnapped two scientists who might cure the disease that is destroying them, and twelve-year-old William Aitkin, his elderly, ailing Uncle Maynard, and the scientists' daughter, Sophie, set out to rescue them.
 - Genre: Science fiction, Funny stories
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 11
- Headless Cupid by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (**J SNY**)

- What's it all about? Life is never quite the same again for eleven-year-old David after the arrival of his new stepsister, who claims to be a witch and says their house is haunted! Newbery Honor Award. First in a series.
- Genre: Fiction
- Lexile: 900; Points: 11
- **Heidi by Johanna Spyri (J SPY)**
 - What's it all about? A Swiss orphan endears herself to her grandfather and the other neighbors on a lonely mountain, but she is heartbroken when she must leave their simple life to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city. With faith and courage she faces her new life and tries to fit in with her new family.
 - Genre: Classic
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 15
- **Dragon's eye by Dugald Steer (J STE)**
 - What's it all about? The popular Dragonology book is expanded into a full-length fantasy of dragon hunting! First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 11
- **Abel's island by William Steig (J STE)**
 - What's it all about? Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.
 - Genre: Survival, Talking animals
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 5
- **Ballet shoes by Noel Streatfeild (J STR)**
 - What's it all about? Determined to make a name for themselves, three adopted sisters living in London train for the ballet and the stage and in the process discover that each has a special talent.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 13
- **Blackbringer by Laini Taylor (J TAY)**
 - What's it all about? Magpie Windwitch, faerie, devil hunter, and granddaughter of the West Wind, must defeat an ancient evil creature, the Blackbringer, who has escaped from his bottle and threatens to unmake all of creation. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 22
- **Roll of thunder, hear my cry by Mildred Taylor (J TAY)**
 - What's it all about? A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.
 - Genre: Historical fiction, Classic
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 15
- **Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain (J TWA)**
 - What's it all about? In this classic boys' adventure story, Tom Sawyer has a series of adventures from tracking down a murderer to running away and attending his own funeral.
 - Genre: Historical fiction, Classic
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 15
- **Nurk: The strange, surprising adventures of a (somewhat) brave shrew by Ursula Vernon (J VER)**
 - What's it all about? Nurk has always longed to go on adventures like the brave warrior shrew Surka, but when an adventure arrives he's not so sure after all.

- Genre: Fantasy, Funny stories
- Lexile: 920; Points: 9
- Pie by Sarah Weeks (**J WEE**)
 - What's it all about? After the death of Polly Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswitch, Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 9
- Stuart Little by E. B. White (**J WHI**)
 - What's it all about? The Littles are surprised when their youngest son turns out to be...a mouse! Stuart finds it difficult to fit in with his family, even though he loves them, and he finally decides to set out on a great adventure.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 5
- Little house in the big woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder (**J WIL**)
 - What's it all about? Classic stories of Laura's childhood in the big woods of Wisconsin, ending in her family's decision to travel west as pioneers. First in a series.
 - Genre: Classic, Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 8
- Bat 6 by Virginia Wolff (**J WOL**)
 - What's it all about? In post-World War II Oregon, two teams of sixth-grade girls from rival towns prepare for the softball game of their lives. Along the way, they learn that the lessons of war do not end when a peace treaty is signed.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 12
- Brown girl dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (**J WOO**)
 - What's it all about? The story of the author's childhood in verse. Tender, beautiful, and heart-breaking, this award-winning story will keep the reader captive until the end.
 - Genre: Memoir
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 9
- City of fire by Laurence Yep (**J YEP**)
 - What's it all about? Twelve-year-old Scirye and her companions travel to Houlani, a new Hawaiian island created by magic, where they enlist the help of volcano goddess Pele in an attempt to stop an evil dragon and a mysterious man from altering the universe. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 19

