




EMERGENT READER

Book Label	Approximate Grade	GRL (Guided Reading Level)	IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment)	AR (Accelerated Readers)	
EMERGENT READER LEVEL A	Kindergarten	A	1-3Y	0.1-1.5	
EMERGENT READER LEVEL B		B			
EMERGENT READER LEVEL C		C	1G		
EMERGENT READER LEVEL D		D			
EMERGENT READER LEVEL E	1 st	E	2G		1.6-3.3
EMERGENT READER LEVEL F		F			

EARLY READER

Book Label	Approximate Grade	GRL (Guided Reading Level)	IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment)	AR (Accelerated Readers)
  	1 st	E	2G	1.6-3.3
		F		
		G	1B	
		H		
		I	2B	
		J		
	2 nd	K	1R	2.8-4.2
		L		
		M	2R	
	3 rd	N	Wt	3.9-5.1

GUIDE TO READING LEVELS

Leveled books are used to help beginning readers build confidence by matching their abilities with books that gradually increase in difficulty. This leveling conversion chart shows how our early reader collections, organized by Guided Reading Levels, corresponds with other commonly used reading levels.

How do we choose the best books to read?

Start with your child's natural curiosity and interests. Following your child's passions will help foster a love of books and reading.

Is it okay to read books at different reading levels?

Absolutely! The important thing is that children are reading a wide variety of books. A great way to think about it is to use **TO**, **WITH** and **BY** as a guideline.

- If the book is written at a higher reading level than your child's, read it **TO** them!
- For a book that is just above your child's level, read it **WITH** them and take turns.
- And books at or below your child's reading level can be read independently **BY** your child.

How do I find out my child's reading level?

There is a wide range of reading levels within each grade. Schools often conduct assessments of reading levels throughout the school year using various methods. Talk to your child's teacher if you're not sure where to start.

To find great book suggestions and learn more about reading levels, visit our website at arapahoelibraries.org/levels or book an appointment with one of our librarians at arapahoelibraries.org/ask-a-librarian.

