I have a Lexile score... Now what? Help!
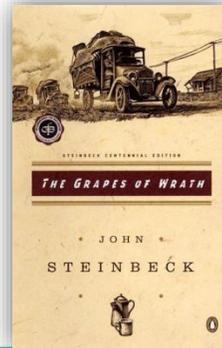
Lexile measures:
- Length of sentences
- Difficulty of vocabulary

Lexile DOES NOT measure:
- If a book is age-appropriate
- The quality of the book
- The number of pages in a book

The Grapes of Wrath
by John Steinbeck

Adult audience/interest
455 pages long

Lexile 680 = **3rd grade reading level!**

So, how do you find a book in your Lexile range that is also age-appropriate *and* something that you want to read?

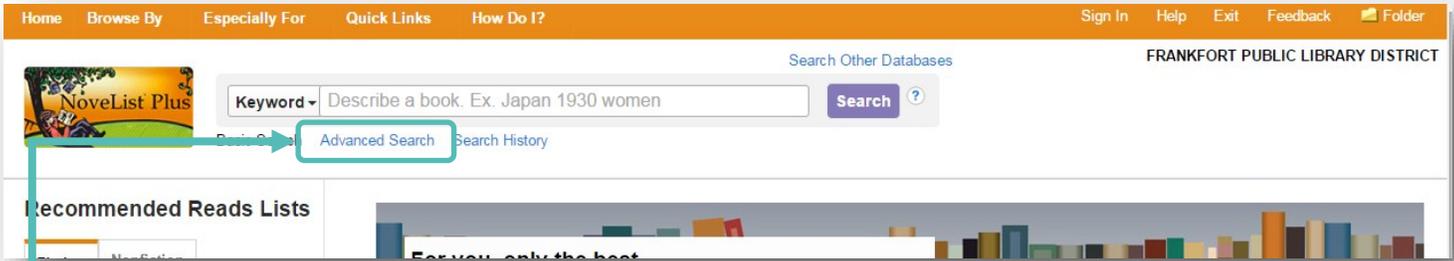Our favorite tool for finding great books in your Lexile range is :

Novelist

This guide will show you how to use the Novelist database.

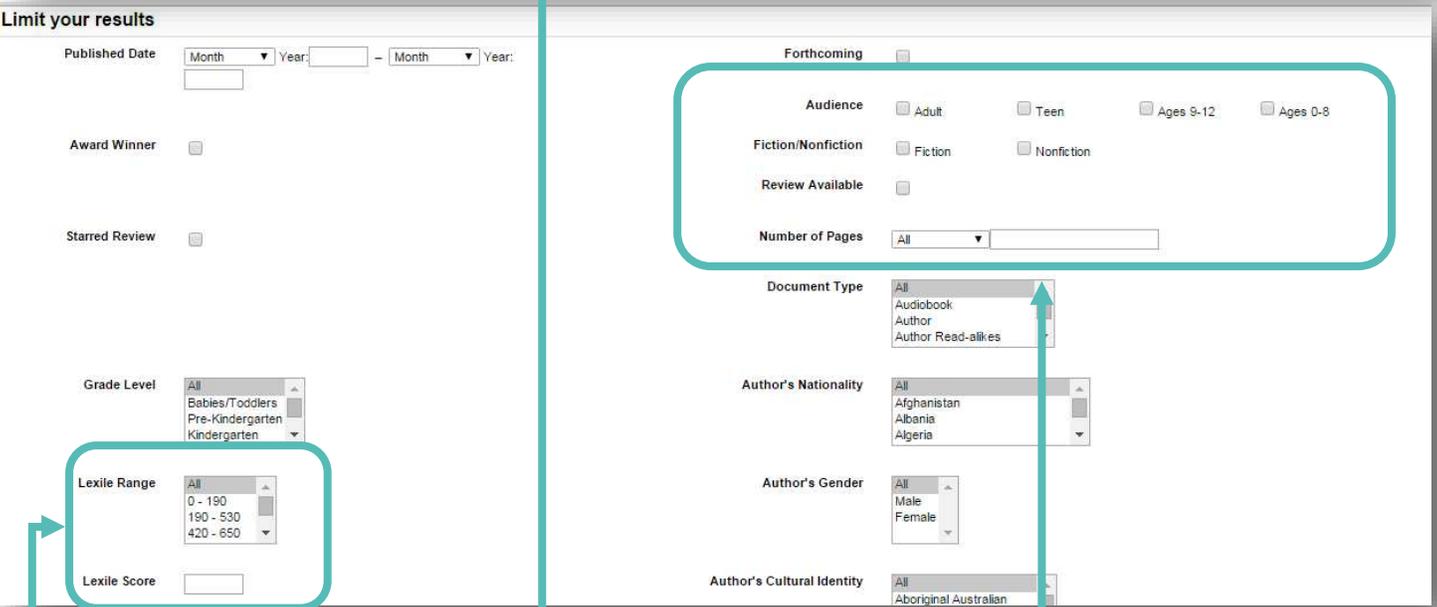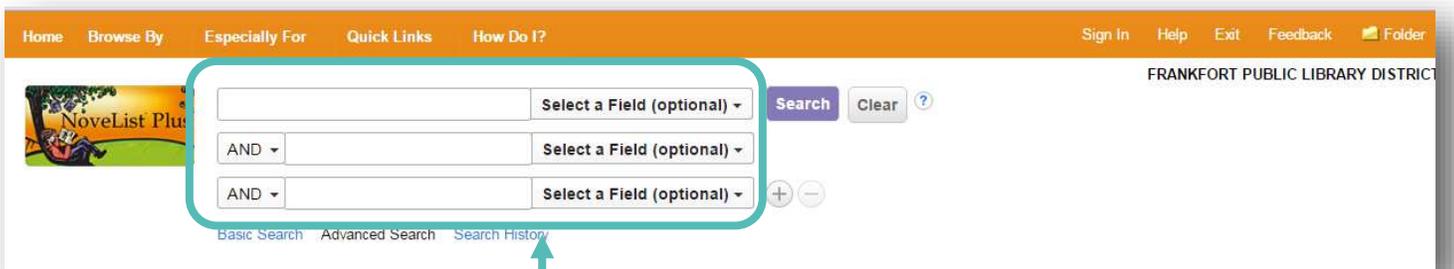**Some books are given a letter code in addition to their Lexile score. Here is a quick guide:**

