

Book Club Trade Books *myView Literacy and miVisión Lectura*

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Book Club gives students an in-class opportunity for real-world reading enjoyment. Book Club consists of a set-aside time when students meet in small groups to discuss the trade book for the unit. It is a time for students to talk about what they are reading without having their ideas or insights overly evaluated.

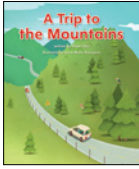
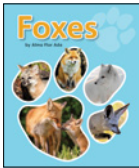


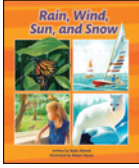
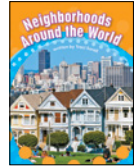


“ Book clubs are part of a workshop approach to reading instruction where the focus is on the construction of meaning by individual readers participating in small group discussions. These discussion groups also provide an opportunity for young readers to share their ideas with other readers and develop the skills and strategies for reading more proficiently on their own. ”







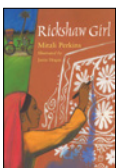

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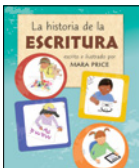

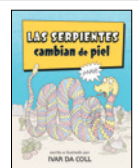

GRADE	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
K	 <i>A Trip to the Mountains</i> by Oliver Chin	This realistic fiction story tells of a family trip to visit grandparents. The two children are not looking forward to this trip. However, once they arrive and spend time with their grandparents in their home (so different from their own) they change their minds.	290L
K	 <i>Foxes</i> by Alma Flor Ada	This informational text presents facts and details about foxes. Students will explore what foxes eat, where they live, and what they do.	490L
K	 <i>Telling Stories</i> by Angela Johnson	How stories have come to life throughout the years. Start with oral tradition, move through writing stories on paper (including how it's made), printing press, radio, movies, digital technology, etc. Make this very engaging and fun. Use lots of photographs to make the pages pop.	510L
K	 <i>Farming Then and Now</i> by Charles R. Smith	Imagine you can travel back in time: what would a farm be like 100 years ago? How are farms different today?	600L
K	 <i>Rain, Wind, Sun, and Snow</i> by Najla Ahmad	Informational text about how animals and people do very similar things in order to deal with various types of weather.	500L
1	 <i>Neighborhoods Around the World</i> by Traci Sorrell	Informational text about neighborhoods around the world including San Francisco's Chinatown; Segundo Barrio in El Paso, Texas; Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Brazil, Mexico, and Russia. Focus is on how children play in these different neighborhoods.	290L
1	 <i>Red-Tailed Hawks at Big Bend</i> by Frances E. Ruffing	Informational text about red-tailed hawks in Big Bend National Park. Focus is on the red-tailed hawk's habitat plus explanation of the life cycle taking place in the park.	340L
1	 <i>Imagination at Work</i> by Jennifer Torres	Informational text about creators of art, objects/artifacts, and music around the world. Focus is on how imagination plays into the process of producing works of art.	420L

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1	 Old Ways and New Ways by Ching Yeung Russell	A story about an Asian-American girl who meets an older relative for the first time. Over the course of the story, the child learns about the older relative's background and thus comes to understand and appreciate her and her traditions. At the end of the story, the older relative makes a meal for the family to share, and it turns out to be one of the meals the child eats at home when her mom cooks.	530L
1	 Moving with the Seasons by Christopher Cheng	Informational text about different animals that migrate seasonally. Learn about how the seasons affect the animals by making them migrate to find food, shelter, etc.	530L
2	 Friends Around the World by Ana Galan	Isabel makes new friends with e-pals from all around the world. Find out what languages they speak, what their favorite foods are, and what life is like in the countries in which they live.	580L
2	 Arctic Tundra by Claudia Oviedo	Informational text about how living organisms depend on each other and on their environment (i.e. food chains) in an arctic/tundra habitat.	540L
2	 Celebrating the New Year by Traci Sorrell	Informational text about how people around the world celebrate the new year (including different calendars, celebratory dances and costumes).	620L
2	 John Chapman: Planter and Pioneer by Ron Fridell	Who was the real man behind the legend of Johnny Appleseed? This modest yet determined frontiersman walked hundreds of miles to leave a gift in the wilderness for the settlers who followed. Are the many stories about John Chapman true? What is his legacy today?	550L
2	 Disaster Alert! by Christine Taylor-Butler	This book looks at natural disasters, how they are formed, and what you can do to stay safe. Read about sinkholes, floods, tornadoes, bushfires, and volcanoes.	570L
3	 Eleven Nature Tales by Pleasant DeSpain	The author provides eleven ancient stories that address the natural elements and the importance of maintaining a balance in nature.	670L


