Examples of course appropriate reading suggestions are found in the charts below. For additional information about grade and course appropriate reading selections and Lexile levels (reading level based on text complexity), see the bottom of this support document.

**South Carolina Book Awards** - click the awards tab for more!

- [South Carolina Picture Book Award Nominees](#)
- [Children’s Book Award Nominees and Materials](#)
- [Junior Book Award Nominees](#)
- [Young Adult Book Awards](#)

**Parent Guide to Lexile (your child's reading level)**

Many books have a *Lexile* number. For information (for parents) about Lexile levels, please click [here](#).

A Lexile text measure tells you how challenging a text is to comprehend. A Lexile reader measure describes your child’s reading ability. Your child receives a Lexile measure from a test at school or a state assessment. Choosing books in your child’s comprehension “sweet spot” (100L below to 50L above your child’s reported Lexile measure) provides an ideal level of challenge for independent reading. To see how your child’s reading ability compares to other students at the same grade level, visit [this site](#) for more information.

More information and helpful links:

- Visit Lexington County Public Library for Ebooks, Audiobooks, Movies and TV, Music, and Magazines!
- [Countdown to Summer Reading](#)
- [Downloadable Books for Kids](#)
- [Downloadable Books for Teens](#)
- [Audio Books for Kids](#)
- [Lexington County Public Library Programs and Events Calendar](#)
- [Richland County Library](#)
- **TEST Prep** - Visit the *Learning Express Library* for a comprehensive collection of [test-preparation tools, skill-](#)
6th and 7th Grade College Prep and Honors

For 6th and 7th grade Honors and College Prep students, we recommend selecting as many summer reading books of interest from any of the lists above! Read for enjoyment, growth, experience, for fun... the most important thing is that all students READ!

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8th Grade College Prep and Honors

For 8th grade Honors and College Prep students, we encourage you to read as many books of interest from the award lists above. Additionally, the following titles are also for the consideration of students who enjoy reading classics among other genres. Lexile levels are for your information; these numbers indicate the reading level of each book. (For information about Lexile (reading) levels, see links provided above.)

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Have a great summer!
Read definition, to look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.): to read a book; to read music.

Read definition: When you read something such as a book or article, you look at and understand the words.

-reed, past participle reading

v. past pverb, past participle: Verb form used descriptively or to form verbs—such as “the locked door,” “The door has been locked.”