

**Fourth Grade Reading List 2020**  
**Akron-Summit County Public Library**

**Fiction:**

Alexander, Kwame. **Booked**, 2016. JFIC Lexile 660 AR BL 3.9

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Applegate, Katherine. **Crenshaw**, 2015. JFIC Lexile 540 AR BL 3.8

A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.

Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**, 1972. JFIC Lexile 470 AR BL 3.3

Fourth-grader Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Clements, Andrew. **The Report Card**, 2004. JFIC Lexile 700 AR BL 4.9

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War**, 2007. JFIC Lexile 630 AR BL 4.1

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

Grimes, Nikki. **Words with Wings**, 2013. JFIC Lexile 850 AR BL 4.3

Gabby daydreams to tune out her parents' arguments, but when her parents divorce and she begins a new school, daydreaming gets her into trouble. Her mother scolds her for it, her teacher keeps telling her to pay attention, and the other kids tease her...until she finds a friend who also daydreams and her teacher decides to work a daydreaming-writing session into every school day.

Hatke, Ben. **Zita the Spacegirl, Book 1. Far from Home**, 2010. JGN Lexile 310 BL 2.5 Interest ages 9-12

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree**, 2015. JFIC Lexile 550 AR BL 3.7

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl**, 2015. JGN Lexile 440 BL 3.2

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Kim, Jessica. **Stand Up, Yumi Chung**, 2020. JFIC no level yet

When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.

Knisley, Lucy. **Stepping Stones**, 2020. JGN No level yet

Jen moves out to the country and has to put up with her mom and her mom's new boyfriend, as well as his kids. Suddenly part of a larger family in a new place, Jen isn't sure there is a place for her in this different world.

Mass, Wendy. **Bob**, 2018. JFIC Lexile 590 AR BL 3.9

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

Medina, Meg. **Merci Suarez Changes Gears**, 2018. JFIC/Newbery Lexile 700 AR BL 4.6

Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Shiloh**, 1991. JFIC/Newbery Lexile 890 AR BL 4.4

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

O'Neill, Katie. **Princess Princess Ever After**, 2016. JGN Lexile 530 AR BL 2.5 Interest Level 9-12

When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, the two band together to defeat a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie.

Watson, Tom. **Stick Dog**, 2013. Lexile 710 AR BL 4.5

Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

Yang, Kelly. **Front Desk**, 2018. JFIC Lexile 640 AR BL 4.5

It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

### **Non-Fiction:**

Hood, Susan. **Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay**, 2016. JNF 784.206 H777a

A town built on a landfill. A community in need of hope. A girl with a dream. A man with a vision. An ingenious idea.

Medina, Tony & 13 Artists. **Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy**, 2018. JNF 811 M491t

Thirteen short poems, each illustrated by a different Black illustrator.

Silverstein, Shel. **Where the Sidewalk Ends**, 1974. JNF 811 Si39w or JNF 811.54 Si587w

This is the first of Shel Silverstein's acclaimed collections of humorous poems and illustrations, featuring such characters as a boy who turns into a television, and a girl who eats a whale.

Sidman, Joyce. **The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science**, 2018. JBIO

Born in 1647, Maria Merian was one of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, and also one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly. In this visual biography, richly illustrated throughout with full-color paintings by Merian herself, author Joyce Sidman paints her own picture of a woman who flouted convention in the pursuit of knowledge and her passion for insects.