

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

**Work
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Lexile*	Book Name	Author	Type	Short Description	
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.	
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
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
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.	
590L	Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	F	A young immigrant from Russia teaches her classmates about freedom and the immigrant experience.	x
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
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.	
610L	The Courage of Sarah Noble	Dalgliesh, 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
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.	
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
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."	
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.	
670L	Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	F	Set in 1943 Copenhagen, a teenager shows courage in helping to save her Jewish friend.	TG
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
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
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
700L	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo, Kate	F	Edward Tulane, a china rabbit, goes on remarkable journeys.	
700L	Who Is Sonia Sotomayor?	Stein, Megan	B	The story of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.	x
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!	
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
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
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
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

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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!	
780L	Coyote Under the Table	Hayes, Joe	F	Bilingual edition available. Filled with wonderful and funny folktales.	
830L	Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Morrie Albom	NF	Conversations between a former student and his professor about life's biggest questions.	
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.	
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
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
900L	Toast	Foos, Laurie	F	Story about the complex and funny relationship between a sister and her autistic brother.	x
910L	Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary, Beverly	F	Award-winning book that tells the story through letters between a troubled 12-year-old boy and an author.	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.	
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
920L	Peace and Bread, The Story of Jane Addams	Sammartino McPherson, Stephanie	NF	Insightful biographies of people who have overcome adversity.	
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
970L	Who Was Clara Barton?	Spinner, Stephanie	B	"Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War, nurse Clara Barton founded the Red Cross.	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
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.	

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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.	
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
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.	

* 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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