**PICTURE BOOKS**

**Tap Tap Boom Boom** by Elizabeth Bluemle illustrated by G. Brian Karas
As a thunderstorm sweeps into the city, the people of the neighborhood rush into the subway to wait out the wind and weather. | **ALA, NCTE** | Lexile: 530

**The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!** by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin
Elected mayor of La Paz for his promise to make things more peaceful, Don Pepe outlaws singing until a rooster begins crowing persistently and will not stop, even though Don Pepe makes life very difficult for him. | **NCTE, Nutmeg 2019** | Lexile: 550

**Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music** by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López
Follows a girl in the 1920s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums, and that there has never been a female drummer in Cuba. | **ALA, ILA, NCSS**

**Gabriella’s Song** by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Giselle Potter
A young girl finds music all around her as she walks about the city of Venice, Italy, and she shares her song with everyone she meets. | **NCTE** | Lexile: 630

**The Sound of Silence** by Katrina Goldsaito
Yoshio delights in the everyday sounds of Tokyo, but when a musician tells him that her favorite sound is ma, the Japanese word for silence, Yoshio sets out to hear this sound for himself among the hustle and bustle of the city. Includes information on the Japanese concept of ma. | **ALA, NCTE** | Lexile: 700

**Ben's Trumpet** by Rachel Isadora
Ben wants to be a trumpeter, but plays only an imaginary instrument until one of the musicians in a neighborhood night club discovers his ambition. | **ALA** | Lexile: 530

**The Bear and the Piano** by David Litchfield
A bear finds a piano in the woods, learns to play it, and travels to the big city to become rich and famous, but ultimately discovers that his old friends in the forest back home are still the best audience of all. | **Lexile: 620**

**Moses Goes to a Concert** by Isaac Millman
Moses and his schoolmates, all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra’s percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet. | **NCSS** | Lexile: 670

**Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed** by Leslea Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates
Enjoying life in a noisy city where everything he hears is music, composer Moshe Cotel adopts a stray tuxedo kitten who walks across his piano keys, inspiring a celebrated one-minute composition. | **Sydney Taylor Award** | Lexile: 730

**If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, Don’t!** by Elise Parsley
Magnolia is a little girl with a big idea, determination, and one very heavy upright piano that she insists on taking with her to the beach, but in a series of mishaps, Magnolia quickly learns that a piano does not mix well with sand, sun, and seagulls. | **ILA** | Lexile: 510

**I Got the Rhythm** by Connie Schofield-Morrison, illustrated by Frank Morrison (2014)
On a trip to the park with her mother, a young girl hears a rhythm coming from the world around her and begins to move to the beat, finally beginning an impromptu dance in which other children join her. | **Lexile: 170**

**The Man with the Violin** by Kathy Stinson, illustrated by Dusan Petricic
When Dylan hears someone playing their violin in the subway he wants to stop and listen, but his mother and other commuters ignore the violinst completely. | **ILA** | Lexile: 620

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**Summer Reading List**
Libraries ROCK! ~ Grades K-2
Suggested music-themed summer reading compiled for the Connecticut Department of Education by Linda Williams, Connecticut State Library

