



Figurative Language

Alliteration: The repetition of the same initial letter, sound, or group of sounds in a series of words.

Onomatopoeia: The use of a word to describe or imitate a natural sound or the sound made by an object or an action.

Sequencing: The identification of the components of a story, such as the beginning, middle, and end.

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Lexile Score	Title Information	Call Number
ALLITERATION		
N/A	Base, Graeme. <i>Animalia</i> . New York: H.N. Abrams, 1987. An alphabet book with fantastic and detailed pictures, bearing such labels as "Lazy lions lounging in the local library."	E B291A
N/A	Billingsley, Franny. <i>Big Bad Bunny</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2008. When Baby Boo-Boo, a mouse dressed in a bunny suit, becomes lost in the forest, his mother follows the sound of his cries to locate him.	E B4965B

530L	Bottner, Barbara. <i>Bootsie Barker Bites</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1992.	E B659B
	Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.	
AD430L	Breen, Steve. <i>Woodpecker Wants a Waffle</i> . New York: Harper, 2016.	E B7457W
	Benny the woodpecker makes a brilliant plan to eat a tasty plate of waffles.	
280L	Cronin, Doreen. <i>Click, Clack Quackity-Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.	E C8816CQ
	An assortment of animals gathers for a picnic.	
AD550L	Edwards, Pamela Duncan. <i>Clara Caterpillar</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2001.	E ED977C
	By camouflaging herself, Clara Caterpillar, who becomes a cream-colored butterfly, courageously saves Catisha the crimson-colored butterfly from a hungry crow.	
NP	Fleming, Denise. <i>In the Small, Small Pond</i> . New York: H. Holt, 1993.	E F62927IS
	Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.	
AD480L	Henkes, Kevin. <i>Wemberly Worried</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2000.	E H3893WEM
	A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.	
AD630L	Jeffers, Oliver. <i>Once Upon an Alphabet</i> . New York: Philomel, 2014.	E J3555O
	From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a Bridge that ends up burned between friends, to a Cup stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet.	
N/A	Kellogg, Steven. <i>Chicken Little</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1985.	E K294CH
	Chicken Little and his feathered friends, alarmed that the sky seems to be falling, are easy prey to hungry Foxy Loxy when he poses as a police officer in hopes of tricking them into his truck.	

N/A	Kontis, Alethea. <i>Alpha Oops: The Day Z Went First</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2006.	E K8374AL
	Chaos ensues when Z thinks that it's time for him to go first in the alphabet for a change.	
540L	Lobel, Anita. <i>Alison's Zinnia</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 1990.	E L78351A
	Alison acquired an amaryllis for Beryl who bought a begonia for Crystal--and so on through the alphabet, as full-page illustrations are presented of each flower.	
AD1240L	Mahy, Margaret. <i>Bubble Trouble</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2009.	E M279BUB
	Mabel blows a bubble that captures Baby and wafts him away, resulting in a wild chase that involves the whole neighborhood.	
AD530L	Martin, Bill. <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1989.	E M3633CHB
	An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.	
NP	McLeod, Bob. <i>SuperHero ABC</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2006.	E M2251S
	Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.	
AD400L	McMullan, Kate. <i>I'm Dirty!</i> New York: Joanna Cotler Books, 2006.	E M22924IAD
	A busy backhoe loader describes all the items it hauls off a lot and all the fun it has getting dirty while doing so.	
AD530L	Martin, Bill. <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1989.	E M3633CHB
	An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.	
AD590L	Numeroff, Laura. <i>If You Give a Moose a Muffin</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 1991.	E N917IGMO
	Chaos can ensue if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.	

N/A	Parker, Sandy. <i>What Month is it?</i> Coralville, IA: Just Think Books, 2004.	E P2284W
	A young boy's year of traveling to cities in the United States introduces the months of the year, numbers from one to twelve, and the concept of alliteration.	
AD490L	Reynolds, Aaron. <i>Creepy Carrots</i> . Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012.	E R333C
	The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.	
300L	Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. <i>Walter Was Worried</i> . New Milford, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2005.	E SE326W
	Children's faces, depicted with letters of the alphabet, react to the onset of a storm and its aftermath in this picture book, accompanied by simple alliterative text.	
AD800L	Seuss, Dr. <i>The Butter Battle Book</i> . New York: Random House, 1984.	E SE811BU
	Engaged in a long-running battle, the Yooks and the Zooks develop more and more sophisticated weaponry as they attempt to outdo each other.	
420L	Stevens, Janet. <i>The Great Fuzz Frenzy</i> . Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2005.	E ST475G
	When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.	
N/A	Wheeler, Lisa. <i>Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2004.	E W565B
	After a variety of animals get stuck one by one in bubble gum melting in the road, they must survive encounters with a big blue truck and a burly black bear.	
AD680L	Wood, Audrey. <i>Silly Sally</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 1992.	E W85017SI
	A rhyming story of Silly Sally, who makes many friends as she travels to town-- backwards and upside down.	

