

How-To Books

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Lexile Score	Title Information	Call Number
	BIG BOOKS	
N/A	Borella, Carol. <i>How Magnets Work</i> . Pelham, NY: Benchmark Education Co., 2002.	BB B64482H
	Introduces young children to the qualities of magnets.	
520L	Karavis, Sylvia. <i>How to Grow a Sunflower: How to Grow a Hyacinth</i> . Crystal Lake, IL: Rigby, 2000.	BB K144H
	Tells the reader what you need and instructions to grow a sunflower and a hyacinth.	
AD560L	Morris, Ann. How Teddy Bears are Made: A Visit to the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory. Glenview, IL: Scott Foresman, 2000.	BB M8312H
	Shows how teddy bears are created by the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. in Shelburne, Vermont.	

EASY

N/A	Ashman, Linda. <i>How to Make a Night</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2004.	E AS36H
	After a hectic day, it is time to bring on the night so that a child and her family can finally rest.	
AD460L	Binkow, Howard. <i>Howard B. Wigglebottom Listens to a Friend: A Fable About Loss and Healing.</i> Thunderbolt Publishing, 2015.	E B514HLITA
	Howard's friend Kiki's pet dies, and Howard and his friends must learn how to help her cope.	
N/A	Chernesky, Felicia Sanzari. <i>From Apple Trees to Cider, Please!</i> Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2015.	E C4234F
	Grab the wagon, it's a bright autumn day and the trees are full of ripe, red apples! There's an apple festival underway at the farm and lots of work to do making cider. This visit finishes with a cider doughnut and a cup of freshly pressed cider. DELICIOUS! Told in crisp, action-driven thymes from a young child's point of view, From Apple Trees to Cider, Please! is a realistic account of how apple cider is pressed, flavored with the charm and vigor of a harvest celebration.	
N/A	Choldenko, Gennifer. <i>How to Make Friends with a Giant</i> . New York: Putnam's, 2006.	E C453H
	The other first-graders make fun of the new boy because he is so tall, but his short classmate Jake helps him fit in.	
280L	Edwards, Karl. I Got a New Friend. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.	E ED9695I
	As a little girl plays with her new puppy, they get to know one another. She learns how much work a puppy can be, but she also learns how to take care of it.	
N/A	Florian, Douglas. <i>How to Draw a Dragon</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2015.	E F66323H
	Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text guide the reader in drawing scaly, knobby-kneed dragons that fly, play musical instruments, ride bicycles, and more.	
AD530L	Funk, Josh. How to Code a Sandcastle. New York: Viking, 2018.	E F9637H
	Pearl and her trusty rust-proof robot, Pascal, need to build a sandcastle before	

summer vacation is over, and they're going to do it using code.

N/A	Garland, Sarah. <i>Eddie's Toolbox: And How to Make and Mend Things</i> . London, UK: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2011.	E G18391E
	When new neighbors move in next door, Eddie helps fix things up around the house.	
AD370L	Gillingham, Sara. <i>How to Grow a Friend</i> . New York: Random House, 2015.	E G4159H
	Friendship advice given as gardening tips.	
N/A	Graham, Bob. <i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i> . Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2008.	E G7602H
	When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping in time it will be able to return to the sky.	
530L	Hapka, Cathy. <i>How Not to Babysit Your Brother</i> . New York: Random House, 2005.	E H21H
	When Grandma falls asleep, Will finds himself responsible for his little brother Steve and discovers the hard way what not to do when in charge.	
N/A	Huget, Jennifer LaRue. <i>How to Clean Your Room in 10 Easy Steps</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.	E H8731H
	A young girl provides unique advice on how to tidy a bedroom.	
440L	Leathers, Phillipa. <i>How to Catch a Mouse</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015.	E L484H
	A confident but inexperienced cat is certain she has scared all the mice out of her house, but things are not always as they seem.	
N/A	Lloyd-Jones, Sally. <i>How to Be a Baby – By Me, the Big Sister</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007.	E L779H
	An all-knowing big sister gives her baby sibling lessons in being a baby.	
650L	Milway, Katie Smith. <i>The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World</i> . Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2017.	E M648B
	Separated from his family when they were forced to flee their home, a young East African boy named Deo lives alone in the Lukole refugee camp in Tanzania. With scarce resources at the camp, bullies have formed gangs to steal what they can, and a leader named Remy has begun targeting Deo. Then	

one day a coach gathers all the children to play soccer. Though Deo loves soccer and has even made his own ball out of banana leaves, he's unsure at first about joining in when he sees Remy on the field. But as Deo and the other boys get drawn into the game, everything begins to change. Their shared joy in playing provides the children --- including Remy --- with a sense of belonging.

AD550L Pinder, Eric. *How to Share with a Bear*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015.

E P6523H

One cold day, Thomas builds a cave of pillows and blankets where he can read, but when he goes to get a flashlight, a young "bear" goes inside and nothing Thomas does discourages the bear from being near him.

