

Grade 8

(Lexile Levels have been added after each title when available)

Biography

- J 920 B Beccia, Carlyn *They Lost Their Heads: what happened to Washington's teeth, Einstein's brain, and other famous body parts* [1010L]
- J 508 B Beil, Karen Magnuson *What Linnaeus Saw: A Scientist's Quest to Name Every Living Thing* [1110]
- J 920 B Bolden, Tonya *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM*
- T 970.00497 G199a Gansworth, Eric *Apple: Skin to the Core*
- J 940.54 G Greenfield, Amy Butler *The Woman All Spies Fear: Code Breaker Elizabeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life*
- T GN Krosoczka, Jarret J. *Hey Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction* [HL510L]
- T 306.768 K962b Kuklin, Susan *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* [HL600L]
- T796.334 M847b Morgan, Alex *Breakaway* [960L]
- T 362.77569 O35p Ogle, Rex *Punching Bag*
- J 595.70 S Sidman, Joyce *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* [1110L]
- T GN Smith, Tommie *Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice*
- T371.822 S881g Stone, Tanya Lee *Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time* [1050L]
- J 305.23 Y Yousafzai, Malala *We are Displaced: My Journey and Stories From Refugee Girls Around the World*

Poetry

- J FIC Arango, Beatriz *Iveliz Explains It All* [940L]
- J 821.08 C Carlson, Lori M. *Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States*
- T 821 G862o Grimes, Nikki *Ordinary Hazards: a Memoir* [840L]
- T FIC Heppermann, Christine *Ask Me How I Got Here*

T 821 L579c León, Amyra	<i>Concrete Kids</i> [NP]
J 940.542 L Lowry, Lois	<i>On the Horizon</i> [HL580L]
T FIC McBride, Amber	<i>We are All So Good at Smiling</i> [NP]
J 821.08 P Paschen, Elise	<i>Poetry Speaks Who I Am</i>
T 821 S644d Smith, Crystal Simone	<i>Dark Testament: Poems</i> [NP]
T FIC Venkatraman, Padma	<i>A Time to Dance</i> [720L]

Historical Fiction

(T FIC unless otherwise noted)

Chee, Traci	<i>We Are Not Free</i> [860L]
Cline-Ransom, Lesa	<i>For Lamb</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Projekt 1065</i> [780L]
Hammonds Reed, Christina	<i>The Black Kids</i> [HL830L]
Hughes, Dean	<i>Four-Four-Two</i> [820L]
Hur, June	<i>The Red Palace</i> [HL 780]
Lee, Mackenzi	<i>The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy</i>
McCormick, Patricia	<i>Purple Heart</i> [760L]
Medina, Meg	<i>Burn Baby Burn</i> [HL680L]
Mills, Wendy	<i>All We Have Left</i> [880L]
Polydoros, Aden	<i>City Beautiful</i>
Schwartz, Dana	<i>Anatomy: A Love Story</i>
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Out of the Easy</i> [HL590L]
Shabazz, Ilyasah	<i>The Awakening of Malcolm X: A Novel</i> [HL 650]
J FIC Wiles, Deborah	<i>Countdown</i> [800L]

Mystery

(T FIC unless otherwise noted)

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	<i>The Inheritance Games</i> [690L]
J FIC Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> [HL590L]
Emezi, Akwaeke	<i>Pet</i> [820L]
Gagnon, Michelle	<i>Don't Turn Around</i> [HL710L]
Giles, Gail	<i>Dead Girls Don't Write Letters</i> [550L]
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> [1090L]
Henry, Katie	<i>Gideon Green in Black + White</i>

Johnson, Maureen	<i>Truly Devious</i> [HL680L]
Lee, Y.S.	<i>A Spy in the House</i> [HL680L]
McQuiston, Casey	<i>I Kissed Shara Wheeler</i>
McManus, Karen	<i>One of Us is Lying</i> [HL730L]
Ostow, Micol	<i>Amity</i> [HL780L]
also J FIC Pullman, Philip	<i>The Ruby in the Smoke</i> [750L]
Roux, Madeleine	<i>Asylum</i> [HL720]
Ruby, Laura	<i>Bone Gap</i> [HL810L]
Sedoti, Chelsea	<i>The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett</i> [HL680]
Sheinmel, Alyssa	<i>A Danger to Herself and Others</i> [HL790L]

Fantasy and Science Fiction

(T FIC unless otherwise noted)

Adeyemi Tomi	<i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> [HL670L]
J FIC Anderson, John David	<i>Stowaway</i>
Anderson, Lily	<i>Scout's Honor</i> [850L]
Bardugo, Leigh	<i>King of Scars</i> [HL810L]
Bardugo, Leigh	<i>Six of Crows</i> [HL790L]
Blake, Elly	<i>Frostblood</i> [HL750L]
Bracken, Alexandra	<i>The Darkest Minds</i> [870L]
also T SPA Cashore, Kristin	<i>Graceling</i> [730L]
Clayton, Dhonielle	<i>The Belles</i> [HL650L]
Condie, Allyson Braithwaite	<i>Matched</i> [HL680L]
Cordova Zoraida	<i>Labyrinth Lost</i> [630L]
Deonn, Tracy	<i>Legendborn</i> [HL730L]
also J FIC, J SPA Farmer, Nancy	<i>The House of the Scorpion</i> [660L]
Ireland, Justina	<i>Dread Nation</i> [870L]
Kemmerer, Brigid	<i>A Curse So Dark and Lonely</i> [HL580L]
Kirby, Matthew J.	<i>Star Splitter</i> [790L]
Little Badger, Darcie	<i>Elatsoe</i>
Lim, Elizabeth	<i>Six Crimson Cranes</i> [HL790L]
also T GN Lu, Marie	<i>Legend</i> [HL710L]
Meyer, Marissa	<i>Renegades</i> [860L]
Oliver, Lauren	<i>Delirium</i> [920L]
Onyebuchi, Tochi	<i>War Girls</i> [HL790L]
also J COMIC, J FIC, T SPA Pullman, Philip	<i>The Golden Compass</i> [930L]
Schwab, Victoria	<i>This Savage Song</i> [830L]