AD   **Adult Directed:** these books are typically intended to be read to children by an adult.

NC   **Non-Conforming:** these books have a reading level that is higher than the intended audience.

HL   **High-Low:** these books have a reading level that is lower than the intended audience.

BR   **Beginning Reader:** written for children who are learning how to read, these books have a score lower than 0 on the Lexile scale.

IG   **Illustrated Guide**: these books are made up of boxes of text scattered on the page.

NP   **Non-Prose:** books in which 50% or more of the text is not prose (ie. Plays, poetry).

GN   **Graphic Novel:** indicates that the title is a graphic novel, as opposed to traditional prose.

1 Go to **www.frankfortlibrary.org** and click on the **Research** tab.

2 Scroll down the list of databases and click on **Novelist Plus.** You may be asked to enter your 14-digit Frankfort library card number.

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Award Winner ☐

Starred Review ☐

Grade Level: All / Babies/Toddlers / Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten

Lexile Range: All / 0 - 190 / 190 - 530 / 420 - 650

Lexile Score: ___

Forthcoming ☐

Audience ☐ Adult ☐ Teen ☐ Ages 9-12 ☐ Ages 0-8

Fiction/Nonfiction ☐ Fiction ☐ Nonfiction

Review Available ☐

Number of Pages: All ▾ ___

Document Type: All / Audiobook / Author / Author Read-alikes

Author's Nationality: All / Afghanistan / Albania / Algeria

Author's Gender: All / Male / Female

Author's Cultural Identity: All / Aboriginal Australian

4 Select the **Lexile Range** that most closely matches your Lexile score.

5 Enter one or more **Subject** terms or **Key Words** related to what you want to read about.
(For example: "dogs," "mystery," or "football.")

6 You can also select other limiters such as **Audience** and F**iction** or **Non-Fiction**.

When you are finished, click **Search.**

7 Review your results.

Click on the title of the book for more information.

Make sure the Lexile is correct!

Click this link to see if Frankfort Library has a copy of the book.

Hints

- If you get too many results, try adding more search terms or use the **Refine Results** section on the left-hand side of the screen.

- If you don't get many results, try removing some search terms, or make your search terms more broad.   For example, if you are looking for a book that is similar to the Percy Jackson series and that is Fiction, Ages 9-12, and a Lexile Range of 740-940:

  Using the keywords "Percy Jackson" yields around 11 results.

  Using the keywords "greek mythology" yields around 25 results.

  Using the keyword "mythology" yields around 65 results.