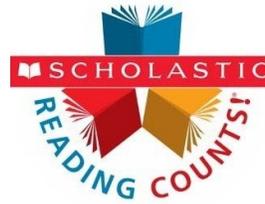


Scholastic READING COUNTS Information



Every school in the Vigo County School Corporation owns quizzes for hundreds of books! Many of the books are labeled in the school media centers. You may search your school's library catalog for Reading Counts information at <http://follett1.vigoco.k12.in.us>.

You may also find titles of books that have quizzes and how many points they are worth on the Reading Counts website at src.scholastic.com/ecatalog. Then you can check with your media specialist to see if he or she has the quiz or can get it for you.

How to navigate the Scholastic Reading Counts website at src.scholastic.com/ecatalog:

1. In the "Quick Find by" search box at the top, you can choose to search by title, author, or keyword. Type in what you want and click on "Submit."
2. Click on the title to get specific information about reading level, Lexile level, and the number of points a quiz is worth.
3. You can also create a list of books on your child's reading or Lexile level, or favorite subject. Click on "Browse the e-catalog" and check the criteria you want to search.
4. If you want to check VCPL's catalog to see if we own a book and if it is available, open a second window and go to our website at www.vigo.lib.in.us and look up the title. If we own the book, you may put a hold on it from your computer, or give us a call.

What is a Lexile[®] Measure?



Has your child brought home a paper from school giving his or her "Lexile level" and a list of books they should read? Just what IS this "Lexile level" and should your child read only these books?

There are two separate Lexile measures. The READER measure indicates a student's reading ability and the TEXT measure indicates the difficulty of written material.

After students take the Scholastic Reading Inventory test (SRI) at school, they are given their Lexile reader measure and a list of books that fall within their Lexile range. The books on this list are good starting points, but are not the only books appropriate for your child. It is not necessary to focus on the exact Lexile measure because a person's actual Lexile range extends from 100L below to 50L above his or her Lexile measure.

MetaMetrics, an educational measurement and research organization, analyzes books and other written material such as electronic encyclopedia articles and determines their Lexile text measure. For example, a book that measures 880L is called an 880 Lexile book. The Lexile text measure is based on word frequency and sentence length, while content is not considered.

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For more information on Reading Counts and Lexile levels,
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