



## Just Read, Florida! 2011 Summer Recommended Reading List

Titles that reflect the summer reading program travel theme have a compass  symbol after the title and author. Lexile<sup>®</sup> measures are also included next to each title.


### Lexile<sup>®</sup> Measures


Many of the following titles have Lexile measures, which indicate their reading demand. When reviewing the list of books, consider if they fall within a reader's recommended Lexile range—100L below and 50L above his or her Lexile measure—and not on the exact number. The book list offers suggestions that can help guide readers to ability-appropriate books within their optimal range. It should not prevent students from reading a book if it interests them. Readers are also encouraged to use the free “Find a Book, Florida” search tool (at <http://florida.lexile.com>) to select other titles that match their interests and reading ability.


### Grades K-3


**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale**, Verna Aardema  **770L**  
**Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!** Geoffrey Hayes **GN30L**  
**Our Generous Garden**, Anne Nagro  
**Little Rhino Has No Horn**, Terri Steck

**Gracias \* Thanks**, Pat Mora   
**Big Wolf and Little Wolf**, Nadine Brun-Cosme **AD630L**  
**Jitterbug Jam**, Barbara Jean Hicks  
**What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?**, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page **620L**  
**The Storm Book**, Charlotte Zolotow **NC1030L**  
**Pancakes for Breakfast**, Tommie DePaola **NP**

**Hi! Fly Guy**, Tedd Arnold  **280L**  
**Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, Catherine Ipcizade  
**A Day in the Life of Murphy**, Alice Provensen **40L**  
**Actual Size**, Steve Jenkins **IG1130L**  
**Frog and Toad Together**, Arnold Lobel **330L**  
**Aunt Flossie's Hats**, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard  
**Buffy the Burrowing Owl**, Betty Gilbert

**How People Learned to Fly**, Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley   
**Buster**, Denise Fleming **420L**  
**Daddy & I**, Elosie Greenfield

**Deep in the Swamp**, Donna Bateman  **AD890L**  
**Diary of a Worm**, Doreen Cronin **AD360L**  
**Poppleton in Winter**, Cynthia Rylant **360L**  
**Dino-Dinners**, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom  
**Henry the Impatient Heron**, Donna Love **AD760L**  
**Hot City**, Barbara Joosse  
**Leaf Jumpers**, Carole Gerber  
**Little Skink's Tail**, Janet Halfmann  
**Miss Nelson Is Missing!**, Harry Allard **340L**  
**My Name is Yoon**, Helen Recorvits **320L**  
**No, David!**, David Shannon **BR**

**Ocean Hide and Seek**, Jennifer Evans Kramer  **AD670L**  
**Polar Slumber**, Dennis Rockhill

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White ✨  
The Story of Ruby Bridges, Robert Coles **AD730L**  
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder, Walter Wick **870L**  
Count Down to Fall, Fran Hawk **AD1070L**  
Moose and Magpie, Bettina Restrepo ✨ **AD560L**  
She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader, J.G. Annino ✨  
**AD820L**  
Camille Saint-Saens's The Carnival of the Animals, Jack Prelutsky and Mary GrandPre ✨  
The Napping House, Audrey and Dan Wood **NP**  
The Secret Olivia Told Me, N. Joy **350L**

### Grades 4-5

The Underneath, Kathi Appelt **830L**  
Elijah of Buxton, Christopher Paul Curtis **1070L**  
Criss Cross, Lynne Rae Perkins **820L**  
Whittington, Alan Armstrong **760L**  
Princess Academy, Shannon Hale **890L**  
A Faraway Island, Annika Thor ✨ 680L  
Eidi, Bodil Bredsdorff 810L  
Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People, Sheila Keenan **1000L**  
Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis ✨ **950L**  
Crazy Cars, Matt Doeden ✨  
Crossing Jordan, Adrian Fogelin **650L**  
Dare to Dream!, Carl Sommer  
Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets, John Farndon  
Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers **610L**  
Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts That Happen Every 60 Seconds, Steve Murrie and Matthew Murrie **NC1090L**  
Extreme Pets!, Jane Harrington  
Life Under Ice, Mary M. Cerullo ✨ **1170L**  
Riddle-iculous Math, Joan Holub  
Sarah, Plain and Tall, Patricia MacLachlan ✨ **560L**  
See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!, Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby  
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll ✨  
The Black Stallion, Walter Farley ✨ **680L**  
The Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich **970L**  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, Grace Lin **820L**  
Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms, Patricia Lauber ✨  
Horses, Seymour Simon **930L**  
A History of US, Joy Hakim **850L**  
Discovering Mars, Melvin Berger ✨ **670L**  
Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, Sy Montgomery ✨ **830L**