Look for these in the **Young Adult Nonfiction**

- **This star won't go out: The life and words of Esther Grace Earl (YA 362.19699 EAR)**
 - What's it all about? A collection of the journals, fiction, letters and sketches of the late Esther Grace Earl, a young cancer patient who passed away in 2010 at the age of 16. Includes photographs and essays by family and friends that help tell Esther's courageous story, along with an introduction by John Green who dedicated his best-selling novel, *The Fault in Our Stars*, to Esther.
 - Genre: Memoir
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 15
- **Steel drumming at the Apollo by Trish Marx (YA 785.68 MAR)**
 - What's it all about? A high school steel drum band defies the odds to participate in a series of talent competitions for a chance to win Super Top Dog on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. Includes a CD of the band performing.
 - Genre: Nonfiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 6
- **Guys write for guys read (YA 810.809286 GUY)**
 - What's it all about? There's something for every guy in this collection of stories, mini-memoirs, advice, poems, comics and drawings chosen by readers on the Guys Read web site.
 - Genre: Fiction, Poetry, Short Stories
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 13
- **Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton (YA 921 HAMILTON)**
 - What's it all about? Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer, lost her arm in a shark attack off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii. Not even the loss of her arm keeps her from returning to surfing, the sport she loves.
 - Genre: Autobiography
 - Lexile: 960; Points: 10
- **Port Chicago 50 by Steve Sheinkin (YA 940.54 SHE)**
 - What's it all about? Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.
 - Genre: Nonfiction (history)
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 10

Look for these in the **Young Adult Fiction**

- **Hawksong** by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes (**YA ATW**)
 - What's it all about? In a land that has been at war so long that no one remembers the reason for fighting, the shapeshifters who rule the two factions agree to marry in the hope of bringing peace, despite deep seated fear and distrust of each other. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy, Romance
 - Lexile 930; Points: 13
- **Squashed** by Joan Bauer (**YA BAU**)
 - What's it all about? As sixteen-year-old Ellie pursues her two goals--growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing twenty pounds herself--she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 11
- **Fall of a kingdom** by Hilari Bell (**YA BEL**)
 - What's it all about? Stories are told of a hero who will come to Farsala's aid when the need is greatest. But the rulers of Farsala still believe that they can beat any opponent. Three young people are less sure of Farsala's invincibility. Jiaan, Soraya, and Kavi see Time's Wheel turning, with Farsala headed toward the Flames of Destruction. What they cannot see is how inextricably their lives are linked to Farsala's fate -- until it's too late. First in the Farsala trilogy.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 19
- **Nick of time** by Ted Bell (**YA BEL**)
 - What's it all about? With the help of Lord Hawke, whose children have been taken by the evil pirate Captain Billy Blood, young Nick McIver uses a time machine to rescue the two children as well as change the course of events in two time periods, the Napoleonic Wars and World War II. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy, Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 950; Points: 26
- **Princess Diaries** by Meg Cabot (**YA CAB**)
 - What's it all about? Fourteen-year-old Mia, trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.
 - Genre: Funny stories
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 14
- **Foundling** by D. M. Cornish (**YA COR**)
 - What's it all about? Having grown up in a home for foundlings and possessing a girl's name, Rossamund sets out to report to his new job as a lamplighter and has several adventures along the way as he meets people and monsters who are more complicated than he previously thought. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy, Horror
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 18
- **Enchantress from the stars** by Sylvia Engdahl (**YA ENG**)
 - What's it all about? When young Elana unexpectedly joins the team leaving the spaceship to study the planet Andrecia, she becomes an integral part of an adventure involving three very different civilizations, each one centered on the third planet from the star in its own solar system.
 - Genre: Science fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 18

- Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan (**YA FLA**)
 - What's it all about? When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.
 - Genre: Fantasy, Adventure
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 16
- Runemarks by Joanne Harris (**YA HAR**)
 - What's it all about? Maddy Smith, who bears the mysterious mark of a rune on her hand, learns that she is destined to join the gods of Norse mythology and play a role in the fate of the world.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 30
- Crater by Homer Hickam (**YA HIC**)
 - What's it all about? In the twenty-second century, sixteen-year-old Crater Trueblood, who mines the moon for Helium-3 to produce energy for a desperate, war-torn Earth, undertakes a deadly mission that could mean the difference between life and death for every inhabitant on the moon. First in a series.
 - Genre: Science fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 19
- SilverFin by Charlie Higson (**YA HIG**)
 - What's it all about? This prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, introduces us to the young James when he's just started boarding school in England and is about to become involved in his first adventure.
 - Genre: Adventure
 - Lexile: 900; Points: 22
- Green angel by Alice Hoffman (**YA HOF**)
 - What's it all about? Haunted by grief and by her past after losing her family in a fire, fifteen-year-old Green retreats into her ruined garden as she struggles to survive emotionally and physically on her own.
 - Genre: Fiction
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 7
- Dairy Queen by Catherine Murdock (**YA MUR**)
 - What's it all about? After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to try out for football herself. First in a trilogy.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 17
- Golden Compass by Philip Pullman (**YA PUL**)
 - What's it all about? Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. First in the His Dark Materials trilogy.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 930; Points: 24
- Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (**YA SCH**)
 - What's it all about? On Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 19
- How to get suspended and influence people by Adam Selzer (**YA SEL**)

- What's it all about? Gifted eighth-grader Leon Harris becomes an instant celebrity when the film he makes for a class project sends him to in-school suspension.
- Genre: Fiction
- Lexile: 980; Points: 13
- **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** by Jordan Sonnenblick (**YA SON**)
 - What's it all about? When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family. First in a series.
 - Genre: Realistic fiction
 - Lexile: 940; Points: 13
- **Thief** by Megan Whalen Turner (**YA TUR**)
 - What's it all about? Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 920; Points: 15
- **Dragon's bait** by Vivian Vande Velde (**YA VAN**)
 - What's it all about? Wrongly condemned of witchcraft, fifteen-year-old Alys is tempted to take revenge on her accusers when the dragon to which she has been sacrificed turns out to be an ally.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 8
- **Flora Segunda** by Ysabeau Wilce (**YA WIL**)
 - What's it all about? Fourteen-year-old Flora Fyrdraaca, whose mother is the Warlord's Commanding General and whose father is mad, kindly helps her house's magical--and long-banished--butler, unaware that he draws strength from the Fyrdraaca will. First in a series.
 - Genre: Fantasy
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 22
- **Fiendish** by Brenna Yovanoff (**YA YOV**)
 - What's it all about? When Clementine was a child, dangerous and inexplicable things started happening in New South Bend. The townsfolk blamed the fiendish people out in the Willows and burned their homes to the ground. But magic kept Clementine alive, walled up in the cellar for ten years, until a boy named Fisher sets her free. Back in the world, Clementine sets out to discover what happened all those years ago.
 - Genre: Horror/Fantasy
 - Lexile: 910; Points: 20

Look for these in the **Adult Fiction**

- **Beauty** by Robin McKinley (**FIC MCK**)
 - What's it all about? A fantastical retelling of Beauty and the Beast.
 - Genre: Fairy tales, Fantasy
 - Lexile: 970; Points: 15
- **Black Arrow** by R. L. Stevenson (**FIC STE**)
 - What's it all about? In fifteenth-century England, when his father's murderer is revealed to be his guardian, seventeen-year-old Richard Shelton joins the fellowship of the Black Arrow in avenging the death, rescuing the woman he loves, and participating in the struggle between the Yorks and Lancasters in the War of the Roses.
 - Genre: Historical fiction
 - Lexile: 980; Points: 18
- **Kidnapped** by Robert Louis Stevenson (**FIC STE**)
 - What's it all about? The adventures of sixteen-year-old David Balfour, an orphan, who after being kidnapped by his villainous uncle manages to escape and becomes involved in the struggle of the Scottish highlanders against English rule.
 - Genre: Classic
 - Lexile: 990; Points: 18