

## The Lexile Framework for Reading

The Lexile Framework is one of many methods to “measure” a student’s reading ability. Each child’s Lexile Score is a snapshot of where the student was on the day the test was taken. Lexile Scores are based on how difficult a text is to comprehend using word frequency and sentence length as indicators. It is important to note that the Lexile measure of a book refers to its text difficulty only. A Lexile Score does not indicate the content, quality, or appropriateness of a book. It is always a good idea to preview material you are selecting for your child.

Students should be allowed the freedom to read at a variety of levels. Reading at a lower Lexile level helps build comfort, confidence, and a broad knowledge base for students to draw upon. Reading at a higher Lexile level offers a challenge.

Finding books enjoyable leads to readers who are more motivated to read and read for pleasure. According to the Lexile.com website, “Many other factors affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book.” Not all books have been measured for Lexile level, but Lexile.com is a good place to start.

To find books within your child’s Lexile range visit [www.lexile.com/fab](http://www.lexile.com/fab)

If you already have a book and you’d like to know the Lexile score you can do a Quick Book Search by entering the title in the search box located on the upper right side of the webpage (hint: clicking the advanced search link will allow you to enter additional information like author, series or ISBN.)

**Quick Book Search:**

 [Advanced Search](#)

Put an exact title or author in quotes (ex: "new moon")

You can also search for books by Lexile score or range:

**Step 1: Enter Lexile Measure or Grade**

**My Lexile measure is**

Lexile Measure:  
 L

Lexile Range:  
 L to  L

**Submit**

**Or**

**I don't know my Lexile measure**

My Current Grade is:  
Kindergarten ▼

I find the books I read for school difficult.  
 I find the books I read for school just right.  
 I find the books I read for school easy.

Select one or more type(s) of books your child is interested in:

**Step 2: Select Interests Categories**

Please select one or more interests below. Click the [+] button to view and select subcategories. You will be able to refine your selection(s) later on.

[All Categories](#) | [Deselect Categories](#)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adventure [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Military [+]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animals [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Music, TV, Movies, & more [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Art [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Biography [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Business & Law [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairy Tales, Myths, & Folktales [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Reference & Languages [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Family, Childhood, & Education [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion & Beliefs [+]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy [+]	<input type="checkbox"/> Romance [+]

You will then be directed to a list of books within your child's Lexile range. You can click on the title or author for more information about any of the titles listed. On the right side of the screen you can select additional options such as number of pages or award winners. Once you have narrowed down your list, click on the "Find in a Library - WorldCat" button to see if the Ela Library owns the title you are interested in.

This what the results of your search might look like:

	<b>Daisy Dawson Is on Her ...</b> by: <a href="#">Voake, Steve</a> Imagine if you woke up one day and found you could talk to animals! A lighthearted ... <hr/> <b>Pages:</b> 112 <hr/> <b>670L</b>	<a href="#">FIND IN A LIBRARY</a> 	<a href="#">BUY FROM</a> 	<a href="#">Add to My Reading List</a> <hr/> <b>ISBN13:</b> 9780763637408
	<b>Teacher's Pet</b> by: <a href="#">Dale, Jenny</a> DOTTY THE DALMATIAN is the most disobedient dog Neil has ever met. And her owner just ... <hr/> <b>Pages:</b> 128 <hr/> <b>670L</b>	<a href="#">FIND IN A LIBRARY</a> 	<a href="#">BUY FROM</a> 	<a href="#">Google Preview</a> <hr/> <a href="#">Add to My Reading List</a> <hr/> <b>ISBN13:</b> 9780439113236
	<b>Pick of the Litter</b> by: <a href="#">Wallace, Bill</a> Twelve-year-old Tom learns first-hand about honour: first when he is wrongly accused of lying at school, ... <hr/> <b>Pages:</b> 160 <hr/> <b>680L</b>	<a href="#">FIND IN A LIBRARY</a> 	<a href="#">BUY FROM</a> 	<a href="#">Add to My Reading List</a> <hr/> <b>ISBN13:</b> 9780823419210

## Novelist K-8

Is an additional resource for finding books within your child's Lexile range.

To access it, visit [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org)

Click on For Kids on the left side

Click Books and Reading

Click on Novelist K-8

To search by a Lexile range click "Advanced Search" link below the search box.

### Search For...

All  Author  Title  Series

Limit To:  Teens  Ages 9-12  Ages 0-8

[Basic Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Search History](#) | [Preferences >](#)

At the top of the screen you can enter any keywords or an author's name.



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AND  in

AND  in  [Add Row](#)

Then scroll down to fill in your Lexile range or use one of the predetermined ranges. Then click search in the bottom left corner.

Grade Level:

Lexile Reading Level:

Lexile Range Search:

Number of Pages:

The above search for books about dogs for kids ages 9-12 with a Lexile range of 650-850 gave a list of about 3000 books as possibilities. You can narrow and limit your results by using the columns on the right and left of your results list.

4. **LOIS DUNCAN** **Hotel for dogs** (Dec 2008)

**By:** Duncan, Lois, 1934-

Young Andi attempts to keep a stray dog and its new litter a secret from her meticulous aunt.

**Lexile:** 730 [\[view chart\]](#)

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆  Ages 9-12  Fiction

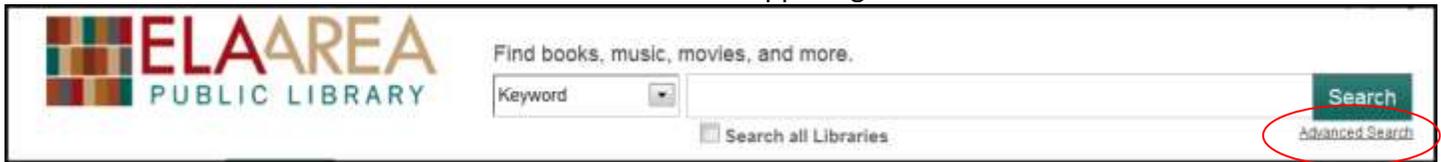
★★★★☆   
46 reviews

Above is a title from the results list. You can click on the title of the book for more information, to read reviews, and see any awards won. Click on the Check the Library Catalog link next to the pink book to see if the Ela Library owns a copy of this book.

## Searching the online catalog

To search the Ela Library's online catalog by Lexile score or range visit [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org) and click on Catalog in the red bar on the right side of the page.

Click advanced search link under the search button in the upper right hand corner



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If you know the exact Lexile score you want to search for type lx:your score and click search



**Advanced Search** ? Ela Area Public Library District

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*Enter your Advanced Search Here...* [Tips](#)

lx:690 **Search**

If you have a Lexile range, enter it this way lx:[first number TO second number] and click search (hint: be sure to use the brackets, and capitalize TO).



*Enter your Advanced Search Here...* [Tips](#)

lx:[690 TO 720] **Search**

You can then narrow down your selections using the bar on the left side of your list of search results.