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<th><strong>PICTURE BOOKS (continued)</strong></th>
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| **Jazz Baby** by Lisa Wheeler | **Trombone Shorty** by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier  
Baby and his family make some jazzy music. |  
A Grammy-nominated headliner for the New Orleans Jazz Fest describes his childhood in Tremâe and how he came to be a bandleader by age six. |  
| **SONGS** | **Lexile:** 760 |
| America the Beautiful by Katharine Bates, illustrated by Wendell Minor  
An illustrated edition of the nineteenth-century poem, later set to music, celebrating the beauty of America. |  
**Tito Puente:** Mambo King / Rey del Mambo by Monica Brown, illustrated by Rafael López  
A celebration of the life and music of the man known as the "King of the Mambo" and the "Godfather of Salsa" covers his boyhood in New York and his years as a musician and bandleader, and highlights the pleasure he gave listeners.  
**Lexile:** 620 |
| The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk by Kabir & Surishtha Sehgal, illustrated by Jess Golden  
In this twist on the classic song "The Wheels on the Bus," the wheels on the tuk tuk go round and round all over the city in India. |  
**Charlie Parker Played Be Bop** by Chris Raschka  
Introduces the famous saxophonist and his style of jazz known as bebop.  
**Lexile:** 250 |
| **NONFICTION** | **Lexile:** 910 |
| Music Everywhere! by Maya Ajmera (2014)  
Photographs from around the world celebrate the universal joy that kids get from making music, whether they’re playing instruments, clapping their hands, stomping their feet, or singing. Music can help express one child’s feelings—or it can bring a whole community together. |  
**Esquivel!** Space-Age Sound Artist by Susan Wood, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh  
A biography of African American musician Melba Doretta Liston, a virtuoso musician who played the trombone and composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century.  
**Lexile:** 950 |
| Frog Song by Brenda Z. Guiberson, illustrated by Gennady Spirin  
Discusses the songs of many different frogs from all parts of the globe. |  
**Listen:** How Pete Seeger Got America Singing by Leda Schubert, illustrated by Raúl Colón  
A tribute to legendary musician and activist Pete Seeger, highlighting the major musical events in Mr. Seeger’s life as well important moments of his fight against social injustice. |  
| Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport  
**Lexile:** 820 |  
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*Many of the listed books were selected as exemplary books by one or more of the following organizations: the American Library Association (ALA), the International Literacy Association (ILA), the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) or the United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY). Other awards as noted.* |
Miss Nelson is Missing! by Harry Allard
The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. | Lexile: 340

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers — until the weather takes a turn for the worse. | Lexile: 730

The Mitten by Jan Brett
One by one, animals in a snowy forest crawl into Nicki's lost white mitten to get warm until the bear sneezes, sending the animals flying up and out of the mitten. On each turn page, signature borders inspired by Ukrainian folk art hint at what animal is coming next. | Lexile: 800

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air. | Lexile: 360

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them. | Lexile: 440

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
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. | Lexile: 160

Strega Nona: An Old Tale by Tomie de Paola
When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works. | Lexile: 800

Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez
In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, Maria takes her llama to school one day.

Abuela by Arthur Dorros
While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. | Lexile: 520

Millions of Cats by Wanda Gág
How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions? | Lexile: 730

Honey I Love: and Other Love Poems by Eloise Greenfield

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon. | Lexile: 490

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. | Lexile: 500

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants. | Lexile: 230

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by Grace Lin
Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different. | Lexile: 390

Frederick by Leo Lionni
Frederick, the poet mouse, stores up something special for the long cold winter. | Lexile: 500
The Poky Little Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowrey
One night a puppy, who is always late coming home, finds there is no dessert for him. | Lexile: 640

George and Martha by James Marshall
Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. | Lexile: 500

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. | Lexile: 530

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. | Lexile: 630

The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Although she is not very big, the Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain. | Lexile: 680

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Adventurous Peter Rabbit disobeys his mother and wanders into Mr. McGregor's garden. | Lexile: 660

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures by Cynthia Rylant
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. | Lexile: 420

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. | Lexile: 570

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king. | Lexile: 740

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. | Lexile: 480

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too. | Lexile: 970

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems
When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place. | Lexile: 120

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun. | Lexile: 280

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Byron Barton  Mem Fox  Dr. Seuss
Margaret Wise Brown  Ezra Jack Keats  Maurice Sendak
Anthony Browne  Jon Klassen  David Shannon
Eric Carle  James Marshall  Williams Steig
Donald Crews  Robert McCloskey  David Wiesner
Tomie de Paola  Jon Muth  Mo Willems
P. D. Eastman  Jerry Pinkney  Karma Wilson
Ed Emberley  Peggy Rathmann  Jacqueline Woodson