

# Lacey Branch

## Ocean County Library

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### Great Reads!

#### Entering Grade 1

##### Read to Child

Any beginning reader or picture book. Below are some suggestions:

Alexie, Sherman. *Thunder Boy, Jr.*  
Blackall, Sophie. *Hello Lighthouse*  
Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
Daywalt, Drew. *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*  
Martin, Bill. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*  
Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo*  
de la Pena, Matt. *Carmela Full of Wishes*  
Feiffer, Jules. *Bark, George*  
Gravett, Emily. *Bear and Hare Go Fishing*  
Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Big Day*  
Litwin, Eric or Dean, James. *Pete the Cat* series  
London, Jonathan. *Froggy Goes to Grandma's*  
Mora, Oge. *Thank You, Omu!*  
Nelson, Kadir. *If You Plant a Seed*  
Santat, Dan. *The Adventures of Beekle*  
Shannon, David. *Duck on a Bike*  
Thomas, Jan. *Is That Wise, Pig?*  
Watt, Melanie. *Scaredy Squirrel*  
Wheeler, Lisa. *Dino-Wrestling*  
Willems, Mo. *The Pigeon Needs a Bath*  
Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?*

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#### Guided or Independent Reading

Arnold, Tedd. *Fly Guy* (any in series) **170L-470L**

*Beginner Book Series* (any book in the series) Example authors: Dr. Seuss, Eastman, Berenstain

Capucilli, Alyssa. *Biscuit Goes Camping* **230L** (any in series)

Danzinger, Paula. *A is for Amber Brown* (any in series) **230L - 440L**

Dorling Kindersley (DK) Readers Level 1 (any in series)

Dunrea, Olivier. *Gideon & Otto* **280L** (or other beginning readers by this author)

Keller, Laurie. *We Are Growing* **270L**

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year* **300L** (any in series)

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Little Ducks Go* **170L** (or any book in the "I Like to Read" Series)

Milgrim, David. *See Otto* **150L** (any in series)

*National Geographic Kids* (any book in the Level 1 series)

*National Geographic Readers* (any book in the Level 1 series)

O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy Sees Stars* **270L** (any in series)

Pilkey, Dav. *Big Dog and Little Dog* (any in series) **BR - 350L**

Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppy Mudge* **130L – 220L** (any in series)

Scieszka, Jon. *Zoom! Boom! Bully* **260L** (or any other book in the "Trucktown" series)

Willems, Mo. *Elephant and Piggie* (any in series) **BR - 240L**

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## Great Reads!

### Entering Grade 2

Adler, David. *Young Cam Jansen* (any in series) **330L - 540L**

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen* (any in series) **360L - 640L**

Arnold, Tedd. *Fly Guy* (any in the series) **280L - 420L**

*Beginner Book Series* (any book in the series) Example authors: Dr. Seuss, Eastman, Berenstain

Birney, Betty G. *Humphrey's Tiny Tales* (any in series) **490L - 520L**

Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice* **400L**

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson* (any in series) **380L - 450L**

Dicamillo, Kate. *Bink & Gollie* (any in series) **270L - 420L**

Hale, Shannon. *The Princess in Black* (any in series) **340L - 430L**

Holm, Jennifer. *Babymouse* (any in series) **GN220L - GN500L**

Holm, Jennifer. *Squish* (any in series) **GN230L - GN520L**

Hopper, Ada. *The Data Set* (any in series) **520L - 560L**

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry* (any in series) **410L - 540L**

Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box: a true story from the Underground Railroad* **AD490L**

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year* **300L** (any in series)

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody and Friends* (any in series) **390L - 520L**

*National Geographic Kids* (any in the Level 1 or 2 series)

*National Geographic Readers* (any in the Level 1 or 2 series) **200L - 650L**

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Tree House* (any in series) **230L - 750L**

Osborne, Mary Pope or Osborne, Will. *Magic Tree House Research Guide* (any in series) **590 - 750L**

Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones* (any in series) **310L - 420L**

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge* (any in series) **310L - 520L**

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. *Nate the Great* (any in series) **110L - 510L**

Sherry, Kevin. *The Yeti Files* (any in series) **350L - 370L**

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## Great Reads!

### Entering Grade 3

*39 Clues* (any in series) **550L - 700L**

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen* (any in series) **360L – 640L**

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *The Buddy Files* (any in series) **450L - 500L**

Chabert, Jack. *Eerie Elementary* (any in series) **470L – 610L**

Cronin, Doreen. *The Chicken Squad* (any in series) **420L - 520L**

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson* (any in series) **380L – 450L**

Friedman, Laurie B. *Mallory on the Move* (or others in series) **550L - 740L**

Gutman, Dan. *My Weird School* or *My Weird School Daze* (any in series) **510L - 770L**

Hale, Bruce. *Chet Gecko* (any in series) **410L - 580L**

Holm, Jennifer. *Babymouse* (any in series) **GN220L - GN500L**

Holm, Jennifer. *Squish* (any in series) **GN230L – GN520L**

Hopper, Ada. *The Data Set* (any in series) **520L – 560L**

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry* (any in series) **410L - 540L**

