

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom

Lynda Blackmon Lowery

J 323.119 LOW

AR 5.1 | LEXILE 780

Lynda Blackmon Lowery, civil rights activist and the youngest person on the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, shares her story. The coauthors are Elspeth Leacock and Susan Buckley.



Rain Reign

Ann. M. Martin

J FIC MAR, AUDIO MAR

AR 4.3 | LEXILE 720

Struggling with OCD and Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares an inseparable bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, she is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels.



Echo

Pam Muñoz Ryan

J FIC MUN, AUDIO RYA

AR 4.9 | LEXILE 680

Decades after a boy is entwined in a prophecy-based quest involving three mysterious sisters and a harmonica, three individuals from different areas of the world confront daunting challenges while in possession of the same harmonica.

Check out our catalog online to see if your book is available!

byron.lib.il.us



The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

Steve Sheinkin

J 940.54 SHE, AUDIO 940.54 SHE

AR 6.7 | LEXILE 950

In July 1944, an explosion at a California navy base killed hundreds of sailors loading munitions. Fifty black seamen, refusing to resume work in unsafe conditions, were charged with mutiny.



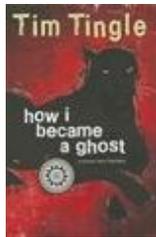
The Screaming Staircase

Jonathan Stroud

Y FIC STR, AUDIO STR

AR 5.1 | LEXILE 720

Three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.



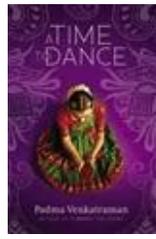
How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story

Tim Tingle

J FIC TIN

AR 3.6 | LEXILE 480

A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost.



A Time to Dance

Padma Venkatraman

Y FIC VEN

AR 4.8 | LEXILE 720

This novel in verse tells the story of a girl in India, who excels at Bharatanatyam dance and refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.



Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Booklist 2017 Nominees Grades 4-8



The Crossover

Kwame Alexander

J FIC ALE, AUDIO ALE

AR 4.3 | LEXILE 660

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



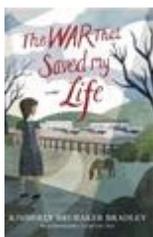
The Night Gardener

Jonathan Auxier

J FIC AUX

AR 4.9 | LEXILE 690

Irish orphans Molly, age fourteen, and Kip, age ten, travel to England to work as servants in an old manor house, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.



The War that Saved My Life

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

J FIC BRA, AUDIO BRA

AR 4.1 | LEXILE 580

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



Stella by Starlight

Sharon Draper

J FIC DRA, AUDIO DRA

AR 4.8 | LEXILE 740

When the Ku Klux Klan's unwelcome reappearance rattles Stella's segregated southern town, bravery battles prejudice.



Nightbird

Alice Hoffman

J FIC HOF, AUDIO HOF

AR 5.4 | LEXILE 840

Living in a town where fairy tales are real and a monster is rumored to be hiding, young Twig witnesses astounding changes in her efforts to break a witch's curse on her family.



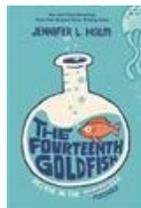
The Secret Hum of a Daisy

Tracy Holczer

J FIC HOL

AR 5.2 | LEXILE 820

After the sudden death of her mother, twelve-year-old Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she's never met. Then she discovers clues in a mysterious treasure hunt, one that will help her find her true home.



The Fourteenth Goldfish

Jennifer L. Holm

J FIC HOL, AUDIO HOL

AR 4.1 | LEXILE 550

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships when her grandfather moves in with Ellie and her mother.



Rhyme Schemer

K.A. Holt

J FIC HOL

AR 3.5 | LEXILE 520

This novel in verse follows Kevin's journey from bully to being bullied as he learns about friendship, family, and his talent for poetry.



The Great Trouble

Deborah Hopkinson

J FIC HOP, AUDIO HOP

AR 4.6 | LEXILE 660

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water and not poisonous air when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.



Fish in a Tree

Linda Mullaly Hunt

J FIC HUN, AUDIO HUN

AR 3.7 | LEXILE 550

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is dyslexic and doesn't know how to read. Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker, and with his help, Ally learns she has nothing to be ashamed of.



The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim

E.K. Johnston

Y FIC JOH

AR 6.6 | LEXILE 1020

In an alternate world in which industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer being trained by his famous father and aunt, and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their small town in Canada.



Masterminds

Gordon Korman

J FIC KOR, AUDIO KOR

AR 5.2 | LEXILE 730

In the too-perfect setting of Serenity, New Mexico, Eli Frieden and twenty-nine other kids discover they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.



The Paper Cowboy

Kristin Levine

J FIC LEV, AUDIO LEV

AR 4.1 | LEXILE 600

In a small town near Chicago in 1953, 12-year-old Tommy faces escalating problems at home, but taking over his hospitalized sister's paper route introduces him to neighbors he comes to rely on for help.

100 S. Washington Street
www.byron.lib.il.us
815-234-5107