Scott, Michael	<i>The Alchemyst (The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel)</i> [890L]
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Scythe</i> [830L]
Stiefvater, Maggie	<i>The Scorpio Races</i> [840L]
J FIC Soontornvat, Christina	<i>The Last Mapmaker</i> [740L]
Tahir, Sabaa	<i>An Ember in the Ashes: a novel</i> [HL680L]
Taylor, Laini	<i>Daughter of Smoke and Bone</i> [850L]
J FIC Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i> [1000L]
Turner, Megan Whelan	<i>The Thief</i> [920L]
Yancey, Richard	<i>The 5th Wave</i> [HL690L]

Fiction

(T FIC unless otherwise noted)

Alexander, Kwame	<i>Swing</i> [HL610L]
also T GN Anderson, Laurie	<i>Speak</i> [690L]
Colbert, Brandy	<i>Little and Lion</i> [HL820L]
Gervais, Alison	<i>The Silence Between Us</i> [940L]
Giles, Gail	<i>Girls Like Us</i> [HL570L]
J FIC Greenwald, Tommy	<i>Game Changer</i> [750L]
Johnson, Angela	<i>The First Part Last</i> [790L]
Khorram, Adib	<i>Darius the Great is Not Okay</i> [HL710L]
Lockhart, E.	<i>We Were Liars</i> [HL600L]
J FIC March, Katherine	<i>Nowhere Boy</i> [810L]
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Sunrise Over Fallujah</i> [780L]
Oshiro, Mark	<i>Anger Is a Gift</i> [HL710L]
Oseman, Alice	<i>Radio Silence</i> [HL760L]
Petrus, Junauda	<i>The Stars and the Blackness Between Them</i> [890L]
Reynolds, Jason	<i>All American Boys</i> [HL770L]
Ribay, Randy	<i>After the Shot Drops</i> [HL730L]
Smyth, Clara	<i>Not My Problem</i>
Stewart, Erin	<i>The Words We keep</i> [HL680L]
also T SPA Torres Sanchez, Jenny	<i>We Are Not From Here</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Miracle's Boys</i> [660L]
Zoboi, Ibi	<i>Pride</i> [HL720L]

Manga and Graphic Novels

(T GN unless otherwise noted)

Bardugo, Leigh & Pendergast, Dani	<i>Demon in the Wood: A Shadow and Bone Novel</i>
T GN Brown, Don	<i>In The Shadow of the Fallen Towers</i>
Brown, Don	<i>The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees</i>
Feder, Tyler	<i>Dancing at the Pity Party</i>
Lewis, John	<i>March (Book One)</i> [GN760L]
Lutes, Jason	<i>Houdini: The Handcuff King</i> [GN640L]
J 509 N Nott, Dan	<i>Hidden Systems: Water, Wlectricity, the Internet, and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Every Day</i> [GN 1320]
Ostertag, Molly Knox	<i>The Girl From The Sea</i>
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust</i>
Spiegelman, Art	<i>Maus</i> [NP]
T FIC Stevenson, Noelle	<i>Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy</i> [GN390L]
Tamaki, Mariko	<i>Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass</i>
Watters, Shannon	<i>Hollow</i>
Wilson, G. Willow	<i>Ms. Marvel #1, No Normal</i> [GN420L]

Informational Books

J 664.109 A Aronson, Marc	<i>Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science</i> [1130L]
J 362.196 B Bausum, Ann	<i>Viral: The Fight Against Aids in America</i>
T 342.730878 B658j Blumenthal, Karen	<i>Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights</i>
J 947.08 R Fleming, Candace	<i>The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia</i> [950L]
J 305.896 H Hartfield, Claire	<i>A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919</i> [1120L]

J 614.42 J Johnson, Steven	<i>Extra Life: The Astonishing Story of How We Doubled Our Lifespan</i> [1220L]
J 323.119 M Magoon, Kekla	<i>Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People</i> [1200L]
T 949.703 S116c Sabic-El-Rayess, Amra	<i>The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival</i>
J 910.452S Sandler, Martin W.	<i>Shipwrecked: Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor</i>
J 940.54 S Sheinkin, Steve	<i>The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights</i> [950L]
J 306.766 S Stevenson, Robin	<i>Pride: Celebrating Diversity and Community</i> [1170L]
J 952.01 T Turner, Pamela S.	<i>Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune</i> [950L]
T 305.895073 Y59f Yoo, Paula	<i>From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement</i>

Lexile Codes Explained

AD: Adult Directed—books usually read aloud to a child by an adult

NC: Non-Conforming—books at a higher reading level than the intended audience's age

HL: High-Low—books at a lower reading level than the intended audience's age

IG: Illustrated Guide—nonfiction reference books

GN: Graphic Novel —graphic novel or comic book

BR: Beginning Reading —books for the emergent reader

NP: Non-Prose—books that are more than 50% non-prose, such as poems, plays or songs