



Summer Reading Information

Over the summer break, you should read **three (3)** Accelerated Reader books. When you return to school in August, you will be tested on the books you read.

If you need to find out if a book is an Accelerated Reader book, visit www.arbookfind.com.

If you need help choosing your books, you may wish to read some of the books on the 2018 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice list. You may also wish to check the Kids or Teens pages on the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's website for suggestions (www.ebrpl.com).

Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 2019 6-8th Grade Nominated Annotated Title List

1. **The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes** by Wade Albert White, 374 pp. In a magical world of floating tiers, mischievous dragons, and endless bureaucracy, Anne and her friends embark on a Rightful Heir Quest to claim her place in the Hierarchy and escape horrible consequences. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 185982, IL: **MG** – BL: **5.7** – AR Pts: **10.0**. – Lexile Measure: **770** [**African-American female protagonist, fantasy, science fiction, adventure, dragons**]
2. **Booked** by Kwame Alexander, 314 pp. Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 181133, IL: **MG** - BL: **3.9** - AR Pts: **3.0**. – Lexile Measure: **660** [**stories in verse, African-American male protagonist, soccer, sports, reluctant reader interest, on seven best of the year book lists, New York Times Bestseller**]
3. **Fuzzy** by Tom Angleberger and Paul Dellinger, 263 pp. When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 185864, IL: **MG** – BL: **5.2** – AR Pts: **5.0**. – Lexile Measure: **700** [**female protagonist, robots, middle school, secrets, technology, Starred Review**] **eBook available**
4. **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds, 181 pp. Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. (Summary provided by publisher). AR Quiz No. 184102, IL: **MG** – BL: **4.6** – AR Pts: **6.0**. – Lexile Measure: **730**. [**African American protagonist, running, track and field, self-realization, coaches, Finalist-National Book Award for Young People's Literature**]
5. **Ghosts** by [Raina Telgemeier](#), 256 pp. Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis—and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 184470, IL: **MG** – BL: **2.6** – AR Pts: **1.0**. – Lexile Measure: **300** [**graphic novel, sisters, ghosts, cystic fibrosis, moving, family life, Northern California, Four Starred Reviews**] **eBook available**
6. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill, 386 pp. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster,

and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 183878, IL: **MG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **12.0** – Lexile Measure: **640** [**male and female protagonists, witches, magic, friendship, fantasy, Winner of the 2017 Newbery Medal; New York Times Bestseller; on nine best of year book lists**]

eBook available

7. **Once Was a Time** by Leila Sales, 324 pp. In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via a portal to present day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 181972, IL: **MG** -BL: **5.1**- AR Pts: **9.0** – Lexile Measure: **760** [**female protagonist, time travel, friendship, WWII, Parents' Choice Honor book, American Library Association's 2017 Notable Children's Books List**] **eBook available**
8. **Projekt 1065** by Alan Gratz, 309 pp. It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth, and pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough—but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous. AR Quiz No. 185111, AR Quiz No. 185111. IL: **MG+** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **10.0**. – Lexile Measure: **780** [**Spy stories, Hitler Youth, jet planes, WWII, Germany, espionage, action-thriller, Two Starred Reviews, Kirkus Best Middle-Grade Books of 2016, Fall 2016 Parents' Choice Gold Award.**] **eBook available**
9. **Terror at Bottle Creek** by Watt Key, 224 pp. Thirteen-year-old Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But when a deadly Gulf Coast hurricane makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put all his skills—and bravery—to the test. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 179193, IL: **MG** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **6.0** – Lexile Measure: **650** [**male protagonist, hurricanes, survival, swamps, Alabama, action & adventure, family**] **eBook available**
10. **The Thing About Leftovers** by C.C. Payne, 281 pp. Fizzy struggles to find her place in her blended family after her parents' divorce, hoping her entry in the Southern Living Cook-Off will show them she is more than just a leftover kid. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 184792, IL: **MG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **10.0** – Lexile Measure: **770** [**step-families, divorce, cooking, female protagonist**] **eBook available**
11. **Top Prospect** by Paul Volponi, 280 pp. Travis, a pre-teen quarterback with big potential, gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of Gainesville University football program offers him a scholarship before Travis even gets to high school. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 182601, IL: **MG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **8.0** [**football, male protagonist, scholarship, family, sibling rivalry, social issues, school**] **eBook available**
12. **Dara Palmer's Major Drama** by Emma Shevah, 282 pp. Dara Palmer dreams of being an actress, but when she does not get the part in the school play she wonders if it is because of her different looks as an adopted girl from Cambodia, so Dara becomes determined not to let prejudice stop her from being in the spotlight. (Summary provided by publisher.) AR Quiz No. 182608, IL: **MG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **7.0** – Lexile Measure: **760** [**female protagonist, performing arts, plays, middle school, international adoption, self-confidence, prejudices, Cambodians, Great Britain, humorous, three Starred Reviews**]