

Books for 1st and 2nd Graders

Inside is a collection of titles that welcome beginning readers to the wonderful world of books. They are appropriate in readability and concept for first and second graders, although some titles are more challenging than others. Many of the books are part of a series or are written by an author who has created additional titles of note.

We have included corresponding Lexile scores when available. A Lexile score refers to an individual's reading ability or the difficulty of a written text. Visit www.lexile.com for more information. This list also includes Spanish titles when available.

Most libraries in Washington County have a special area devoted to the beginning reader. Don't hesitate to ask your librarian for more help.



Washington County Cooperative Library Services

Banks Public Library

111 Market Street, 97106..... 503-324-1382

Beaverton City Library

12375 SW Fifth Street, 97005 503-644-2197

Beaverton City Library - Murray Scholls

11200 SW Murray Scholls Place, 97007 503-644-2197

Cedar Mill Community Library

12505 NW Cornell Road, Portland, 97229 503-644-0043

Cedar Mill Community Library @ Bethany

15325 NW Central Drive, Portland, 97229 503-617-7323

Cornelius Public Library

1355 N Barlow Street, 97113..... 503-357-4093

Forest Grove City Library

2114 Pacific Avenue, 97116 503-992-3247

Garden Home Community Library

7475 SW Oleson Road, 97223..... 503-245-9932

Hillsboro - Main Library

2850 NE Brookwood Parkway, 97124 503-615-6500

Hillsboro - Shute Park Branch

775 SE Tenth Avenue, 97123 503-615-6500

North Plains Public Library

31334 NW Commercial Street, 97133..... 503-647-5051

Sherwood Public Library

22560 SW Pine Street, 97140 503-625-6688

Tigard Public Library

13500 SW Hall Boulevard, 97223 503-684-6537

Tualatin Public Library

18878 SW Martinazzi Avenue, 97062..... 503-691-3074

West Slope Community Library

3678 SW 78th Avenue, Portland, 97225..... 503-292-6416

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Fiction

Adler, David A.

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (420L)

Jennifer “Cam” Jansen, nicknamed for her photographic memory, puts her detective skills to use when a jewelry store is robbed

Arnold, Ted

Hi, Fly Guy!

Buzz shows his parents and the judges of The Amazing Pet Show that his pet fly, Fly Guy, is something special.

Blume, Judy

Freckle Juice (370L)

Jugo de pecas (500L)

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon’s freckle recipe for 50 cents.

Brown, Jeff

Flat Stanley (550L)

Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find himself flattened by a bulletin board. Being half-an-inch thick doesn’t stop Flat Stanley from getting into some wild adventures.

Cushman, Doug

Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Haunted House

Skeleton newspaper reporter Dirk Bones investigates a hilarious haunted house.

DiCamillo, Kate

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (390L)

Mr. Watson’s naughty pig Mercy finally gets her chance to drive the car in this hair-raising, side-splitting adventure.

Eastman, P.D.

Go, Dog, Go! (BR)

Corre, perro, corre!

Big dogs, little dogs, and dogs of every color work, play and go, go, go in this beginning reader classic.

Grant, Judyann Ackerman

Chicken Said, “Cluck!” (70L)

Chicken wants to help plant the pumpkin patch, but she keeps getting in the way...until her true talent shines in an hour of need.

Henkes, Kevin

Chrysanthemum (460L)

Crisantemo

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts school and finds herself surrounded by children with short names.

Hoban, Russell

Bread and Jam for Frances (490L)

Pan y mermelada para Francisca

Frances likes to eat bread and jam. In fact, it’s the only thing she likes to eat. Now her parents are going to grant her wish and serve nothing else.

Hoff, Syd

Danny and the Dinosaur (200L), **Danielito y el dinosaurio**

Danny visits the museum and heads straight for the dinosaur section.

When he discovers a living dinosaur, Danny and the dinosaur embark on a series of adventures.

Jenkins, Steve

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? (620L)

¿Qué harías con una cola como ésta?

Explore the amazing world of animals. Mouths, tails, ears, noses, and eyes come in all shapes and sizes in this delightful science book

Kvasnosky, Laura

Zelda and Ivy: the Runaways (380L)

Cucumber sandwiches, again!? That’s it! The fox sisters are running away from home. Three spirited stories of sisters Zelda and Ivy.

Lobel, Arnold

Frog & Toad are Friends (400L)

Sapo y Sepo son amigos (310L)

Five tales recount the adventures of Frog and Toad, two best friends.

McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody (530L)

Also Available in Spanish / Disponible también en español. Not only is Judy moody, she’s also starting the third grade with nothing to show for her summer except for a homemade shirt declaring “I Ate a Shark.”

Osborne, Mary Pope

Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark (240L)

Dinosaurios al atardecer

A treehouse packed with magical books sends Jack and Annie racing through time to a prehistoric world of dinosaurs and danger.

Parish, Peggy

Amelia Bedelia (140L)

Also Available in Spanish / Disponible también en español. Silly housekeeper Amelia Bedelia works extra hard to follow her employers demands to the letter of the word. The results are hilarious.

Rylant, Cynthia

Henry and Mudge: The First Book (420L)

Also Available in Spanish / Disponible también en español. Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea (540L)

Tired of being alone, elderly Mr. Putter decides a cat will keep him company. He finds an old yellow cat named Tabby who needs a friend, too.

Poppleton (370L)

Fresh from the city, Poppleton the pig adjusts to small-town life, makes friends and finds comfort in his surroundings.

Schwartz, Alvin

In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories (430L)

Seven chilling tales to read in a dark, dark room. Scares galore!

Scieszka, John

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (570L)

¡La verdadera historia de los tres cerditos! (400L)

Alexander T. Wolf has been framed! Hear the other side of a familiar story, all about a wolf that just wanted to borrow a cup of sugar.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

One Boy

A boy explores clever word play and spelling patterns as he creates a series of paintings.

Silverman, Erica

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa (400L)

A cowgirl and her horse share a series of delightful adventures.

Willems, Mo

Elephant and Piggie: There is a Bird on Your Head

Birds have roosted on Elephant’s head. Always upbeat, Piggie comes to the rescue!

Nonfiction

Cole, Joanna

Hungry, Hungry Sharks (410L)

An informative and engaging look at everybody’s favorite monsters of the sea, sharks!

Floca, Brian

Lightship (600L)

Tour a floating lighthouse. The lightship *Ambrose* lies at anchor, warning ships of impending danger.

Schwartz, David

How Much is a Million? (760L)

¿Cuánto es un millón?

A million is a huge number. A billion is bigger. A trillion even bigger still. Readers can try to imagine exactly how big these numbers are in this entertaining book.

Ziefert, Harriet

You Can’t Taste a Pickle with Your Ear

This silly look at the five senses makes learning science fun.