**AQUIFER**ioius, Margaret Ross Tolbert ✨

**A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home**, Henry Cole ✨  
**730L**

**Heroes for My Son**, Brad Meltzer

**The Last Egret: The Adventures of Charlie Pierce**, Harvey E. Oyer III ✨

### Grades 6-8

**Wangari's Tree of Peace**, Jeanette Winter

**A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beasts**, Pamela S.

Turner ✨ **1020L**

**When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone**, Dorothy Hinshaw

Patent ✨ **1040L**

**The Trumpet of the Swan**, E.B. White **750L**

**Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson ✨ **870L**

**Old Yeller**, Fred Gipson 910L

**Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson ✨ **810L**

**Esperanza Rising**, Pam Munoz Ryan ✨ **750L**

**Hattie, Big Sky**, Kirby Larson **700L**

**The Young Man and the Sea**, Rodman Philbrick ✨ **800L**

**Peter and the Starcatchers**, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson ✨ **770L**

**Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident**, Eoin Colfer ✨ **610L**

**Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls **700L**

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi **740L**

**The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers**, Richard Maurer

**Carver, a Life in Poems**, Marilyn Nelson **1010L**

**Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition**,

Laurie Lawlor ✨ **980L**

**The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael**

**Collins**, Bea Uusma Schyffert ✨ **850L**

**Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali**, Charles R. Smith ✨ **NP**

**Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village**, Laura Amy Schlitz **NP**

**The Wednesday Wars**, Gary D. Schmidt **990L**

**The Anybodies**, N.E. Bode ✨ **730L**

**The Lightning Thief**, Rick Riordan ✨ **740L**

**Fire From the Rock**, Sharon Draper **830L**

**The Surrender Tree: Poem's of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom**, Margarita Engle **NP**

**Newt's World: Beginnings**, Susan Womble

**The Lion and the Mouse** (Picture Book), Jerry Pinkney

**A Single Shard**, Linda Sue Park ✨ **920L**

**A Long Way from Chicago**, Richard Peck ✨ **750L**

**The View from Saturday**, E.L. Konigsburg **870L**

**Any Which Wall**, Laurel Snyder **810L**

**Moon over Manifest**, Clare Vanderpool **800L**

**Heart of a Samurai**, Margi Preus **760L**

**One Crazy Summer**, Rita Williams-Garcia ✨ **750L**

**Lockdown**, Walter Dean Myers **730L**

**Flush**, Carl Hiaasen **830L**

**Hugo Cabret**, Brian Schnick **820L**

**Trouble**, Gary Schmidt ✨ **930L**

**The Arrival**, Shawn Tan ✨

## Grades 9-12

**The Real Question**, Adrian Fogelin

**Solomon**, Marilyn B. Shaw ✨ **870L**

**The Yearling**, Marjorie K. Rawlings ✨ **750L**

**We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper **860L**

**The House on Mango Street**, Sandra Cisneros ✨ **870L**

**Money Hungry**, Sharon Flake **650L**

**The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak ✨ **730L**

**The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemingway ✨ **940L**

**Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft**, Thor Heyerdahl ✨ **1310L**

**Monster**, Walter Dean Myers **670L**

**Taken**, Edward Bloor **640L**

**Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.**, Cynthia Barnett

**Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place**, Sudye Cauthen

**Looking for the New Deal**, Elna C. Green

**Breaking Point**, Alex Flinn **410L**

**Night**, Elie Wiesel **590L**

**Fahrenheit 451**, Ray Bradbury ✨ **890L**

**All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque ✨ **830L**

**A Separate Peace**, John Knowles **1110L**

**Whispers from the Bay**, John Tkac ✨

**Imaginary Enemy**, Julie Gonzalez

**The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking**, Shawn Bean

**The New Deal in South Florida**, John Stuart & John Stack, Eds.

**Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida**, Jeff Klinkenberg

**Silent Spring**, Rachel Carson **1340L**

**The Everglades, River of Grass**, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas

**A Land Remembered**, Patrick D. Smith ✨ **810L**

**In the Time of the Butterflies**, Julia Álvarez ✨ **910L**

**Florida Cowboys**, Carlton Ward Jr.

**The Great Wide Sea**, M. H. Herlong ✨ **660L**

**When You Reach Me**, Rebecca Stead ✨ **750L**

**November Blues**, Sharon Draper ✨ **770L**

**Replacing Dad**, Shelley Frazer Mickle

**Alligator Bayou**, Donna Jo Napoli **HL430L**

**Marcelo in the Real World**, Francisco Stork ✨ **HL700L**

**Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland**, Sally M. Walker **NC1140L**

**The Trouble With Panthers**, William Culyer Hall ✨

**Cookie & Me**, Mary Jane Ryals

**The Shakespeare Stealer**, Gary Blackwood **840L**

You may also find more selections for Middle and High School readers at [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com) under the Student Section – For Teens, by Teens recommended reading.

The Department's Just Read, Florida! Office offers a variety of tips to consider when helping readers choose books:

- If a reader tackles a book above his or her Lexile range, consider what additional instruction or lower-level reading resources might help.
- Ask the reader to keep track of unknown words within the book, and look them up together.
- Take turns reading aloud to each other to help process the information into smaller portions.
- Reward readers with books that fall below their Lexile range for an easier reading experience.

Some books also have a Lexile code, a two-letter designation before the Lexile measure that provides more information about its developmental appropriateness, reading difficulty, and common or intended usage.

- AD (Adult Directed): The book is generally intended to be read aloud to a child, rather than for the child to read it for the first time independently. Many picture books have been assigned the AD code.
- BR (Beginning Reading): The book has a Lexile measure of 0L or below and is appropriate for a beginning reader. The Lexile measure is shown only as BR, without a zero or negative number.
- GN (Graphic Novel): The book is a graphic novel or comic book.
- HL (High-Low): The book has a Lexile measure much lower than the average reading ability of the intended age range of its readers. HL books include content of a high interest level, but are written in a style that is easier for a struggling reader.
- IG (Illustrated Guide): The book consists of independent pieces or sections of text, such as in an encyclopedia or glossary.
- NC (Non-Conforming): The book has a Lexile measure that is markedly higher than is typical for the publisher's intended audience or designated developmental level of the book. NC books are good choices for high-ability readers.
- NP (Non-Prose): The book contains more than 50% of non-standard or non-conforming prose, such as poems, plays, songs and recipes. NP books do not receive a Lexile measure.