AD540L Reagan, Jean. *How to Surprise a Dad*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. (Also by author: *How to Catch a Santa*)

E R2285HOS

Two siblings provide instructions for how to surprise one's dad, including surprises you can make, do, or find--and how to plan a Special Day surprise party for him

AD550L Santat, Dan. *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2017.

E SA593AF

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.

AD460L Schwarz, Viviane. *How to Find Gold*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016.

E SCH966H

Anna and her friend Crocodile set off on an adventure to find sunken gold, even though it is a dangerous and difficult quest.

510L Williamson, Jo. *How to Be a Dog*. New York: Little Bee Books, 2015.

E W6767H

Suggests how dogs can be happy in a new home by carefully choosing a human to live with, greeting their owners in a friendly way, learning how to get extra treats, and eventually becoming a human's best friend.

NONFICTION

N/A Yearling, Tricia. *The Internet: What It Is and How to Use It*. New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016.

004.678 Y329I

The Internet is used to communicate, find information, and also to play games and watch videos. Discover what the Internet is, how it works, and even how it was invented.

850L	Lyons, Heather. <i>Coding to Create and Communicate</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 2018.	005.1 L9955C
	From sending messages to creating music, computers are used in many ways. Through fun activities, simple graphics, and clear text, this book shows readers not only what computers are used for but how these different applications work. Readers will also be reminded about responsible and safe ways to use computers.	
AD480L	Messner, Kate. <i>How to Read a Story</i> . San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2015.	028.9 M5641H
	A picture book celebration of the act of exploringand sharinga book.	
730L	Verdick, Elizabeth. <i>How to Take the Grrrr Out of Anger</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Pub., 2003.	152.4 V584H
	Offers tips and techniques that help children deal with anger.	
920L	Hancock, Jonathan. <i>How to Be a Genius</i> . New York: Franklin Watts, 2001.	153.9 H19121H
	This guide will help you boost your brain power, improve your memory, and come up with brilliant inventions and ideas. You can test how likely you are to become a famous genius and learn the secrets of geniuses such as Einstein and Mozart.	
650L	Loewen, Nancy. Siblings, Curfew, and How to Deal: Questions and Answers About Family Life. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015.	155.43 L825S
	Provides tween-girl-specific information about family life in a question-answer format	
560L	Brown, Laurene Krasny. <i>How to Be a Friend: A Guide to Making Friends and Keeping Them</i> . Boston: Little, Brown, 1998.	158.2 B8138H
	Dinosaur characters illustrate the value of friends, how to make friends, and how to be and not be a good friend.	
NC870L	Randolph, Ryan P. <i>How to Earn Money</i> . New York: PowerKids Press, 2014. (Also by author: <i>How to Make a Budget, How to Manage Risk, How to Save and Invest, How to Spend Smart</i> , and <i>How to Use Credit</i>)	332.024 R1596HE
	Explains how children can make money, be smart about saving, and find a job that they can enjoy.	

490L	Minden, Cecilia. <i>How to Write a Book Report</i> . Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Pub., 2011. (Also by author: <i>How to Write About Your Adventure, How to Write and Give a Speech, How to Write a Report</i> , and more)	372.13028 M6618H
	A beginning writer's guide that includes tips and tricks for writing a book report.	
850L	Mould, Steve. <i>How to Be a Scientist</i> . New York: DK Publishing, 2017.	507.8 M86H
	Provides step-by-step instructions for over forty science experiments examining the human body, the Earth, the natural world, and the properties of space. Also includes stories about famous scientists and pages explaining the science behind the activities.	
IG420L	Shore, Lori. <i>How to Make a Mystery Smell Balloon</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011.	507.8 SH78H
	Simple text and full-color photos instruct readers how to make a mystery smell balloon and explain the science behind the activity.	
1010L	Dingle, Adrian. How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients: An Electrifying Guide to the Elements. Toronto, ON: Owlkids Books, 2013.	546 D6151H
	Explores the periodic table, by showing how they can be combined to create an entire universe.	
N/A	Gifford, Clive. <i>How to Meet Aliens</i> . New York: F. Watts, 2001. (Also by author: <i>How to Live on Mars</i> and <i>How to Build a Robot</i>)	576.8 G3663H
	Children can find out about UFO sightings and alien abduction cases, the best places to watch for UFOs, how people have created UFO hoaxes, and what scientists are doing to make contact with aliens.	
940L	Jenkins, Steve. <i>How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.	591.5 J418HO
	How to Swallow a Pig is a clever and whimsical nonfiction book about animal behavior disguised as a How-to/Advice book by the bestselling team of Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.	
N/A	Butterfield, Moira. <i>How Animals Build</i> . Oakland, CA: Lonely Planet Global Limited, 2017.	591.564 B9823H
	Get ready to explore the incredible world of animal architects! Lift the flaps and open gatefolds to discover amazing animal homes up high, underground, on land, and under the sea. From spider webs and rabbit warrens, to bird's nests and ant colonies, we reveal the secrets to these extraordinary structures and learn how they're built.	