ONOMATOPOEIA

- 500L Asher, Sandy. *Too Many Frogs!* New York: Philomel Books, 2005. E
AS353T
- Rabbit's comfortable nightly routine is disturbed by exuberant Froggie, who settles in for a snack and a story without being invited.
- AD250L Austin, Mike. *Fire Engine No. 9.* New York: Random House, 2015. E
AU772F
- Follows a fire engine and its crew through a very busy day, using mainly sound words.
- N/A Bluemle, Elizabeth. *Tap Tap Boom Boom.* Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. E
B62535T
- It's a mad dash for shelter as rain sweeps into an urban neighborhood. Where to go? The subway! It's the perfect place to wait out the wind and weather. Strangers share smiles and umbrellas and take delight in the experience of a city thunderstorm.
- AD230L Boynton, Sandra. *Moo, Baa, La La La!* New York: Little Simon, 2014. E
B711M
- Cows, sheep, pigs, and other animals make all kinds of different sounds, some of which are silly.
- AD470L Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type.* New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000. E
C8816CM
- When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.
- Fleming, Candace. *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002. E
F62921M
- After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.
- NP Fleming, Denise. *Barnyard Banter.* New York: Holt, 1994. E
F62927B
- All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.

NP	Fleming, Denise. <i>In the Tall, Tall Grass</i> . New York: H. Holt., 1991.	E F62927IT
	Rhymed text (crunch, munch, caterpillars lunch) presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime till nightfall, such as bees, ants, and moles.	
420L	Fore, S.J. <i>Tiger Can't Sleep</i> . New York: Viking, 2006.	E F76T
	A young boy is kept awake by the noisy, "talented" tiger in his closet that is busy dancing, eating, and making music.	
430L	Fox, Mem. <i>Night Noises</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 1989.	E F8328N
	As elderly Lily Laceby dozes by the fire, her dog, Butch Aggie, becomes alarmed by strange noises outside. Finally awakened by Butch Aggie's growls and barks, Lily finds a lovely surprise waiting for her.	
AD490L	Frazee, Marla. <i>Roller Coaster</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 2003.	E F8692R
	Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one who has never done so before.	
NP	Gibson, Amy. <i>Split, Splat</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2012.	E G3571S
	When a little girl ventures out into a spring rain with her dog, singing a simple, plain, pitter-patter rain song, her neighbors soon join her for some muddy-day fun.	
500L	Heo, Yumi. <i>One Afternoon</i> . New York: Orchard Books, 1994.	E H41O
	Minho and his mother have a busy afternoon doing errands in the neighborhood.	
520L	Hest, Amy. <i>Mr. George Baker</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007.	E H469MR
	Harry sits on the porch with Mr. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old but can still dance and play the drums, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.	
N/A	McMullan, Kate. <i>I'm Bad!</i> New York: Joanna Cotler Books, 2008.	E M22924IAB
	A hungry Tyrannosaurus rex searches for food in the prehistoric forest but is thwarted in its attempts to find something to eat.	

AD460L	Marsalis, Wynton. <i>Squeak! Rumble! Whomp! Whomp! Whomp! A Sonic Adventure</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2012.	E M353S
	Takes readers (and listeners) on a rollicking, clanging, clapping tour through the many sounds that fill a neighborhood.	
N/A	Novak, B.J. <i>The Book with No Pictures</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014.	E N8567B
	In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.	
630L	Polacco, Patricia. <i>Thunder Cake</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 1990.	E P7569THU
	A loud clap of thunder booms, and rattles the windows of Grandma's old farmhouse. "This is Thunder Cake baking weather," calls Grandma, as she and her granddaughter hurry to gather the ingredients around the farm. A real Thunder Cake must reach the oven before the storm arrives. But the list of ingredients is long and not easy to find . . . and the storm is coming closer all the time!	
280L	Rosen, Michael. <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> . New York: Little, Simon, 1997.	E R7227WE
	Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river, and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!	
AD580L	Serfozo, Mary. <i>Rain Talk</i> . New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1990.	E SE66R
	A child enjoys a glorious day in the rain, listening to the varied sounds it makes as it comes down.	
NP	Seuss, Dr. <i>Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?</i> New York: Random House, 1998.	E SE811MI
	Mr. Brown is a sound-making wonder! He can hoo hoo like an owl and buzz buzz like a bee. It is so much fun to make noises that you hear every day, like moo and tick-tock. But stranger sounds are fun to make, too . . . like the pip of a goldfish kiss and the grum grum of a hippo chewing gum.	
220L	Shaw, Nancy. <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1986.	E SH27SIJ
	When five foolish sheep cram into one jeep, their high spirits and occasional lack of foresight (like forgetting to steer) combine to make a riotous, if ill-fated, road trip. Plummeting over a hill, tumbling into a mud puddle, yelping for help, these muttonheads just can't get their act together.	

