

READING LEVELS



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Smithsonian STEAM Readers Grade K

Reader Title	Lexile®	Guided Reading Level	DRA Level	Early Intervention
A Den for Bei Bei	NP	LB	Pre-A	n/a
Learning about Sharks	310L	D	6	6
Building a Beaver Lodge	320L	C	6	6
Taking Food To Go	300L	D	6	6
Lighting the Night	NP	LB	Pre-A	n/a
Staying Afloat	250L	B	3-4	4
Making Crayons	330L	F	10	9-10
What Toys Can Do	210L	B	3-4	3
Folding Paper	150L	A	1	1
Finding the Right Container	290L	B	3-4	4
Pulling Taffy	380L	F	10	9-10
Making More Doughnuts	310L	E	8	7-8
Playing with Wind	320L	B	6	5
Making Shade	NP	LB	Pre-A	n/a
Garden Life	230L	B	3-4	3

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Smithsonian STEAM Readers Grade 1

Reader Title	Lexile® Measure	Guided Reading Level	DRA Level	Early Intervention
Helping Injured Animals	500L	L	20	19–20
Helping Animals Learn	510L	K	20	19–20
Raising Silkworms	530L	M	28	22
Making Music	450L	K	18	18
Cooling Off	440L	I	16	15–16
Staying Warm	480L	I	16	15–16
The Art of Shadow Puppets	420L	L	20	19–20
Building Sandcastles	480L	J	18	17
Being Like Butterflies	490L	J	18	17
Building Lighthouses	470L	K	20	19–20
Making Water Safe	420L	K	18	18
Solving Problems at the Zoo	480L	K	20	19–20
Powered by the Sun	490L	L	20	19–20
Studying Snowflakes	500L	L	20	19–20
Seeing More Stars	450L	K	18	18

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Smithsonian STEAM Readers Grade 2

Reader Title	Lexile®	Guided Reading Level	DRA Level	Early Intervention
Hatching a Chick	710L	O	34	25
Bones on Display	590L	P	34	25
Creating a Habitat	560L	O	28	23
Piecing Art Together	580L	N	28	23
Making Maps	570L	O	30	24
Living in Sunlight Extremes	560L	P	28	23
The Science of Gems	640L	P	34	25
Creative Machines	560L	P	28	23
Safe Cycling	580L	O	30	24
Growing Plants in Space	580L	P	34	25
Cooking Innovations	560L	Q	30	24
Staying Dry	550L	O	28	23
Dealing with Wildfires	570L	P	34	25
Protecting a Sinking City	590L	Q	38	25
Mimicking Nature	610L	Q	38	25

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Smithsonian STEAM Readers Grade 3

Reader Title	Lexile®	Guided Reading Level	DRA Level	Early Intervention
Raising Clouded Leopards	690L	R	38	26
Amphibian Rescue	660L	Q	38	26
Restoring Muddy Creek	700L	S	38	26
Making a Mummy	650L	W	40	27
Navigating at Sea	600L	W	40	27
Saving Culture from Disaster	610L	R	38	26
Underwater Training	660L	S	38	26
Botanical Illustration	660L	U	40	26
The Wright Brothers	680L	V	40	27
Taking Photos from Space	680L	V	40	27
Helping People See	600L	T	40	26
From Grass to Bridge	650L	V	40	27
Predicting Earthquakes	690L	U	40	26
Mapping the Milky Way	680L	U	40	26
Blue Crab Comeback	680L	S	38	26

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Designing Butterfly Exhibits	680L	S	40	26
Organic Farming	710L	S	40	26
Saving the Arctic	700L	U	40	26
Powered by Steam	710L	V	50	27
The Culture of Calendars	730L	T	40	27
Conserving an Aircraft	730L	V	40	27
Rebuilding the Body	740L	V	40	27
Making Movies in Technicolor	710L	T	40	27
Selling More Snacks	720L	T	40	27
The Evolution of Space Suits	740L	T	40	27
Designing a Shuttle	710L	V	50	27
Electric Vehicles	770L	V	50	28
Exploring Volcanic Activity	650L	U	40	27
Tracking a Storm	730L	T	40	27
The Science of Waves and Surfboards	810L	W	50	27

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Saving a Species	840L	S	40	27
Life in a Cube	780L	V	40	27
Saving Migratory Birds	820L	V	50	27
Digging Up Dinosaurs	810L	V	50	27
Inka Terraces	860L	V	50	28
Designing National Parks	800L	T	40	27
Living and Working in Space	820L	U	40	27
Making Music with Magnets	790L	W	50	27
Color-Changing Cephalopods	770L	W	50	27
Thomas Edison: Lighting a Revolution	720L	V	50	27
The Science of Glass	740L	X	50	28
The Art and Science of Skateboarding	820L	V	50	27
Guided by Stars	800L	W	50	28
Plant Invaders	780L	U	40	27
Making an Ocean Ecosystem	750L	U	40	27