N/A	Pasternak, Carol. <i>How to Raise Monarch Butterflies: A Step-by-Step Guide for Kids</i> . Buffalo, NY: Firefly Books, 2012.	595.789 P2685H
	Step-by-step instructions and color photographs explain the process of raising monarch butterflies.	
960L	Arnold, Nick. <i>How to Live Forever</i> . New York: Franklin Watts, 2001.	613 AR653H
	How to Live for Ever tells you about: killer diseases and how to beat them; how to avoid stress and stay healthy; the foods that can help you live longer; and how to replace your body bits.	
N/A	Robbins, Lynette. <i>How to Deal with ADHD</i> . New York: PowerKids Press, 2010. (Also by author: <i>How to Deal with Allergies, How to Deal with Asthma, How to Deal with Autism, How to Deal with Diabetes</i> , and <i>How to Deal with Obesity</i>)	618.92 R536HAD
	Living with ADHD can be difficult. People who have this disease are unable to concentrate or focus on tasks. They may be irritable or emotional. Understanding the illness is the first step toward living well with ADHD. This book is a great resource for kids who are trying to make sense of the disease, whether they have been diagnosed with it or a friend or family member has.	
IG460L	Shores, Lori. <i>How to Make Slime</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011.	620.1 SH78H
	Simple text and full-color photos instruct readers on how to make slime and explain the science behind the activity.	
IG420L	Shores, Lori. <i>How to Build a Fizzy Rocket</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011.	621.43 SH78H
	Simple text and full-color photos instruct readers on how to make slime and explain the science behind the activity.	
IG820L	De Winter, James. How to Catapult a Castle: Machines That Brought Down the Battlement. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2008.	623.4 D516Н
	Presents the science behind building and defending castles including the use of simple machines, such as pulleys and levers.	
810L	Newman, Aline Alexander. <i>How to Speak Dog: A Guide to Decoding Dog Language</i> . Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2013.	636.7 N462H
	A dog tells us what he wants by the way he holds his paw, and even how he barks! This guide features more than 50 different pup poses with detailed explanations of their meaning.	

N/A	Coope, Katy. <i>How to Draw Manga</i> . New York: Tangerine Press; Scholastic, 2002.	741.5 C783H
	Learn to draw the art of Manga. This book takes you step by step from creating realistic faces to the different styles of bodies to coloring in your characters and scenes.	
N/A	Williams, Venus. How to Play Tennis: Learn How to Play Tennis with the Williams Sisters. New York: DK Pub., 2004.	796.342 W6759H
	Tennis instruction and brief history of the game from two of the best-known pros.	
N/A	Malam, John. <i>How to Be a Pirate</i> . Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2006.	910.45 M2911H
	Learn about faraway, interesting places, meet new people, eat their food, learn the language, and get rich by becoming a pirate. Are you up for the job?	
850L	Waldron, Melanie. <i>How to Read a Map</i> . Chicago, IL: Capstone Raintree, 2013.	912.01 W1477H
	Maps are essential tools for understanding the world around us. Learning to read maps - both printed and online - is a core skill that forms the basis of social studies. This book explores the different types of features used on maps, explaining what they can show us and how to make sense of them.	
N/A	Orr, Tamra. <i>How to Research Your Ancestry</i> . Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2012.	929 OR77H
	Have you ever thought about how far back in history your family goes? Have you wondered about where your family came from and how they got where they are now? Researching your ancestry is a way to discover more about your family and yourself at the same time.	
	PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION	
	Rief, Sandra F. How to Reach and Teach All Children in the Inclusive Classroom: Practical Strategies, Lessons, and Activities. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2006.	371.9 R442H
	Stowe, Cynthia. <i>How to Reach & Teach Children & Teens with Dyslexia</i> . West Nyack, NY: Center for Applied Research in Education, 2000.	371.9144 ST78H
	Tough, Paul. How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.	372.210973 T643H

Thomas, Rosalind. <i>How to Manage Your Kindergarten Classroom</i> . Huntington Beach, CA: Teacher Created Materials, Inc., 1995.	372.218 F5864
Evers, Connie Liakos. <i>How to Teach Nutrition to Kids</i> . Portland, OR: 24 Carrot Press, 2006.	372.3704 EV274H
Harrell, Denise Dodds. <i>How to Manage Your Whole Language Classroom</i> . Huntington Beach, CA: Teacher Created Materials, Inc., 1992.	372.6044 H2355H
Tierney, Bob. <i>How to Write to Learn Science</i> . Arlington, VA: NSTA Press, 2004.	507.1273 T444H
Stoppard, Miriam. <i>Questions Children Ask & How to Answer Them</i> . New York: DK Pub., 1997.	649.1 ST73Q

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