- 480L Showers, Paul. *The Listening Walk*. New York: Crowell, 1961. E
SH828L
- A wonderful world can emerge from a walk with your father down the street and through the park, or even if you quietly listen in your back yard. Life is interesting when anyone opens his ears to what is going on around him.
- AD710L Williams, Linda. *The Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything*. New York: HarperCollins, 1986. E
W6739L
- A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.
- SEQUENCING**
- N/A Ahlberg, Allan. *Previously*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007. E
AH465PR
- The adventures of various nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters are retold in backward sequence with each tale interrelated to the other.
- AD410L Beaumont, Karen. *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2005. E
B3838I
- In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.
- 270L Berenstain, Stan. *The Berenstain Bears and the Spooky Old Tree*. New York: Beginner Books, 2002. E
B4522BASP
- One by one, three brave little bears have second thoughts about exploring the interior of a spooky old tree.
- AD290L Blevins, Wiley. *The Not-So-Right Day*. South Egremont, MA: Red Chair Press, 2016. E
B6177N
- Milo likes to do things in the right order. His little brother Iggy has his own way of doing things. Children will see themselves in Milo or Iggy. And at the end of the day, either way is just fine. This book introduces young children to the basic concept of sequence.
- AD610L Brett, Jan. *The Umbrella*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. E
B7566U
- Carlos goes into the cloud forest to look for animals, but he manages to miss seeing them even though they have an adventure with his umbrella.

- 330L Carle, Eric. *The Very Busy Spider*. New York: Philomel Books, 1985. E
C192VB
- The farm animals try to divert a busy little spider from spinning her web, but she persists and produces a thing of both beauty and usefulness.
- 20L Cole, Henry. *Jack's Garden*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1995. E
C6747J
- Cumulative text and illustrations depict what happens in Jack's garden after he plants his seeds.
- AD520L D'Amico, Carmela. *Ella Takes the Cake*. New York: A.A. Levine Books, 2005. E
D184ELTA
- Ella the elephant wants to help in her mother's bakery, but will the job she takes on prove to be more than she can handle?
- AD600L Donaldson, Julia. *Room on the Broom*. New York: Puffin Books, 2003. E
D7148RO
- The witch and her cat couldn't be happier, flying through the sky on their broomstick -- until the witch drops her hat, then her bow, then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items and all they want in return is a ride on the broomstick. But is there room on the broom for so many new friends?
- 240L Eastman, P.D. *Are You My Mother?* New York: Beginner Books, 1988. E
EA792A
- When a baby bird hatches while his mother is out searching for food, he leaves the nest for a series of adventures to try to determine his mother's identity.
- AD640L Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Stella Louella's Runaway Book*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998. E
ER66ST
- As she tries to find the book that she must return to the library that day, Stella gathers a growing group of people who have all enjoyed reading the book.
- AD270L Falconer, Ian. *Olivia*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2000. E
F182O
- Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.
- AD930L Flaherty, Alice. *The Luck of the Loch Ness Monster: A Tale of Picky Eating*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007. E
F597L
- A young American girl's picky eating habits transform a small worm into the famous Loch Ness monster.

AD410L	Fleming, Denise. <i>Time to Sleep</i> . Glenview, IL: Scott Foresman, 2000.	E F62927T
	When Bear notices that winter is nearly here he hurries to tell Snail, after which each animal tells another until finally the already sleeping Bear is awakened in his den with the news.	
AD480L	Henkes, Kevin. <i>Wemberly Worried</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2000.	E H3893WEM
	A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.	
N/A	Hoberman, Mary Ann. <i>I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> . New York: Little, Brown, 2003.	E H6531I
	A cumulative folk song in which the solution proves worse than the predicament when an old lady swallows a fly.	
340L	Hutchins, Pat. <i>The Doorbell Rang</i> . New York: Mulberry Books, 1986.	E H9708DOO
	Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.	
230L	Klassen, Jon. <i>I Want My Hat Back</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011.	E K6665I
	A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.	
N/A	McGuire, Richard. <i>Night Becomes Day</i> . New York: Viking, 1994.	E M1798N
	The progress of time is illustrated by a sequence of objects and themes, including stream/river/ocean and street/highway/bridge.	
AD200L	Martin, Bill. <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1983.	E M3633BR
	A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck--all parade across the pages of this delightful book.	
AD410L	Numeroff, Laura. <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> . New York: Harper & Row, 1985.	E N917IGMU
	Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.	

N/A	Rylant, Cynthia. <i>All in a Day</i> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2009.	E R983AI
	Illustrations and rhyming text pay homage to a new day, with promises for the future in its "perfect piece of time."	
550L	Shannon, David. <i>The Rain Came Down</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 2000.	E SH191R
	An unexpected rain shower causes quarreling among the members of a small community.	
N/A	Singer, Marilyn. <i>Quiet Night</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2002.	E SI644Q
	One frog, two owls, three geese are joined by increasingly larger numbers of different animals that keep ten campers from falling asleep in their tent.	
330L	Taback, Simon. <i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i> . New York: Viking, 1999.	E T111J
	Joseph had a little overcoat, but it was full of holes. When Joseph's coat got too old and shabby, he made it into a jacket. But what did he make it into after that? And after that?	
NP	Wood, Audrey. <i>The Napping House</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 1996.	E W85017N.A
	In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.	
440L	Young, Cybèle. <i>Ten Birds</i> . Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2011.	E Y846T
	Ten birds are trying to figure out how to get to the other side of the river. Will the simplest solution be the best?	

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