

Redlands Adult Literacy Program
Recommended Books from Literacy Book Clubs, by Author

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Lexile*	Book Name	Author	Type	Short Description	
830L	Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Morrie Albom	NF	Conversations between a former student and his professor about life's biggest questions.	
High	Home of the Brave	Applegate, Katherine	F	Wonderful story of a young African immigrant and his family learning English and making new friends in the U.S.	
910L	Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary, Beverly	F	Award-winning book that tells the story through letters between a troubled 12year-old boy and an author.	x
590L	Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	F	A young immigrant from Russia teaches her classmates about freedom and the immigrant experience.	x
680L	The Boy on the Porch	Creech, Sharon	F	A "graceful and profound" story of love, as a couple takes in a young boy that they find on their front porch.	x
610L	The Courage of Sarah Noble	Dalglish, Alice	F	In 1707, 8 year-old Sarah Noble and her family move to the American frontier, where she learns courage and friendship with indigenous people.	x
670L	Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate	F	After moving to a new town, Opal and her father adopt a dog and make new friends, helping them to heal.	
590L	The Tiger Rising	DiCamillo, Kate	F	A lonely boy and girl learn to trust each other and make new friends as they encounter a real tiger in the forest of Florida.	TG
700L	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo, Kate	F	Edward Tulane, a china rabbit, goes on remarkable journeys.	
710L	The Breadwinner	Ellis, Deborah	F	First in an award-winning series about an 11-year old girl and her family living in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. Excellent!	
870L	The Hundred Dresses	Estes, Eleanor	F	Immigrant Wanda Petronski is teased by her classmates when she tells them she has 100 dresses at home. In the story, her classmates learn to appreciate Wanda's experience.	x
710L	Seedfolks	Fleischman, Paul	F	Award-winning book about immigrants and long-term residents who build a community garden in Cleveland and formed new friendships. Spell-binding.	TG, x

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900L	Toast	Foos, Laurie	F	Story about the complex and funny relationship between a sister and her autistic brother.	x
610L	Stone Fox	Gardiner, John Reynolds	F	Based on a Rocky Mtn legend, the story tells of a young boy who competes in a dog sled race to raise money to save his grandfather's farm.	
920L	Blue Willow	Gates, Doris	F	Set in the time of the Great Depression, a young girl and her family find a new home.	TG, x
590L	The Cell Phone Lot	Gorsuch, Greta	F	Story of a young woman who encounters difficulties in her first job, but finds new opportunities with the help of her father.	
780L	Coyote Under the Table	Hayes, Joe	F	Bilingual edition available. Filled with wonderful and funny folktales.	
High	Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	F	Set in Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl, a young girl and her father face difficult challenges after the mother leaves the family.	x
690L	Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes	Himler, Ronald	NF?	Following the drop of the atomic bomb, 12-year Sadako is sick with leukemia, when she hears that folding 1000 paper cranes will make her well. A true and powerful story.	x
750L	Breaking Through: A Migrant Child's Journey Through the Fields	Jimenez, Francisco	F	Sequel to <u>The Circuit</u> , Francisco Jimenez and his migrant family face poverty, long hours of labor, and prejudice, while retaining a strong love of family.	x
860L	The Circuit	Jimenez, Francisco	F	The first of a series of books telling the story of Francisco Jimenez and his migrant family in the United States.	x
910L	Reaching Out	Jimenez, Francisco	F	The third volume of <u>The Circuit</u> series, Francisco describes his life in college and the many stresses faced by his immigrant family.	
1060L	Taking Hold	Jimenez, Francisco	F	Fourth book in the <u>Circuit</u> series, Francisco leaves CA to attend Columbia University. Book continues his family's story.	
670L	Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	F	Set in 1943 Copenhagen, a teenager shows courage in helping to save her Jewish friend.	TG
550L	Grandfather's Dance	MacLachlan, Patricia	F	Fourth book in Newberry Medal winning <u>Sarah Plain and Tall</u> series, focuses on the family's relationship with the grandfather.	x
570L	Caleb's Story	MacLachlan, Patricia	F	Third book in Newberry Medal-winning <u>Sarah, Plain and Tall</u> series, Caleb begins to journal about his growing family on the prairie.	x
620L	Skylark	MacLachlan, Patricia	F	Second book in <u>Sarah, Plain and Tall</u> series shares the family's challenges of living on the prairie.	x

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660L	Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia	F	Newberry Award-winning book, set in the 19th century about a woman who comes to help a widower and his family living on the prairie. First in a series of books.	x
750L	Who was Harriet Tubman?	McDonough, Yona Zeldis	B	Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and was a leader of the the Underground Railroad. A powerful story.	x
High	Escape from Vietnam, Van's Story	Ngo, Mabel	NF	Written by an adult learner, the book describes the real-life experience of a Vietnamese family who moved to Southern California after the Vietnam War.	
720L	A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story	Park, Linda Sue	F	Compelling stories of one of the "lost boys" of Sudan and a young Sudanese girl who fetches water for her family.	x
830L	My Brigadista Year	Paterson, Katherine	F	Historical fiction about a 13-year old Cuban volunteer who taught literacy to Cubans living in remote areas of Cuba.	
660L	Junkyard Wonders	Polacco, Patricia	F	Great book about a young girl who learns that the special class she attends at her new school is filled with wonderful "misfits."	
920L	Peace and Bread, The Story of Jane Addams	Sammartino McPherson, Stephanie	NF	Insightful biographies of people who have overcome adversity.	
970L	Who Was Clara Barton?	Spinner, Stephanie	B	"Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War, nurse Clara Barton founded the Red Cross.	x
700L	Who Is Sonia Sotomayor?	Stein, Megan	B	The story of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.	x
570L	Who was Helen Keller?	Thompson, Gare	B	Though she became blind and deaf at the age of 2, Helen Keller led a remarkable life with the help of her teacher Annie Sullivan. An inspiring story.	x
1030L	Two Old Women	Wallis, Velma	F	Award-winning story based on an indigenous fable about two old women, who are abandoned by their tribe, but find ways to survive.	x
930L	Other Words for Home	Warga, Jasmine	F	Newberry Award-winning book written in verse about a Syrian immigrant and her mother who move to the U.S. to escape the Syrian war.	x
580L	The Boxcar Children (#1)	Warner, Gertrude Chandler	M	Beginning of a series of books about the adventures of 4 orphaned siblings and their adventures in solving mysteries.	
680L	Charlotte's Web	White, E.B.	F	Classic, award-winning story, describing the love between Charlotte, a spider, and a pig named Wilbur. Themes will touch all ages.	TG, x

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750L	Trumpet of the Swan	White, E.B.	F	Award-winning classic of a swan who has lost his voice. In order to win love, he learns to read & write, and play a trumpet. A must-read!
530L	A Chair for My Mother	Williams, Vera B	F	Caldecott Honor Book: A tender story about a family who saves to buy a chair after their home is destroyed by a fire.

* Lexile Level (L) is a numeric indicator of a person's reading level that can be used to find books at the appropriate level for a learner.

books with easier readability - 300-600 L

books with mid-level readability, 500-800 L

books that are more difficult to read, over 700 L

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F	Fiction
NF	Non Fiction
M	Mystery
B	Biography

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