




EMERGENT READER

Book Label	Approximate Grade	GRL (Guided Reading Level)	DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)	AR (Accelerated Readers)
EMERGENT READER LEVEL A	Kindergarten	A	A-1	0.1-1.5
EMERGENT READER LEVEL B		B	2	
EMERGENT READER LEVEL C		C	3	
EMERGENT READER LEVEL D		D	4	
EMERGENT READER LEVEL E	1 st	E	6-8	1.6-3.3

EARLY READER

Book Label	Approximate Grade	GRL (Guided Reading Level)	DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)	AR (Accelerated Readers)
  	1 st	E	6-8	1.6-3.3
		F	10	
		G	12	
		H	14	
		I	16	
	2 nd	J	16-18	2.8-4.2
		K	20-24	
		L	20-24	
	3 rd	M	20-24	3.9-5.1
		N	28-30	

GUIDE TO READING LEVELS

Reading levels can help beginning readers by matching abilities with leveled books that gradually increase in difficulty.

This handy leveling conversion chart shows how our beginning reader shelves correspond with the Guided Reading Levels (GRL), Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), and Accelerated Reader (AR) leveling systems.

What level is recommend for my child?

There is a wide range of reading levels within each grade. Schools often conduct assessments of reading levels throughout the school year. You can also book an appointment with one of our children's librarians.

We're ready to pick out a book.

Where do we start?

We like to start with your child's natural curiosity. What are their areas of interest? Following your child's passions will help foster a love of books, which will in turn lead to more reading!

Is it okay to let my child read books at different reading levels?

Absolutely! The important thing is that children are reading. 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.

To learn more and find additional resources about reading levels visit our website at arapahoelibraries.org/levels