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* **560L**

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody* (any in series) **390L - 590L**

Meadows, Daisy. *Rainbow Magic* (any in series) **500L - 760L**

*National Geographic Kids* (any book in the Level 2 or 3 series)

*National Geographic Readers* (any book in the Level 2 or 3 series) **200L - 650L**

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Tree House* (any in series) **230L - 750L**

Osborne, Mary Pope or Osborne, Will. *Magic Tree House Research Guide* (any in series) **550L - 840L**

Scieszka, Jon. *Time Warp Trio* (any in series) **530L - 700L**

Stilton, Geronimo. *Geronimo Stilton* (any in series) **450L - 810L**

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *The Boxcar Children* (any in series) **510L - 640L**

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**Great Reads!**

**Entering Grade 4**

*39 Clues* (any in series) **550L - 700L**

Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* **760L** (any in series)

Appelt, Kathi. *The One and Only Ivan* **570L**

Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* **470L**

Brown, Jeff, Greenhut, Josh or Pennypacker, Sara. *Flat Stanley* (any in series)  
**580L - 700L**

Clements, Andrew. *The Loser's Club* **860L**

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora and Ulysses* **520L**

*DK Adventures* (any in series) Example: *Terror of the Deep* **900L**

Gutman, Dan. *My Weird School, My Weird School Daze* (any in series) **470L - 770L**

Holub, Joan. *Heroes in Training* (any in series) **550L – 660L**

Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (any book in the series) **910L - 1060L**

Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* **700L**

L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time* **740L**

Meadows, Daisy. *Rainbow Magic* (any in series) **500L - 760L**

*National Geographic Kids* (any in the level 2 or 3 series)

*National Geographic Readers* (any in the Level 2 or 3 series) **200L - 650L**

Phelan, Matt. *Knights vs. Dinosaurs* **610L**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Bird in a Box* **670L**

Scieszka, Jon. *Guys Read: Terrifying Tales* **660L** or *Guys Read: Funny Business* **840L**

Scieszka, Jon. *Time Warp Trio* (any in series) **530L - 690L**

Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* **820L** or *Wonderstruck* **830L**

Stilton, Geronimo. *Geronimo Stilton* (any in series) **450L - 810L**

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived* (any in series) **590L – 970L**

*Who was...? Who is...? What is...?* (any in series) **510L – 920L**

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**Entering Grade 5**

- Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* (any in series) **760L**  
Appelt, Kathi. *The One and Only Ivan* **570L**  
Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* **740L**  
Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks* (any in series) **800L - 940L**  
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy* **950L**  
DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie* **610L**  
*DK Adventures* (any in series) Example: *Terror of the Deep* **900L**  
Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure* (any in series) **500L - 680L**, *Genius Files*  
(any in series) **720L - 730L**  
Johnson, Varian. *The Parker Inheritance* **610L**  
Kinney, Jeff: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (any in series) **950L - 1060L**  
Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* **700L**, *The View  
from Saturday* **870L**  
Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out & Back Again* **800L**  
Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia* (any in series) **790L - 70L**  
Lowry, Lois. *The Giver trilogy* (any in series) **680 - 760L**, *Gossamer* **660L**,  
*Number the Stars* **670L**  
Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* **580L**  
Medina, Meg. *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* **700L**  
Park, Linda Sue. *A Long Walk to Water* **720L**  
Phelan, Matt. *Knights vs. Dinosaurs* **610L**  
Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Echo* **680L**  
Scieszka, Jon. *Guys Read: Terrifying Tales* **660L** or *Guys Read: Funny Business* **840L**  
Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* **820L** or *Wonderstruck* **830L**,  
Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived* (any in series) **590L – 970L**  
*Who was...? Who is...? What is...?* (any in series) **510L – 920L**

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**Entering Grade 6**

Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* **740L**

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks* (any in series) **800L - 940L**

Buckley, Michael. *NERDS* (any in series) **720L – 740L**

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts* **600L**

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy* **950L**

*DK Adventures* (any in series) Example: *Terror of the Deep* **900L**

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure* (any in series) **500L - 680L**, *Genius Files*  
(any in series) **720L - 730L**

Johnson, Varian. *The Parker Inheritance* **610L**

Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (any in the series) **950L - 1060L**

Konigsburg, E.L. *The View from Saturday* **870L**

Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out & Back Again* **800L**

Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia* (any in series) **790L - 970L**

Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* **580L**

Medina, Meg. *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* **700L**

Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: the Story of America and African Americans* **1050L**

Park, Linda Sue. *A Long Walk to Water* **720L**

Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost* **730L**

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Echo* **680L**

Scieszka, Jon. *Guys Read: Thriller* **760L** or *Guys Read: Funny Business* **840L**

Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* **820L** or *Wonderstruck* **830L**

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. *Short* **810L**

Tashjian, Janet: *My Life as a Book* **880L** or *My Life as a Gamer* **850L**

*Who was...? Who is...? What is...?* (any in series) **510L – 920L**

Wolk, Lauren. *Wolf Hollow* **800L**