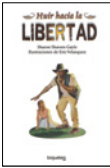



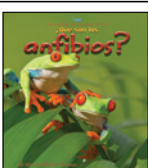

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3	 A True Book: Wetlands by Peter Benoit	Explains what wetlands are like, looks at the plants that define wetlands, discusses the types of animals that make their homes in wetlands, and includes information on why wetlands are important and what is being done to save them.	800L
3	 The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson	Based on the true story of Steven Satlow, an eight-year old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, who became neighbors and friends with his hero, Jackie Robinson.	640L
3	 Sonia Sotomayor by Barbara Kramer	In this biography of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, students will explore one of the most recognized names in modern America. Learn about her rise to be the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice and the trials she faced along the way.	750L
3	 Do Tornadoes Really Twist? by Melvin and Gilda Berger	Explore informational text about tornadoes and hurricanes through a question and answer format.	IG770L
4	 Life in The West by Teresa Domnauer	Journey west with America's pioneers on foot, horseback, and in covered-wagons—true stories of courage and survival that shaped our nation.	890L
4	 A True Book: Animal Camouflage by Vicky Franchino	Informational text about how animals develop and use camouflage.	840L
4	 Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins	The author draws on her family roots to tell the contemporary story of a young Bangladeshi girl who challenges the traditional role of women in her village so that she can help her struggling family in hard times.	730L
4	 Where The Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin	A young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. Inspired by the old folktales her father tells in the evenings, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to learn how she can change her family's fortune. A timeless story about the evil of greed and the joy of gratitude.	810L

GRADE	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
4	 Geology: The Study of Rocks by Susan H. Gray	Readers will discover how geologists study rocks to learn more about Earth, from how it was formed to how it has grown and changed over millions of years. They will also learn about the causes of earthquakes, volcanoes, and other Earth-shaking disasters.	790L
5	 Journeys in Time: A New Atlas of American History by Susan Buckley and Elspeth Leacock	The book takes the reader on twenty journeys that have shaped our national past, allowing the reader to follow in the footsteps of the real people who made American history.	930L
5	 The Tarantula Scientist by Sy Montgomery	Readers follow the career of Sam Marshall, tarantula scientist extraordinaire, from his “Spider Lab” at Hiram College in Ohio to the rain forests of French Guiana as he hunts for, finds, and studies the creatures he loves so well. A vivid look at an enthusiastic scientist energetically and happily at work, both in the field and in the lab, questioning, examining, testing, and making connections.	890L
5	 The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff	Georgie has a good life. He has loving, talented parents--both professional musicians. He has a best friend, Andy, with whom he runs a profitable dog-walking business. He has a crush on the prettiest girl in his grade. A warm and humorous story starring an unforgettable young boy with dwarfism.	720L
5	 Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution by Seymour Reit	The author re-creates the true story of Will Know, a nineteen-year-old boy who undertook the daring and dangerous task of transporting 183 cannons from New York’s Fort Ticonderoga to Boston (in the dead of winter) to help George Washington win an important battle.	900L
5	 Into the Volcano by Donna O'Meara	Witness a typical day in the life of Donna O'Meara—volcano researcher, writer and photographer. Donna’s photographs and accounts of treacherous journeys gets readers close up and personal with some of the world’s most dangerous volcanoes.	960L

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K	 Viaje a la casa de los abuelos by René Colato Laínez	Juan goes on a family trip, but what he really wants is to watch a baseball game with his friends. In the end, the visit to his grandparents' home will lead to a special surprise!	AD320L
K	 Los zorros by Alma Flor Ada	Why does the fennec fox have such big ears? Learn more fascinating facts about this fox and the other types of foxes described in this book.	AD520L
K	 El gallito de bodas by Andrés Pi Andreu	Some stories, like this one, can be very entertaining. Read this traditional tale about a rooster who wants to go to his Uncle Perico's wedding!	AD660L
K	 La historia de la escritura by Mara Price	Have you ever wondered about the origins of writing? This book tells how people from cultures around the world started to write.	470L
K	 El tiempo by Ernesto Márquez Nerey	Weather changes all the time. Learn about how changes in weather affect our daily lives.	560L
1	 ¡Viva el vecindario! by Irene Vasco	Why are neighborhoods important? Federico and Catalina take a walk through their neighborhood to show us why.	AD280L
1	 Las serpientes cambian de piel by Ivar Da Coll	All living things change as they grow. In this book, you'll read about how snakes change and grow.	AD450L
1	 Cómo usamos la imaginación by Jennifer Torres	What forms of art can you create? Use a little bit of imagination, and you'll see that the possibilities are endless!	AD340L

