

The Lexile Framework for Reading:

Information for Parents and Caregivers

What is the Lexile Framework?

- The Lexile Framework for Reading is an assessment tool currently used by the Harford County Public School system to measure both the reading level of a particular book, and the reading ability of a particular student, in order to better predict how a book matches a student's reading ability and comprehension.
- The Lexile measure for either text or readers is a number followed by an "L". For example, the Lexile scale ranges from 200L for beginning readers to 1700L for advanced readers.
- Lexile measures do not translate specifically to grade levels, but are used to match a child's reading comprehension to an appropriately challenging text. The goal is to identify books that are not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to encourage reading progress.

How can I learn more about Lexiles?

- The Lexile Framework for Reading website (www.lexile.com) provides a comprehensive overview of the program with a special "Family" section that includes a free downloadable Parent Lexile Resource Kit.

How can I identify titles that match my child's Lexile score?

- The "Family" section of the Lexile Framework for Reading website includes a Lexile Book Database containing more than 100,000 titles that can be searched by title, author, or Lexile range.



How can the Public Library help?

- Librarians are available to assist you in using the tools mentioned previously to identify books with appropriate Lexile scores for your child to read.
- Reading specialists believe that children benefit from reading a wide variety of literature. Exposure to different types of reading material, and at different reading levels, helps to broaden a child's understanding of the world, increases comprehension, visual literacy, and ensures that a child is able to read for pure enjoyment. Librarians are available to recommend many different books that will match your child's interests, from fiction to graphic novels, poetry to biography, or picture books to nonfiction.
- The Public Library has many recommended reading lists for children, and we can help you identify Lexile scores for many recommended books.

Suggested Titles and Websites to Help Select Great Books for Your Child

Best Books for Kids Who (Think They) Hate to Read
by Laura Backes PTC J 028.55 B

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading: for Ravenous and Reluctant Readers Alike by Esme Raji Codell
PTC J 028.55 C

Valerie & Walter's Best Books for Children: a Lively, Opinionated Guide by Valerie V. Lewis & Walter M. Mayes
PTC J 011.62 L

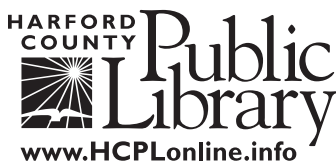
Book Sense Best Children's Books ed. by Mark Nichols
PTC J 011.62 B

100 Best Books for Children by Anita Silvey PTC J 011.62 S

The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease PTC J 372.452 T

American Library Association Notable Children's Books
<http://ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/Default1888.htm>

Capitol Choices: Noteworthy Books for Children
<http://capitolchoices.communitypoint.org>



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