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1	 Felipe Poey: el científico que amaba los peces by Emma Romeu	Learn about Felipe Poey, a very talented Cuban scientist, writer, and illustrator who loved to study fish.	550L
1	 Las estaciones del año by Carmen Tafolla	Every season affects the nature that surrounds us. How do animals and plants change with the seasons? Read this book to find out!	590L
2	 Amigos alrededor del mundo by Ana Galán	Isabel makes friends with e-pals from all around the world. Find out what language they speak, what their favorite foods are, and what life is like in the countries in which they live.	480L
2	 La tundra ártica by Claudia Oviedo	It's the coldest place to live on Earth, and it covers one tenth of Earth's surface. Learn about the Arctic tundra, the place that many plants and animals call home.	620L
2	 El león y el ratón by Gabriela Keselman	Sometimes, we all need a little help. In this delightful story about friendship, a little mouse gives a BIG lion a helping hand.	430L
2	 Con luz propia by Kianny N. Antigua	Camila Henríquez Ureña was "a teacher among all teachers." Read about how Camila's lifelong dream came true through her hard work and determination.	580L
2	 La Tierra: nuestro cambiante planeta by Derlly González González	Our planet is constantly changing. This book explains which factors contribute to the many changes that Earth undergoes.	670L
3	 El Gran Libro De Los Mitos Griegos by Eric A. Kimmel	Welcome to the wonderful world of Greek myths that have been passed on from generation to generation. In this book you will find twelve of the most famous stories of Greek mythology, told in a colloquial language and accessible to the readers of today. Some myths include the story of how Prometheus sacrificed himself for humanity and was therefore condemned to a terrible punishment and the story of Icarus in his desire to fly to the sun.	900L

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3	 Ahí viene el lobo gris by Emma Romeu	Night falls in the forest. Suddenly, a peculiar howl pierces the silence. Then, more howls emerge. The howls herald the return of the gray wolves to their natural habitat. This book is packed with interesting facts and pictures that tell about the majestic gray wolf. The text ends with a short story on the same topic.	820L
3	 Huir hacia la libertad by Eric Velásquez and Sharon Shavers Gale	Young Emma imagines a trip back in time to the American South. She travels along the Underground Railroad with her family to escape a life of slavery and seek freedom in the North.	610L
3	 Sonia Sotomayor: Jueza de la Corte Suprema by Carmen Bernier-Grand	In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor became the United States Supreme Court's 111th justice. She was also the Court's first Hispanic justice and its third female justice. This beautifully illustrated biography recounts in vivid detail how Sotomayor overcame many challenges and stuck to her goals to realize her life's dreams.	710L
3	 Viaje dentro de un tornado by Christine Honders	We all know that tornadoes can wreak havoc. But what is a tornado? How do tornadoes form? What and where in the world is Tornado Alley? Learn the answers to fascinating questions about these powerful storms. The book will also tell readers how to prepare for and protect themselves from tornadoes.	840L
4	 César Chávez: ¡Sí se puede! by Carmen Bernier-Grand	This creative biography of César Chávez is written in verse and accompanied by colorful, captivating illustrations. Learn about the life of this inspiring leader and the many values he cherished and fought for, including social justice, respect for all humanity, nonviolence, and innovation.	NP
4	 ¿Qué son los anfibios? by Bobbie Kalman and Jacqueline Langille	Readers can study appealing pictures and highly informative text to learn more about frogs, salamanders, toads, and other amphibians. This fascinating book describes the diverse habitats, characteristics, and life cycles of amphibians.	IG860L
4	 Nacer bailando by Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel Zubizarreta	Margie and Lupe are cousins who, over the course of a year, grow close as they learn and teach each other the value of family, friendship, and their shared cultural heritage.	880L

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4	 Cuentos que contaban nuestras abuelas by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy	This precious collection of folktales celebrates the diversity of Hispanic heritage. Read a popular tale about a cunning fox, or one about a multicolored horse, or another about a majestic bird of a thousand colors. The popular stories in this anthology are all bound to delight!	850L
4	 Los fósiles y las rocas by Kimberly Hutmacher	Explore the popular subject of fossils. Includes information on how the Earth is made from rock, the three different types of rock and how they are made and where they can be found. Discusses how fossils are formed from sediment and what role that plays in helping us learn about life long ago.	AD730L
5	 Viajeros intrépidos by Montse Ganges Imapla	This book tells the life stories of five legendary individuals who embarked on perilous journeys and braved the elements to explore remote parts of the planet Earth, and beyond! Read about the gripping adventures of Marco Polo, Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Thor Heyerdahl, and Ernest Shackleton.	970L
5	 Uso de instrumentos científicos by Susan Meredith Markowitz	Introduces tools and instruments used in the sciences, including microscopes, binoculars, telescopes, thermometers, weighing devices, and computer technology.	IG960L
5	 14 vacas para América by Carmen Agra Deedy	Readers can find comfort in this true and inspirational account of a small Maasai community's act of generosity and genuine compassion toward a wounded and grieving nation in the aftermath of the attacks of September 11, 2001.	480L
5	 Esperanza renace by Pam Muñoz Ryan	When young Esperanza Ortega's idyllic life on a Mexican ranch is destroyed by tragedy, she and her mother move north to California to start anew. Esperanza is dealt many blows and faces countless hardships. But with the help of friends and family, she eventually overcomes life's challenges.	740L
5	 El suelo y el clima (Explora América Latina) by Therese Shea	Explore the Renaissance from its beginnings in Italy in the fourteenth century to its spread across the rest of Europe in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Along with the rediscovery of ancient Greek and Roman writing, the Renaissance represented a new age in the fields of science, literature, religion, politics, and many others. Readers will learn about the great thinkers of the era and how their beliefs changed the landscape of Europe.	IG1040L